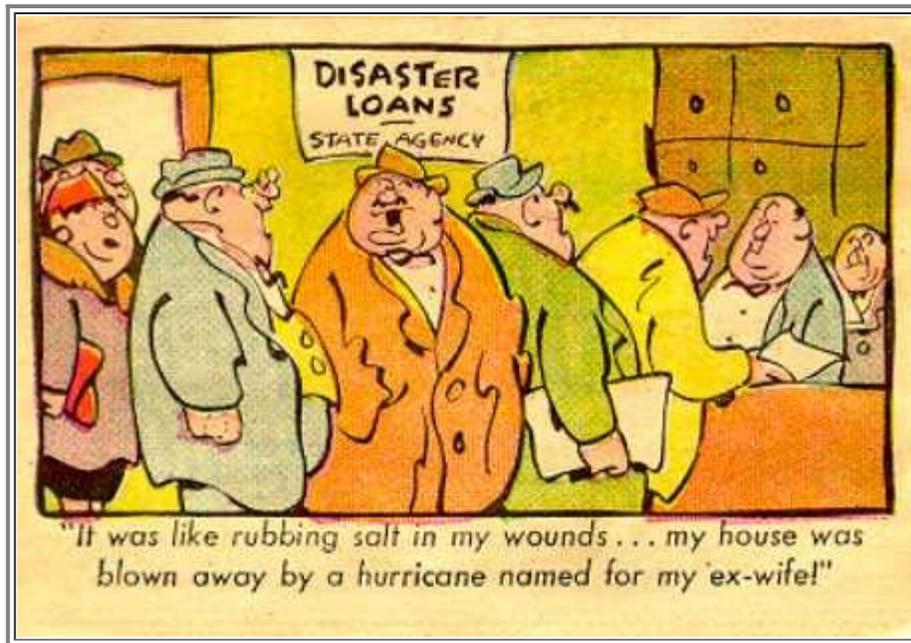


Overview of Today's Discussion:

- 1. What is the Popular Culture of Disaster?**
- 2. Why does it exist?**
- 3. Why is it important?**
- 4. Where do we go from here?**





The Popular Culture of Disaster includes:

- **Disaster jokes and humor**
- **Board games and puzzles with disaster themes**
- **Folk legends and beliefs about disasters**
- **Disaster calendars**
- **Songs and poems created at times of disaster**
- **Disaster novels and films (and spoofs of them!)**
- **Anniversary newspaper issues**
- **On-site graffiti**
- **Survivor buttons and T-shirts**
- **Cartoons and comic strips with disaster themes**
- **What else?**

Some Reasons Why the Popular Culture of Disaster Exists:

- **As a coping mechanism**
- **To enhance solidarity and morale**
- **For entertainment and excitement**
- **Profits**