Assigning Blame: The Public's Response to Hurricane Katrina

Variables & Inclusion Criteria

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METHODOLOGY

To test hypotheses concerning blame attribution, a survey experiment was conducted dealing with seven political officials involved in the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina in the city of New Orleans. Conducting a survey experiment exploring people's opinions on the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina offers a remarkably clean test of the sources of blame attribution. The survey was conducted by Knowledge Networks (KN) over the Internet in May 2006, using a nationally representative sample of 397 American adults. KN recruits panel members over the telephone via random digit dialing (RDD) and provides them with WebTV equipment in exchange for their participation in weekly surveys, which they complete online. All Americans were sampled from the KN panel, not simply those directly affected by Hurricane Katrina, because the entire nation formed judgments about the competence of the government officials involved.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Sample fielded
May 26-31, 2006 n=397

VARIABLES

Case Information

A. caseid
Numeric Variable

This field contains the record number in numeric form for the respondent.

B. weight
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the post stratification weight.

Demographic Information

A. ppgender
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric codes for the respondent's gender.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Gender	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Male	1
Female	2

B. ppethm
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the race/ethnicity of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Race/Ethnicity	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
White, Non-Hispanic	1
Black, Non-Hispanic	2
Other, Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	4
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	5

C. ppmarit
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the marital status of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Marital Status	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Married	1
Single (never married)	2
Divorced	3
Widowed	4
Separated	5

D. ppwork
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the current employment status of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Employment	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
I work as a paid employee	1
I am self-employed	2
I am an owner/partner in small business,	3

professional practice, farm	
I work at least 15 hrs/wk without pay in family business/farm	4
I am unemployed, temporarily laid off, but looking for work	5
I am retired	6
I am disabled	7
I am a homemaker	8
Other	9

Age

A. ppage
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent.

Additional codes for the responses are as follows:

Age	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

B. ppagecat
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent broken into 7 categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age	**Value**
18-24	1
25-34	2
35-44	3
45-54	4
55-64	5
65-74	6
75+	7
Under 18	99

C. ppagect4
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the age of the respondent broken into 4 categories.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age	**Value**

18-29	1
30-44	2
45-59	3
60+	4
Under 18	99

Education

A. ppeduc
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the education attainment of the respondent in terms of the highest degree received.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Education	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Less than high school	1
Some high school, no diploma	2
Graduated from high school – Diploma or equivalent (GED)	3
Some college, no degree	4
Associate degree (AA, AS)	5
Bachelor's degree	6
Master's degree	7
Professional degree (MD, DDS, LLB, JD)	8
Doctorate degree	9

B. ppeducat
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for education attainment of the respondent categorically.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Education	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Less than high school	1
High school	2
Some college	3
Bachelor's degree or higher	4

Political Ideology and Party Affiliation

A. ideology
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the political ideology of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Political Ideology	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Extremely Liberal	1
Liberal	2
Slightly Liberal	3
Moderate, Middle of the Road	4
Slightly Conservative	5
Conservative	6
Extremely Conservative	7
8	8
MISSING DATA	9

B. partyid7
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the political party affiliation of the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Political Party	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Strong Republican	1
Not Strong Republican	2
Leans Republican	3
Undecided/Independent/Other	4
Leans Democrat	5
Not Strong Democrat	6
Strong Democrat	7
MISSING DATA	9

C. partyid3
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the party that the respondent belongs to.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Political Party	**Value**

Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Republican	1
Other	2
Democrat	3
MISSING DATA	9

Residential Location and Type

A. ppreg4
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the region of residence of the respondent based on a four category description.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Region	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Northeast	1
Midwest	2
South	3
West	4

B. ppreg9
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the region of residence of the respondent based on a nine category description.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Region	**Value**
New England	1
Mid-Atlantic	2
East-North Central	3
West-North Central	4
South Atlantic	5
East-South Central	6
West-South Central	7
Mountain	8
Pacific	9

C. ppstaten
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the state in which the respondent resides.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

State	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
ME	11
NH	12
VT	13
MA	14
RI	15
CT	16
NY	21
NJ	22
PA	23
OH	31
IN	32
IL	33
MI	34
WI	35
MN	41
IA	42
MO	43
ND	44
SD	45
NE	46
KS	47
DE	51
MD	52
DC	53
VA	54
WV	55
NC	56
SC	57
GA	58
FL	59
KY	61
TN	62
AL	63
MS	64
AR	71
LA	72
OK	73
TX	74
MT	81

ID	82
WY	83
CO	84
NM	85
AZ	86
UT	87
NV	88
WA	91
OR	92
CA	93
AK	94
HI	95

D. ppmsacat
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent lives in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

The codes for the responses are as follows:

MSA	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Non-Metro	0
Metro	1

E. pprent
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the respondent's ownership status of living quarters.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Ownership Status	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Own	1
Rent	2
Do not pay for housing	3

Household Information

A. pphhhead
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent was the head of the household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Head	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No	0
Yes	1

B. pphhsize
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the size of the respondent's household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Size	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

C. pphouse
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the type of housing that the respondent lives in.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Type	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
A single-family house detached	1
A single-family house attached	2
An apartment	3
A condominium or co-op	4
College Dormitory	5
A manufactured or mobile home	6
Other	7

D. ppdualin
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the question of whether the respondent came from a dual income household.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Dual Income Household	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No	0
Yes	1

E. ppincimp
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for the respondent's household income.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Household Income	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Less than $5,000	1
$5,000 to $7,499	2
$7,500 to $9,999	3
$10,000 to $12,499	4
$12,500 to $14,999	5
$15,000 to $19,999	6
$20,000 to $24,999	7
$25,000 to $29,999	8
$30,000 to $34,999	9
$35,000 to $39,999	10
$40,000 to $49,999	11
$50,000 to $59,999	12
$60,000 to $74,999	13
$75,000 to $84,999	14
$85,000 to $99,999	15
$100,000 to $124,999	16
$125,000 to $149,999	17
$150,000 to $174,999	18
$175,000 or more	19

F. ppnet
Numeric Variable

This field contains the numeric code for whether the respondent's household has internet access.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Internet Access	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No	0
Yes	1

Household Members

A. ppt01
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 0 and 2.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 0-2	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

B. ppt25
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 2 and 5.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 2-5	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

C. ppt612
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 6 and 12.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 6-12	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

D. ppt1317
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are children between the ages of 13 and 17.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 13-17	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

E. ppt18ov
Numeric Variable

This field contains the number of household members who are adults age 18 and over.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Age 18+	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

Experimental Condition

A. form
Numeric Variable

This field indicates whether the respondent received Form A or Form B.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Form	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
A	1
B	2

B. cond
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the experimental condition for the respondent.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Conditions	**Value**

Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
No Public Office and No Political Party	1
Public Office	2
Political Party Name	3
Public Office and Political Party	4

Questions from Questionnaire

Question 1: How interested were you in the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina?

A. q1
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Event Interest	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Not interested at all	1
Slightly interested	2
Moderately interested	3
Very interested	4
Extremely interested	5

Question 2: How closely did you follow the media coverage of the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina?

A. q2
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Follow Media Coverage	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Not closely at all	1
A little closely	2
Moderately closely	3
Very closely	4
Extremely closely	5

Question 3: How personally important to you were the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina?

A. q3
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Event Importance	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Not important at all	1
Slightly important	2
Moderately important	3
Very important	4
Extremely important	5

Question 4: What was the highest hurricane-category level of Hurricane Katrina?

A. q4
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Hurricane-Category Level	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

Question 5: Which of the following US states suffered the LEAST property damage as a result of Hurricane Katrina?

A. q5
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Least Property Damage	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana	1
Mississippi	2
Florida	3
Alabama	4

Question 6: Which of these numbers comes closest to the official human death toll of Hurricane Katrina?

A. q6

Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Human Death Toll	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
200	1
700	2
1,500	3
3,000	4
10,000	5

Question 7: What of these figures comes closest to the total cost of Hurricane Katrina in terms of property damage and revenues from lost business?

A. q7
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Total Cost	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
$70 million	1
$700 million	2
$7 billion	3
$70 billion	4
$700 billion	5

Question 8: How angry does Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath make you feel?

A. q8
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Anger	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Not at all angry	1
A little angry	2
Moderately angry	3
Very angry	4
Extremely angry	5

Question 9: How sad does Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath make you feel?

A. q9
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Sadness	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Not at all sad	1
A little sad	2
Moderately sad	3
Very sad	4
Extremely sad	5

Question 10a: Who do you think should be blamed the most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q10a
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Question 10b: Who do you think should be blamed the second most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q10b
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

2nd Most Blame	**Value**

Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Question 10c: Who do you think should be blamed the third most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q10c
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

3rd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Question 10d: Who do you think should be blamed the fourth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q10d
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

4th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2

REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Question 10e: Who do you think should be blamed the fifth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q10e
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

5th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Question 10f: Who do you think should be blamed the sixth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q10f
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

6th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1

Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Question 11a: Who do you think should be blamed the most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q11a
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown	2
President George W. Bush	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter	7

Question 11b: Who do you think should be blamed the second most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q11b
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

2nd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	1

Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown	2
President George W. Bush	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter	7

Question 11c: Who do you think should be blamed the third most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q11c
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

3rd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown	2
President George W. Bush	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter	7

Question 11d: Who do you think should be blamed the fourth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q11d
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

4th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency	2

Director Michael Brown	
President George W. Bush	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter	7

Question 11e: Who do you think should be blamed the fifth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q11e
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

5th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown	2
President George W. Bush	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter	7

Question 11f: Who do you think should be blamed the sixth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q11f
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

6th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown	2

President George W. Bush	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter	7

Question 12a: Who do you think should be blamed the most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q12a
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Michael Brown (Republican)	2
George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 12b: Who do you think should be blamed the second most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q12b
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

2nd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Michael Brown (Republican)	2
George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4

Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 12c: Who do you think should be blamed the third most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q12c
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

3rd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Michael Brown (Republican)	2
George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 12d: Who do you think should be blamed the fourth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q12d
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

4th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Michael Brown (Republican)	2
George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5

Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 12e: Who do you think should be blamed the fifth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q12e
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

5th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Michael Brown (Republican)	2
George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 12f: Who do you think should be blamed the sixth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q12f
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

6th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Michael Brown (Republican)	2
George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6

David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 13a: Who do you think should be blamed the most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q13a
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown (Republican)	2
President George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 13b: Who do you think should be blamed the second most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q13b
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

2nd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown (Republican)	2
President George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4

Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 13c: Who do you think should be blamed the third most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q13c
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

3rd Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown (Republican)	2
President George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 13d: Who do you think should be blamed the fourth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q13d
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

4th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown (Republican)	2
President George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 13e: Who do you think should be blamed the fifth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q13e
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

5th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown (Republican)	2
President George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6
Louisiana Senator David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 13f: Who do you think should be blamed the sixth most for the loss of life and property damage in New Orleans that was caused by Hurricane Katrina?

A. q13f
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

6th Most Blame	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco (Democrat)	1
Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown (Republican)	2
President George W. Bush (Republican)	3
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (Republican)	4
Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu (Democrat)	5
New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin (Democrat)	6

Louisiana Senator David Vitter (Republican)	7

Question 14: Who should be most responsible for responding to natural disasters?

A. q14
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Responsible	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Private citizens	1
Local authorities	2
State authorities	3
Federal authorities	4

Question 15: Who should be most responsible for helping to protect citizens from natural disasters before they happen?

A. q15
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Responsible	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Private citizens	1
Local authorities	2
State authorities	3
Federal authorities	4

Question 16: Which party do you trust more to effectively respond to natural disasters?

A. q16
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Trust More	**Value**
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Neither	1
Both equally	2
Democratic Party	3
Republican Party	4

Question 17: Which party do you trust more to help protect citizens from natural disasters before they happen?

A. q17
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Trust More	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Neither	1
Both equally	2
Democratic Party	3
Republican Party	4

Question 18: Which party do you trust more to provide social services to American citizens?

A. q18
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Trust More	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Neither	1
Both equally	2
Democratic Party	3
Republican Party	4

Question 19: Which party do you trust more to protect the American people?

A. q19
Numeric Variable

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Trust More	Value
Not Asked	-2
REFUSED	-1
Neither	1
Both equally	2
Democratic Party	3
Republican Party	4

Candidate Responsibility

A. cand1
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Most Responsible	Value
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

B. cand2
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be second most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

2nd Most Responsible	Value
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

C. cand3
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be third most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

3rd Most Responsible	Value

REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

D. cand4
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be fourth most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

4th Most Responsible	**Value**
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

E. cand5
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be fifth most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

5th Most Responsible	**Value**
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

F. cand6
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be sixth most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

6th Most Responsible	Value
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

G. cand7
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the candidate that the respondent believes to be seventh most responsible.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

7th Most Responsible	Value
REFUSED	-1
Kathleen Blanco	1
Michael Brown	2
George W. Bush	3
Michael Chertoff	4
Mary Landrieu	5
Ray Nagin	6
David Vitter	7

Candidate Ranking

A. blanco
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco	Value
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4

Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

B. brown
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of FEMA Director Michael Brown's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

FEMA Director Michael Brown	**Value**
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4
Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

C. bush
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of President George W. Bush's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

President George W. Bush	**Value**
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4
Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

D. chertoff
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of DHS Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

DHS Security Secretary Michael Chertoff	Value
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4
Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

E. landrieu
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu	Value
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4
Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

F. nagin
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin	Value
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4
Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

G. vitter
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the respondent's ranking of Louisiana Senator David Vitter's responsibility.

The codes for the responses are as follows:

Louisiana Senator David Vitter	Value
REFUSED	-1
Most Responsible	1
Second Most Responsible	2
Third Most Responsible	3
Fourth Most Responsible	4
Fifth Most Responsible	5
Sixth Most Responsible	6
Seventh Most Responsible	7

Survey Details

A. svy_date
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the date that the respondent completed the survey.

B. svy_time
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the length of time that the respondent took to complete the survey in minutes.

C. svy_tcat
Numeric Variable

This field indicates the length of time that the respondent took to complete the survey in categories.

Survey Length	Value
Less than 5 minutes	1
5 – 9:59	2
10 – 14:59	3
15 – 19:59	4
20 – 24:59	5
25 – 29:59	6
30 – 34:59	7
35 – 39:59	8
40 – 44:59	9
45 – 49:59	10
50 – 54:59	11
55 – 59:59	12

60 – 64:59	13
65 – 69:59	14
70 – 74:59	15
75 – 79:59	16
80 – 84:59	17
85 – 89:59	18
90 – 94:59	19
95 – 99:59	20
More than 100 minutes	21