

## Washington Post-ABC News Poll Response to Hurricane Katrina

***This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 2, 2005, among 501 randomly selected adults nationwide. Margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus 4 percentage points. The practical difficulties of doing a survey in a single day represent other potential sources of error in this poll. Fieldwork by TNS of Horsham, PA.***

\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. How closely have you been following news about the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and on the Gulf Coast - very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not closely at all?

	-----Closely-----			-----Not closely-----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	At all	opin.
9/2/05	91	54	37	9	7	2	*

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation caused by Hurricane Katrina? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	-----Approve-----			-----Disapprove-----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
9/2/05	46	26	20	47	16	31	8

3. How would you rate the federal government's overall response to the situation caused by the hurricane and flooding - excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----Excellent/Good---			-----Not so good/Poor-----			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opin.
9/2/05	48	11	37	51	23	28	1

4. Thinking about how the federal government has handled specific issues - how would you rate the federal government's performance on (ITEM) - excellent, good, not so good or poor?

9/2/05 - Summary Table

	-----Exc/Good-----			---Not good/Poor---			No
	NET	Exc.	Good	NET	Not so	Poor	op.
a. dealing with looting and other crime	26	4	22	71	34	37	3
b. delivering food, water and medical help	43	10	33	56	27	29	1
c. conducting search and rescue operations	58	15	42	39	20	19	3
d. dealing with the oil supply and rising gasoline prices	20	3	16	79	29	50	2
e. evacuating and resettling people who've lost their homes	38	8	30	59	30	29	3

5. Do you think the federal government (should have been better prepared) to deal with a storm of this size, or do you think it (was as prepared as it reasonably could have been)?

	Should have been better prepared	Was as prepared as it reasonably could have been	No opin.
9/2/05	67	31	2

7. How about the state and local governments in the affected areas - do you think they (should have been better prepared) to deal with a storm of this size, or do you think they (were as prepared as they reasonably could have been)?

	Should have been better prepared	Were as prepared as they reasonably could have been	No opin.
9/2/05	75	24	1

8. Do you think the deployment of some National Guard troops and equipment to Iraq has made it more difficult for state officials to respond to the hurricane situation, or do you think it hasn't had much effect on the relief effort? (IF MORE DIFFICULT) Do you think it's had a big impact on the relief effort, or a limited impact?

	----More difficult----			Hasn't had much effect	No opin.
	NET	Big	Limited		
9/2/05	46	31	15	49	4

9. Do you think the Bush administration does or does not have a clear plan for dealing with the hurricane situation?

	Does	Does not	No opin.
9/2/05	40	55	5

10. How much blame if any do you think Bush should get for problems in the federal response to the situation - a great deal, a good amount, only some or none?

	--Great deal/Good amount--			----Some/None----			No problems (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Grt.deal	Good amt.	NET	Some	None	*	1
9/2/05	44	23	20	55	33	22	*	1

6. Do you think the situation shows serious problems in the federal government's emergency preparedness overall, or do you think this was a special case?

	Serious problems	Special case	No problems (vol.)	No opin.
9/2/05	44	54	1	1

11. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own personal feelings about the federal government's response to the hurricane situation.

9/2/05 - Summary Table

	Does	Does not	No op.
a. Angry	45	54	*

b. Proud	27	71	2
c. Ashamed	44	54	1
d. Hopeful	64	34	1
e. Shocked	55	45	1

12. Do you have any close personal friends or relatives in the Gulf Coast area who were directly affected by the hurricane and flooding, or not? (IF YES) Do you know how they're doing, or are you still waiting for word?

	-----Friend/relative in area-----			No
	NET	Know	Waiting for word	No opin.
9/2/05	28	16	12	71
				1

13. Do you think New Orleans should be rebuilt where it is with a stronger levee system, or do you think low-lying areas of the city should be abandoned, with those homes and businesses rebuilt elsewhere?

	Rebuilt	Abandoned	No opin.
9/2/05	49	43	8

14. On another subject, thinking about how much driving you do, would you say that in the weeks ahead you'll be driving more, less, or about the same amount as you usually do? (IF LESS) Is that because of the price of gasoline, to conserve the country's gasoline supply or for some other reason?

		-----Less-----				Don't drive/	No	
	More	NET	Price	Conserve	Other	Same	no car (vol.)	op.
9/2/05	3	50	38	9	2	44	3	1

15. As you may know, gas prices have increased to \$3 a gallon or more in some areas. Do you think (this increase is justified by the drop in oil production caused by the hurricane), or do you think (oil companies and gas dealers are taking unfair advantage of the situation)?

	Increase	Taking	Both	Neither	No
	justified	advantage	(vol.)	(vol.)	opin.
9/2/05	16	72	7	2	3