How social, political and economic issues effected how the hurricane was handled.

Intro

Social

* People didn’t evacuate
  + Most people lived in New Orleans their entire lives and didn’t wanna leave for anything
  + They survived Betsy, so they thought they could survive Katrina
* Waves of violent crime occurred in the months following Katrina
  + National guard had to be called in
* Mississippi Bridge Incident
  + People from NO were trying to cross the bridge to Jefferson County
    - Stopped by police saying they couldn’t cross
      * Police said it wasn’t them, and that it was armed citizens
        + The citizens were supposedly rich white ppl from Jefferson County who didn’t want the poor blacks to come to their neighborhood

Political

* Bad Levee System
  + Levees were not deep enough, the water went underneath them
    - They fell like dominoes
    - A piece of plastic was the only thing holding the levees together
      * Water was able to seep below and push them apart
      * Levees were not deep enough
        + Were built by corps of engineers
* FEMA
  + FEMA stopped paying out at the end of November?
    - It was paying for people’s hotels
    - Caused a “refugee” crisis
      * People were pissed they were called refugees
  + FEMA lied about searching some of the houses
  + Said they would get 40k trailers
    - Took forever to get them
    - Some were defective
* Presidential photo-ops
  + President didn’t go to NO until 2 weeks after
    - He stayed on holiday instead
    - The media turned power back on just for Bush to have lights
      * They turned it off after he left

Economical

* Flood insurance
  + Debate over if the destruction was caused by the hurricane itself or flooding as a result of the hurricane
    - Insurance companies used this as an excuse to not pay out flood insurance
* Developing land
  + Developers saw all this now clear area as an opportunity to get cheap land
    - They offered to buy this land from victims for the low
      * Preying on their losses
* Louisiana has a lot of oil
  + Fed gov took all the profits
    - They were urged to give some of the money back to preserve wetlands
      * This would protect them and their natural resources
        + They didn’t

Conclusion