Abstract:

By considering the historical roots and ethical implications of salvage and by weighing the successes and shortcomings of other salvage programs, this thesis assesses the viability of a salvage program for New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Using this analysis, the thesis explores possible components of a protocol that should guide the city in its formulation of an effective program, one that can be easily replicated by other cities forced to cope with catastrophic disasters in the future.

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