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I don't really know the value of this type of information. Like we've seen with vaccines - (1) There's some demographics that refuse to take the vaccine. So there is likely a demographic that will refuse FEMA assistance. (2) There's some demographics that don't trust the federal government. So there is likely a demographic that will not trust FEMA. Just because we see who hasn't or hasn't registered, by race - what good will that do. It won't change the trust issue, it won't change opinions of the government. The bigger issue with FEMA's assistance is the process is the flawed from the start. It's not about reaching a certain race or age group or geographic area - it is not demographics and equity. It's about better setting expectations of what assistance FEMA can provide - AND clearly identifying eligibility before registering. Mistrust, disgust, hate even - would be reduced not by serving a particular zip code, or race, or age group - but reducing the number of rejections (and appeals) by being more forthcoming with what it takes to get approved at the start. The application process is abusive to the person with multiple forms and validation of identity, and follow-ups and documentation, for most to end in denial - and that sows seeds of discontent. It would save the American citizen and government time and money if before you apply - the eligibility criteria is laid out - clearly. Also, here's what you might get if you apply. Not, EVERYONE in a county/parish should apply. What a waste and what a hateful way to run a government program. NYC does it well with their housing lotteries: Apply if you a-have this size household, b-make this much income, c-live in this zip code. etc. Stop the data crunching and fix the program(s).

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