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THE WISCONSIN SURVEY – FALL 2005
Natural Disaster Preparedness and Responsibility

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Survey Information:

Number of Adult Wisconsin Resident Respondents: 400
Interview Period: October 31 – November 11, 2005
Margin of Error: +/- 5% at the 95% confidence level.

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How well prepared do you think the national (federal) government is to deal with another major natural disaster. Do you think they are very well prepared, well prepared, somewhat prepared, not very well prepared, or not at all prepared?

Very Well Prepared	4%
Well Prepared	16%
Somewhat Prepared	43%
Not Very Well Prepared	26%
Not at All Prepared	11%
Not Sure	1%
Refused	0%

Thinking about Hurricane Katrina and the disaster relief effort in New Orleans, how much of the blame for the problems in the relief effort do you think each of the following was responsible for. Let's start with the Mayor of New Orleans, would you say that he was responsible for...

	A Lot	Some	Not Much	None	Not Sure	Refused
The Mayor of New Orleans	36%	45%	13%	4%	3%	0%
Local Parish Leaders other than the Mayor	24%	48%	16%	7%	5%	0%
The Governor of Louisiana	37%	49%	9%	2%	4%	0%
FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Administration)	38%	40%	12%	6%	3%	0%
President Bush	29%	32%	19%	18%	3%	0%

*Which level of government, local, state, or national, do you think **should** have the primary responsibility in dealing with natural disasters.*

Local	22%
State	32%
National	27%
Combination (vol.)	19%
Not Sure	1%
Refused	0%

	Natural Disaster Preparation				
	Very Well	Well	Somewhat	Not Very Well	Not At All
Democrats	1%	10%	41%	30%	18%
Republicans	8%	27%	45%	18%	2%
Independents	4%	5%	44%	33%	13%
Other	0%	17%	48%	17%	14%
	"A Lot" of Blame for Response				
	Mayor	Parish	Gov	FEMA	Pres
Democrats	17%	14%	18%	53%	43%
Republicans	57%	39%	52%	22%	7%
Independents	40%	24%	49%	45%	40%
Other	31%	17%	33%	23%	20%
	Where Should Primary Responsibility Be?				
	Local	State	National	Combo	Not Sure
Democrats	16%	24%	39%	19%	2%
Republicans	30%	37%	16%	16%	0%
Independents	18%	40%	28%	15%	0%
Other	17%	13%	20%	47%	3%

The tables above should be read across, e.g., 16% of Republicans think the primary responsibility for natural disaster response should be at the national level.