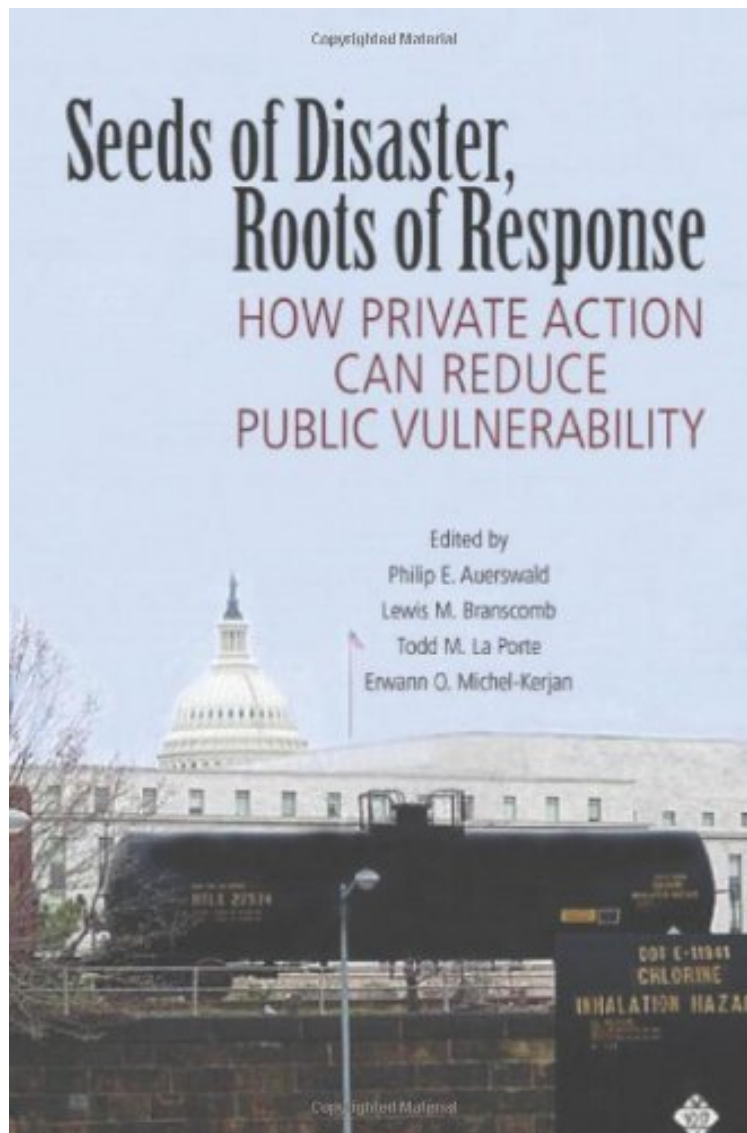


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In the wake of 9/11 and hurricane Katrina, executives and policymakers are increasingly motivated to reduce the vulnerability of social and economic systems to disasters. Most prior work on 'critical infrastructure protection' has focused on the responsibilities and actions of government rather than on those of the private sector firms that provide most vital services. *Seeds of Disaster, Roots of Response* is the first systematic attempt to understand how private decisions and operations affect public vulnerability. It describes effective and sustainable approaches - both business strategies and public policies - to ensure provision of critical services in the event of disaster. The authors are business leaders from multiple industries and are experts in risk analysis, economics, engineering, organization theory and public policy. The book shows the necessity of deeply rooted collaboration between private and public institutions, and the accountability and leadership required to progress from words to action.

With 85% of America's critical infrastructure in private hands, the American people - and America's economy - are not going to be safe without strong, collaborative action by the public and private sector. *Seeds of Disaster, Roots of Response* is thus a timely and important volume that is a must-read for anyone concerned about our nation's security.

Lee Hamilton, President, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Vice Chair, 9/11

Commission. Industries that provide critical infrastructure are becoming more efficient, but more vulnerable. This book introduces "security externalities", a phenomenon that inhibits private investments that would make critical infrastructure services more resilient to potential disaster from any source. It calls not only for more leadership but for more realistic policies from both the private and the public sector. Prof. Thomas C. Schelling, Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland and 2005 Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics This visionary book reveals the vulnerability of our systems which provide the framework for humanity to exist. The response to this millennium challenge can only be found in our capacity to demonstrate innovative collaboration, effective leadership, and courage. I strongly urge top decision makers to read this book; it provides the necessary guidance to go from words to action. Klaus Schwab, Founder and Chairman, World Economic Forum This important book calls for a public-private national infrastructure protection plan to replace the current disorganized and dysfunctional response to catastrophic threats from terrorism, natural disasters and gargantuan operational errors. It asks the hard questions about how government and business can define and finance respective roles and stop the Alphonse and Gaston routine which makes disasters even more disastrous. Ben W. Heineman, Jr. Senior Fellow at Harvard Law School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GE "America must work hard to improve its responses to natural disasters and terror attacks. This book demonstrates that effective coordination with the operators of privately owned critical infrastructure is a vital part of that work, and offers guidance for progress."

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins of Maine, Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

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