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Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster in US history, laid bare the rotten core of US capitalism. For days the world's attention was focused on the breakdown of governmental and political institutions in a major American city. The overriding concern of the Bush administration was not to assist the struggling victims, but to restore "law and order" and protect private property.

The *World Socialist Web Site* immediately recognized the significance of this event. This pamphlet contains articles and analysis written by the WSWS as the tragedy unfolded. They draw the connection between Katrina and the broader economic and political processes at work, and lay out the necessary response by the working class.

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