

**ORGANIZED BEHAVIOR IN DISASTER:
A REVIEW ESSAY***

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INTRODUCTION

To the sociologist, a disaster event presents two distinctive opportunities: first, to study and develop a further understanding of social reality; and second to apply the theoretical constructs underpinning the parent discipline. In the first instance, the preparation necessary to counter disaster and the activities required to alleviate impact enable the sociologist: (1) to witness both manifest and latent functions of human interaction, (2) to discover the structures of social systems within which interaction is embedded, (3) to distinguish the social processes

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