“Come Hell or High Water”: A Framing Analysis of Local Newspaper Coverage of Hurricane Katrina

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Abstract

Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005 in what would become one of the most deadly and destructive natural disasters in United States history. Throughout the storm and in the immediate aftermath, the New Orleans Times-Picayune continued to report through the use of online publications until physical printing could resume. A content analysis was conducted to examine the coverage of community resilience in the news articles published in the first six months after Hurricane Katrina. Results indicate that the domains of community resilience were part of local newspaper coverage of Hurricane Katrina. Results also show the significance of political leaders and government response in a post-disaster environment.