

OPINION SURVEY

Indicate your opinion for each of the items listed below by drawing a circle around the appropriate category. This is not a test; your answers will only be seen by you.

1. A major problem community officials confront when faced with a natural disaster is controlling the panic of people fleeing the danger area.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. Looting commonly occurs after the impact of natural disasters.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Martial Law has been instituted in disaster areas in the United States.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. The crime rate of a community usually rises after it has experienced a natural disaster.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. When warned of an impending disaster, most people are quick to evacuate the threatened area.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

6. Immediately after the impact of a disaster, most victims are in a state of shock and unable to cope with the situation themselves.

Strongly Agree Agree Uncertain Disagree Strongly Disagree

Source: Adapted from Dennis E. Wenger, Thomas F. James, and Charles E. Faupel. 1980. *Disaster Beliefs and Emergency Planning*. Newark, Delaware: Disaster Research Project, University of Delaware, p. 48.