

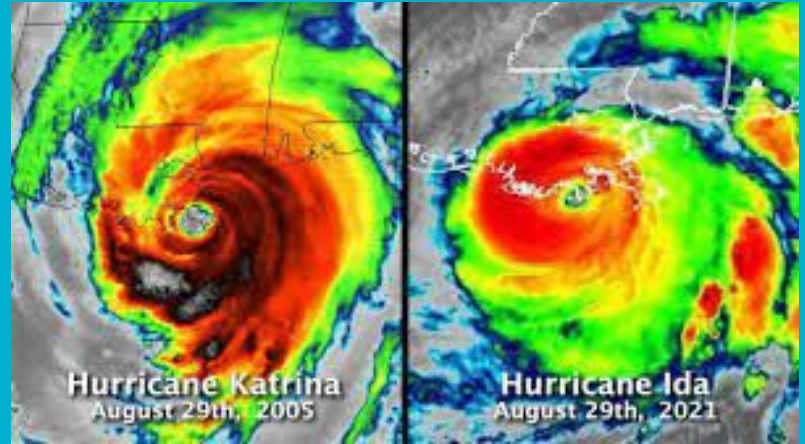
Hurricane Katrina vs Ida

— A Comparative Analysis of FEMA Housing Aid for Vulnerable Populations

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Overview

- Consideration of Katrina
- Analysis of FEMA recovery efforts
- FEMA reforms
- Ida - Opportunity to ask: Have recovery efforts improved?



Hurricane Katrina

- August 2005
- Category 5
- Levees broke
- Revealed race & class systemic inequities
- le: housing discrimination



Katrina & FEMA

- Criticisms of FEMA:
 - Confusing application process
 - Risk-cautious approach
 - Stafford Act
 - Short-Term Lodging Program
 - Inspections
 - Long wait times



FEMA Reforms

- Post-Katrina Act (2006)
 - Reforms to Stafford Act
- Disaster Recovery Reform Act (2018)
 - Increased funding for mitigation
 - Provide more assistance for SLTT's recovery efforts
 - Increased funding for housing programs



Hurricane Ida

- August 2021
- Category 4
- 150 m.p.h. winds
- Critical wind damage & power outages



Ida: Analysis of FEMA

- Disconnect with communities
- Temporal domination
- Lack of federal recognition of indigenous tribes
- Covid-19



Policy Recommendations

- Procedural Changes
 - Use of aerial photography
 - Consolidation of application process
- Systemic Changes
 - Communication & Equity > Risk Cautious Approach
- Looking Beyond FEMA



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