

Lessons of Hurricane Katrina

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Twelve years after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, the larger and more populous metropolitan area of Houston, Texas is being turned into a scene of indescribable suffering.

The articles in this pamphlet from 2005 analyze the social background to the failure of the levees and the destruction of the Lower Ninth Ward, the indifference of the official media, the deployment of the National Guard, and the inept and cynical government response to the plight of the citizens of New Orleans.

Like Katrina, Hurricane Harvey has lifted the lid on the ugly reality of American society, exposing colossal levels of social inequality, pervasive poverty and ruling class criminality.

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