

Written Assignment #1 (To be submitted in MEMO format)

> Read Katrina Case, answer question 3, pg. 156 (3-4 pages)

Taking a central or a federal approach in dealing with natural disasters

MEMORANDUM

To: All staffmembers

From: David Roger, Executive Manager

Cc: Steve John, President

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Subject: Arguments on taking a central or a federal approach in dealing with natural disasters

In the present era, federalism is deployed in the political systems of the first world countries like USA, Canada etc. as well as the developing countries like India, Brazil and many more. Federalism in USA grants the local governments the authorities to form local bodies, issue licenses and deal with issues of public health. Federalism in USA was questioned upon the arrival of the Hurricane Katrina, which is said to be the deadliest storm in USA in the past 75 years. Federalism was considered as a failure due to poor coordination among the local, state, federal officials and national government. Here we will discuss the pros and cons of obtaining support from the federal sector in case of catastrophic disasters like Hurricane Katrina. We will also elaborate the consequences to be encountered upon the complete elimination of support from the federal sector in the case of a disaster.

Pros and Cons of Centralization in Disaster Recovery