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Subject: Hurricane assistance efforts

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They may be having difficulties getting aid where it's needed. I don't think anyone in public service would stall rescue and aid efforts for any reason, certainly not political. I wouldn't want to think we were aiding the rest of the world at the expense of our own citizens. If nothing else, a lifetime of social security and tax payments gives the American citizen first dibs on the American aid resources. But in fairness, this hurricane wasn't planned. Other efforts were planned, so what may look like a herculean and rapid deployment may have been months or years in the making. The hurricane rescue effort has to be done right now, with no plan in place. I can sure understand the emotions, and I don't feel that I could judge anyone for pretty much the whole gamut of attitudes and reactions. I can appreciate the opinion that rescue and aid efforts are going entirely too slow. I am pretty cynical about government agencies doing anything right, so I'm the first to have a tendency to point fingers. But I really don't think this should be made into a political argument, not at all.

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