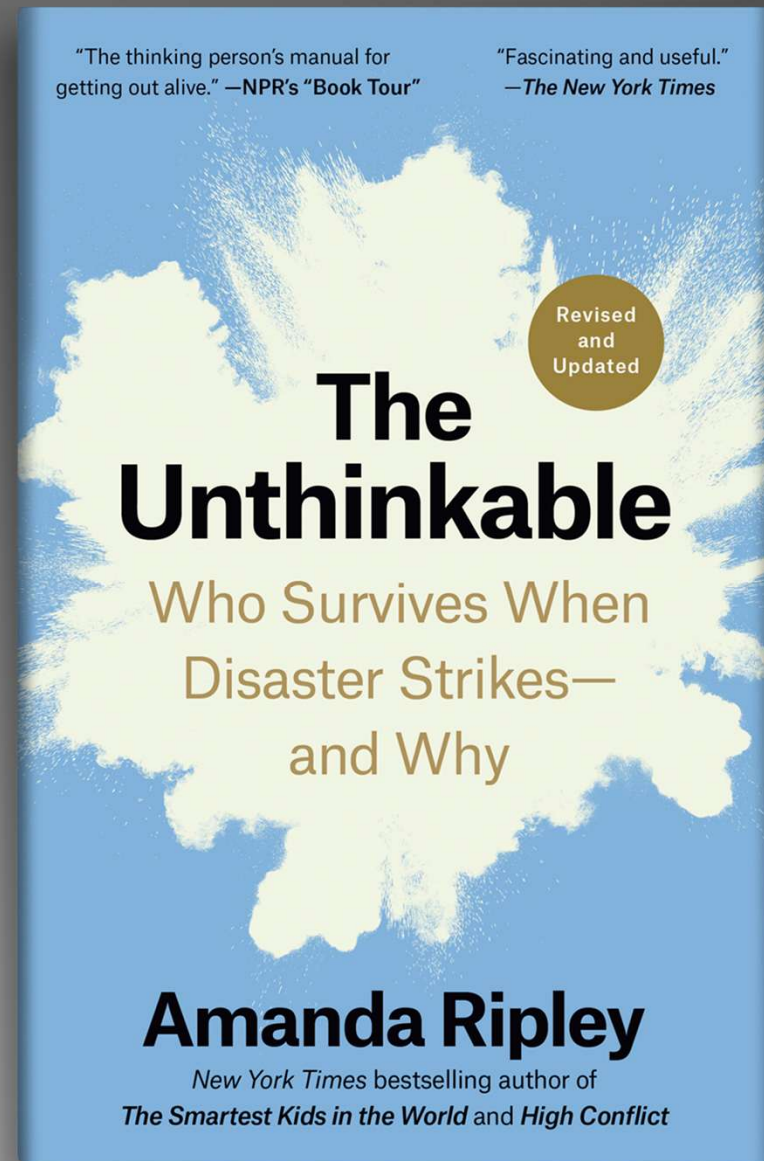


# Disaster Behavior

What really happens at  
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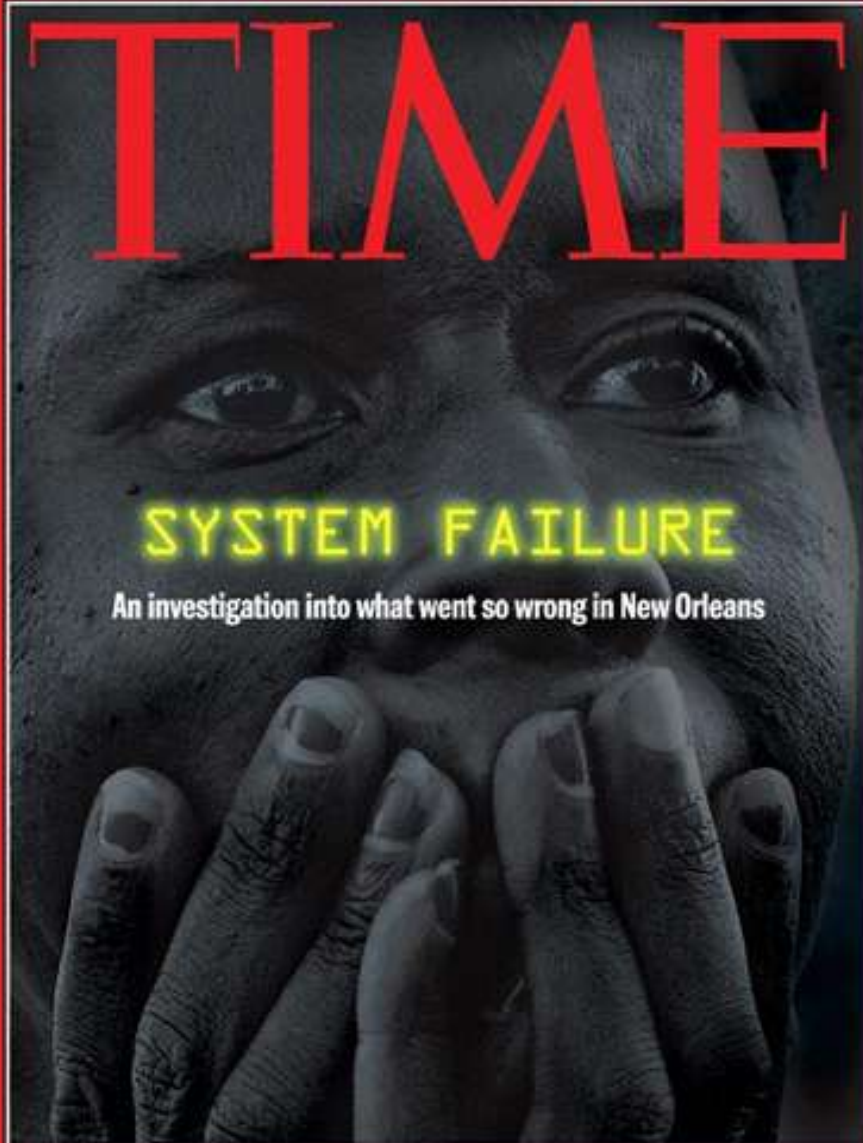


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## SYSTEM FAILURE

An investigation into what went so wrong in New Orleans

# HUMAN RESPONSES TO DISASTER

1. DENIAL
2. DELIBERATION
3. THE DECISIVE MOMENT



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# Number of deaths from disasters

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