

The diploma thesis “The Impacts of the Hurricane Katrina on lower social class: the disclosure of a more common problem” deals with the case study of consequences of a natural disaster on the American society in the city of New Orleans. Even though Katrina hit the region in 2005, the thesis is describing also the situation before the hurricane, which led to the adjustment of current social conditions. The main aim of the paper is to introduce the situation of the American lower class to the Czech reader and to show the results of an unsolved problem. The thesis is divided into five parts. The first one deals with the sociological definitions of the social class and its connections with race and natural disasters. The second part is the case study itself, how people handled the situation and which decisions from the past led to the breach of levees. The third part describes the immediate response of federal, state and local governments and the fourth part deals with long-term effects. The last part shows the international reaction and possible change in the view on the United States.