

## Obama Plays Race Card on Hurricane Katrina Recovery

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In 2007, President Barack Obama claimed that bumbling recovery efforts by FEMA after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans was due to racism. In June 2007, Obama spoke to a mostly black audience claiming that the nation's leaders "don't care about" New Orleans residents.

He contends that FEMA intentionally neglected them in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on account of institutional racism, as revealed by a video uncovered by the Daily Caller.

According to Fox News, "in the address, delivered during the upswing of the Democratic presidential primary season, candidate Obama specifically criticizes in outspoken terms the decision not to waive a federal law known as the Stafford Act that require communities hit by disasters to match 10 percent of federal aid."

Obama said, "when 9/11 happened in New York City, they waived the Stafford Act ... and that was the right thing to do. When Hurricane Andrew struck in Florida, people said, "Look at this devastation. We don't expect you to come up with your money. Here, here's the money to rebuild. We're not going to wait for you to scratch it together, because you're part of the American family."

Obama endorsed rapper Kanye West's anti-Bush comments a couple years earlier, which argued that New Orleans was treated differently, since the city has a mostly black population.

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