Beyond Resiliency

Disaster, Inequality, and Justice

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Katrina

disaster

most of the IMPACT was PREDICTABLE

- poverty
- no transportation

People were TRAPPED for days

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US IS FOR US

FEMA Trailers

ugh fumes

"Resilience"

Strengths

ability to survive after

bounce back

Community is the site of intervention

First Responders
Cultural Knowledge

Preparedness

"Vulnerability"

Weaknesses

- telescoping without taking historical + social context
- mega-level purview
- focal point is disaster instead of daily life
- bouncing back vs. living conditions

Result of the social structures + distribute resources inequitable

red-line areas

poverty

vs. the privilege index

paradigm shift part 1

conventional definition

DISASTER

* ACUTE DISCRETE EVENT

* Challenges daily life — FOOD, WATER, HEALTH, SURVIVAL

* hazard meets people ~ need to intervene

there's no such thing as a NATURAL DISASTER

~~Natural Hazard~~

* No DISASTER in Natural Space

* What makes a Disaster Disasterous is what was happening before.

We are co-creating disasters

Hazards + People

DISASTER

Who lives vs. Who dies = Social calculus

paradigm shift part 2

* "disaster" centers on the MOST PRIVILEGED

social connections
skills
resources

- implies stable infrastructure in daily life
- abilities

IMPLICATIONS FOR PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS

- Recenter "Disaster" as remediation of injustice
- Wider View — inequity — systems view
- Improve quality of daily life — navigating life

recommended: The SHOCK DOCTRINE

how can you prepare without the "bridge"?

HOW WE TALK about the shared experiences

Shared language — * commonalities

⇒ difficult to cross the barriers

shelter food shoes ?

for some people it would be a LUXURY to talk about a "disaster" event.

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