Corey Andrew Powell ([00:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hello everyone. I am Corey Andrew Powell, and I'm thrilled to have an extraordinary guest with me today whose relentless pursuit of justice has not only changed the narrative around one of the most significant disasters in American history, but also inspired countless others to stand up and make a difference as well. Now, after Hurricane Katrina and the levee failures in New Orleans, Sandy Rosenthal founded levees.org, a nonprofit organization with 25,000 supporters nationwide. Her ground uh, groundbreaking book, words whispered in water, reveals how she exposed the Army Corps of Engine, the Army Corps of Engineer's role in the levee breach disaster. Sorry. That's a mouthful, but it's a really important thing she did there, and I'm so happy to welcome Sandy to Motivational Mondays. Welcome.

Sandy Rosenthal ([00:49](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I'm delighted to be here. Thank you.

Corey Andrew Powell ([00:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It's my pleasure. And, um, first what I'm ready to tell you the first thing I'm course as I'm reading your story and all the stuff you're doing, I mean, I'm sure you get the Erin Brockovich all the time, right? I mean, that's not <laugh>. Have you heard that one before? A few times.

Sandy Rosenthal ([01:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

We are really very, very similar in that we were both, uh, women with no special skills, no special training that stood up against, uh, powerful force and didn't give up and won.

Corey Andrew Powell ([01:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. No, and it's an amazing thing too. And so just to take it back to that, um, just as I mentioned, you are the founder of levies.org. So if you can share with us the moment that you decided to start the organization, because it's not just about, oh, there was a, a, a disaster, and then you just kind of all of a sudden did it. There was something that ignited you making this movement a mission for you. So please share how that happened.

Sandy Rosenthal ([01:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

There was definitely an ignition, and that happened over a conversation that became very heated. Uh, and I, I was very agitated. I, I had been through the, the disaster and, uh, actually a better called a catastrophe.

Corey Andrew Powell ([01:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([02:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I lived through it, fortunately, and I was in a town about two hours away from New Orleans and talking to, uh, a man, the, uh, the, a resident of the town of Alexandria.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([02:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And I started to explain to him that the flooding of New Orleans was not due to Mother Nature. It was due to engineering failure, and it was the fault of the federal government.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:24](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([02:24](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, he told me, no, no, he told me I'm wrong, that Katrina was a huge storm, and that people like me who'd lost everything, didn't deserve any help from the government, and we shouldn't have been living there in the first place.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh my gosh.

Sandy Rosenthal ([02:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. That actually happened.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

That's absurd.

Sandy Rosenthal ([02:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. And so, uh, I knew that day that something needed to be done because if there were people out there with this attitude, and we knew it was gonna be all over for us in New Orleans, I mean, how are we going to survive with people when people had that wrong idea in their head? This, by the way, was about six weeks after the flood.

Corey Andrew Powell ([03:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([03:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So that was the ignition. That was the ignition,

Corey Andrew Powell ([03:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Because people don't re, I mean, I remember and people who witnessed seeing it, of course. Um, this was a long thing. I mean, there was the initial storm and the levee breaking and the, the, the whole city getting flooded, but right. There's the aftermath of which was like just a, a, a banquet of failures on many, many, uh, fronts, if you will, including the disaster relief and the rescue efforts. I mean, it just was one thing after the other. So what was it that made you realize, though, that there was something more than just Mother Nature at play?

Sandy Rosenthal ([03:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, I was fortunate. Um, I didn't lose my home. I didn't lose any family members. Um, and so, uh, I was in an unusual position that I could be listening to the radio and watching the news and reading whatever I could get my hands on, and I very quickly figured out that the, the storylines weren't making sense.

Corey Andrew Powell ([04:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([04:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Uh, I, I figured out pretty soon I learned that these levies are designed and built by the federal government, and that the local officials, uh, maintain them. Okay. These, these levees are huge. Okay. We have 300 miles of levees.

Corey Andrew Powell ([04:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([04:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And, and I thought to myself, this, this, it wasn't making sense. Why are we the people of New Orleans being blamed for this flooding when they're designed and built by the Army Corps of Engineers? And the more questions I asked, the more pushback I got, which, which was a signal to me that I'm irritating people by asking these questions.

Corey Andrew Powell ([04:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([04:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And and so the book goes into way more detail about this, but when I got pushback from asking questions, that's when I realized I'm either exactly right or certainly on the right path.

Corey Andrew Powell ([04:55](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hmm. Yeah. It's just kind of scary though, because at that same time, I mean, not like I'm accusing the government of anything, but, you know, there's a lot of people who would like to keep stuff like that quiet, so they could make your life very uncomfortable. I mean, were you ever nervous or afraid of like, you know, if I start to push or or poke the bear too much, what would that mean for even my personal safety or my life in general going forward? What were, what were the concerns?

Sandy Rosenthal ([05:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, the answer to that is yes. I, I actually had to sit down and have a conversation with myself, uh, and realize that by continuing to, uh, publicly state that the federal government was responsible for this disaster, that I was putting myself in danger.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:35](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([05:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I mean, the, the federal government has deep pockets.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([05:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And can, and spend a lot of money, hire lots of people. Uh, and I actually started looking around, you know, wondering if I was being followed. And in fact, as time went on, I was followed at every event that I ever put on. It turned up that the Army Corps had plants, had people there to record everything that was stated, record, take videos, et cetera, and bring them back to headquarters. And all of that's in my book. Did I, but I, I, I made the con, I actually made the decision. I was 48 years old, and I said to myself, well, I've lived a good life, and if I lose, if I get put away because of trying to speak out for the public, well be that I, I'm, I'm ready to, to make that decision. And I'm still here <laugh>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([06:23](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Thank goodness. Because, you know, as you were telling that story, I'm picturing it, and, you know, it's like I'm seeing like almost like a John Grisham novel, you know, when you're telling the story and they're kind of planning people and, you know, recording you and taking it back to headquarters. That's some very serious stuff. So, of of course, then that leads me to ask, what were some of the shocking discoveries you made during the investigation?

Sandy Rosenthal ([06:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Some of the shocking discoveries. It was, uh, it took a while to, to, uh, to figure out the truth. Uh, as again, the Army Corps had deep pockets and plenty of money, and they spent millions of dollars fooling the American public and fooling Congress and doing things to harass me and to get me to shut up. Um, so, so let me say the, the, uh, some of the, I'll, I'll tell you one, the first thing we did is using backend tools available to any amateur blogger. I figured out that the people that were harassing me online, I could look at the IP address.

Corey Andrew Powell ([07:27](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([07:28](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And for those of you, uh, the listeners who don't know what an IP address is, it's basically caller ID for computers. <laugh>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([07:35](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([07:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. And, and you, and looking at the IP ID IP addresses, I figured out that it was, the Army Corps was harassing me and saying vicious things to me online about me and my family and my supporters. So I called the local news, um, the local news, um, you know, WWLTV, a news source, a tv, and, and told them what I found. And they did a big story about it.

Corey Andrew Powell ([07:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([07:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Now, and they were caught. They, they were absolutely doing this. And the amazing thing is, even though it's not illegal in this country, it's not illegal for the Army Corps to do that. It's very embarrassing that they were caught.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. Right.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It's very embarrassing that they were caught doing it. And the damage done. The Army Corps of this day still hasn't recovered from that.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:20](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm. So that was.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:20](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

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Corey Andrew Powell ([08:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I'm sorry, go ahead.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I was just going, just to add that they were using government computers.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Okay yes.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:27](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

To harass civilians.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. Right, because that was my next question 'cause if you were able to trace the ip, then it would've gone back to a.gov email address, basically, or, you know, or go or gov.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

IP address.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

IP address.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Where computer, so you can tell exactly where it's coming from.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([08:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And, and they, it was interesting. They were spying on me, or they thought they were, it turned up, I could see exactly who they were. It, it was a, it was back in a, it was the Wild West Days when, when, um, the idea of leaving co comments on stories online was a brand new thing, and everyone did it anonymously. You might remember that it was all anonymous back in the beginning. That's not allowed anymore. And the reason was it could be abused like by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Corey Andrew Powell ([09:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Sure. Sure. Or now we see all the, uh, very politically divisive time death threats to political rivals and all kinds of craziness that thank God we can now, you know, in most cases, figure out where that stuff is coming from. So the great part about your story, though, is it does inspire just sort of like the citizen activism component, although yours was, was very extreme, uh, in this regard. But when it comes to the, what the government was supposed to do with these levees, your book, well, your, your findings sort of call into question other projects when I think about it, like, because the Army Corps of Engineers, they're like responsible for like a lot of other stuff too. Like not, that's just one thing. So did you also then start to question, well, like, what else have they built that might be about to collapse? You know, if we're not careful what you uncover there.

Sandy Rosenthal ([10:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, certainly I, and I, I questioned it. I'm, I, no, I'm certain that all your listeners are familiar with the Chernobyl disaster.

Corey Andrew Powell ([10:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([10:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And if any of your listeners have watched any documentaries or movies about it, what the Russians did was they, they cut corners, uh, um, and did things cheaply on the cheap to save money. And that's why Chernobyl was the, the disaster that it was the, that the exact same reason that the levees in New Orleans broke the Army Corps of Engineers was trying to save money.

Corey Andrew Powell ([10:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([10:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And that's all in my book. I won't go into how they did that, but they, they, they, uh, they figured out they could save up 100 million by short sheet short sheeting, the steel sheet pilings. Okay. It, the steel that you drive into the ground, a hundred million dollars was saved. Well, when the levees broke, uh, it cost $200 billion, uh, to the American people. You know, the damages, not to mention the loss of life.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([11:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

The Army Corps was saving money. Now, is there anything wrong with trying to save money? No. We all do it every day. We're all looking for sales every day. We're all looking for ways to save money every day. That wasn't the Army Corps's big mistake. The big mistake. They tried to cover it up.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:23](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([11:24](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And, and it's the same as true with Chernobyl. And, and that's, and so yes, we should look carefully whenever we see a disaster. Uh, the most recent disaster was the, uh, what the cause of life of six people was the, um, the bridge in Baltimore.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([11:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

At the most recent disaster. And I'm, I'm, there's no doubt in my mind that very soon it's going to come out, that mistakes were made, um, that the, that the systems designed to prevent this will somehow failed.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([11:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And it's all gonna come out very soon. It's just a matter of time.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know, it's interesting you bring that up because the conversation that I've heard a lot when, when this incident happened with the bridge is that how at this stage in our history, does a bridge where that much cargo comes back and forth, not already have a mechanism in place in which it opens to let that level of size, you know, vessels go by, and it's like, it's almost such an antiquated bridge to have in the water at this stage, knowing what kind of cargo comes and goes through that port. It's just, um, it does call into question a lot of the decisions we make when we send aid to other countries, which I think is great. But you kind of have to take care of home too. It would seem, I mean, you know, when you, what are, what are your thoughts on that?

Sandy Rosenthal ([12:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It seems simple to me what you're saying. I'm also gonna let you listeners in on a little secret. Uh, I am, I, I have close conversations with top engineers, and it turned up that a disaster like this happened only 20 years ago, and the exact same thing happened. And because of that disaster 20 years ago, I can't remember where the, where the bridge was. Um, I'll think of it as soon as this, uh, we, we sign off <laugh>. But, but because of that disaster 20 years ago, um, information went out, you need to do this, this, this, and this with your bridges to make sure that you don't get a similar disaster. And it turned out that the, that the Baltimore Bridge actually had instructions on how to do that. But they never got done.

Corey Andrew Powell ([13:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right.

Sandy Rosenthal ([13:30](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

They never got done. And now, boom, the exact same thing that happened 20 years ago happened again.

Corey Andrew Powell ([13:35](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([13:35](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So it, I I, there you go. Um, why it wasn't done. Not enough people raised the alarm, I suppose.

Corey Andrew Powell ([13:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Yeah. And I mean, and I would argue probably it was because there was a budget involved, there was money involved, and they were, you know, I mean, I don't know for sure, but it just, there's a pattern there when it comes to cutting corners. And then you end up having to pay exponentially more than if you had just paid for it in the first place. Now, with this sort of, um, mission, if you will, of really bucking up against the system, and, you know, really not knowing what's going to happen if you kind of make certain people angry, were there some difficult days where you were like, okay, I need to stop this. Like, I don't think I can go forward anymore. It's becoming more and more difficult, or did you always just push through?

Sandy Rosenthal ([14:25](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

There were many days that I thought to myself, this is much harder than I thought it would be. It's taking longer than I thought it would take. The project is bigger than I thought it was going to be, and I had many, many days like that. I just kept reminding myself that I was one of the lucky ones. Uh, all I had to do was look around me, and immediately I could see someone that lost a loved one or lost a house. Or even if you didn't lose your, your house, you might've lost your job.

Corey Andrew Powell ([14:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([14:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Because your business was flooded.

Corey Andrew Powell ([14:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([14:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Or the people you worked for flooded. So it was not hard for me to be reminded of why I was doing this work. In the beginning, it was the most hard, because it took a long time for to get people on my side. It just so happened that the Army Corps of Engineers in the town of New Orleans is one of the biggest employers.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([15:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, so one of the reasons people were nervous about supporting me is they didn't want to their bosses to be angry at them.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([15:23](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know, it, it, they were watching their pocketbook, so to speak.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([15:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

They, it was a financial reason not to support me. So that made it very difficult for me. There were not many people in New Orleans. Fortunately, I was able to get a lot of support nationwide. Uh, keep, keep in mind that a lot of people that were flooded in New Orleans, unfortunately ended up being displaced.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([15:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And, and were literally, literally all over the country. And many of them were never able to come home, which is very sad to me.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:50](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. And to go back to what you were saying, where the first gentleman you spoke to made the comment about it was all your faults for living there. It's very strange because I hear that a lot when it comes to natural disasters. Like, especially during like tornado season, you hear people make those comments often. And, um, it's, they're, those comments are quite moronic, quite honestly, because people live where they live, and we rely on certain services and government help and protections. We, we hope they'll be there to help us through those situations. But, um, you look at that as almost victim blaming in a way then, would you not?

Sandy Rosenthal ([16:27](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh, the, the, the, the victim blaming was relentless, uh, after, after the flooding. And, and something else that pe that very few people understand is the concept of evacuating.

Corey Andrew Powell ([16:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([16:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, why don't you just evacuate? Oh, just evacuate.

Corey Andrew Powell ([16:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right.

Sandy Rosenthal ([16:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

The, the, the, the first of all, um, for some people, uh, it, it's, it's okay, you, if you've got a car and credit cards and road experience and people you can go visit, sure. Just evacuate. But what if you don't have those things?

Corey Andrew Powell ([16:57](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right.

Sandy Rosenthal ([16:57](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And in the city of New Orleans, about a hundred thousand people didn't have those things.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Uh, also a large number of the people who didn't evacuate are the elderly.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:07](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Books are written on the subject.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

The elderly are stubborn.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

They just are, it is very difficult to get an elderly person out of their apartment or out of their home when you've got a category five storm coming straight for your house.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:25](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Uh, books are written on the subject.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:28](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

But it's our responsibility as their children to get them out of their houses, even if you have to verbal physically carry them.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([17:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So, but again, ev evacuation is totally misunderstood. Uh, there was an, and here's a a great example, I'll, I'll leave you with this. Uh, the city of Houston looked down their nose at us when, um, a hurricane was bearing on Houston. And their, their, their government said, well, we'll show New Orleans how to evacuate. And their evacuation was a massive failure.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([18:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Massive failure. Uh, and, and some of your listeners may remember of a bus filled with, um, nursing, nursing home residents.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh, I remember that.

Sandy Rosenthal ([18:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

That actually, that, that, it's a very sad story, but with a very terrible ending. But ev evacuations are deadly.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([18:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

To a lot of people.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([18:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So, a again, evacuations misunderstood, uh, it's better, it's often better to shelter in place, but you need to be able to rely on those safeguards to protect you.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:31](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([18:32](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

like for the tornadoes, for the forest fires and for hurricanes.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. And you, you mentioned the, you the danger of the evacuation. Many people even decide to evacuate too late, and then they find themselves right in the eye of a storm, or like, then they get trapped in like a burning, you know, forest fire where they have no way out because they didn't even heed the warning and evacuate when they should have. There's all kinds of dynamics at play. But to, but to follow up on what you mentioned about getting support across the country, you did manage to mobilize like 25,000 supporters eventually for your levees.org organization. So, um, how did, did you do that? Did you just one by one reach out to different companies? Or do you have a team, or how'd that come to be?

Sandy Rosenthal ([19:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, that, well, that's a really good question. It's, it started out, uh, with just 200 people the old fashioned way.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:23](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([19:24](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

By emailing people and saying, sign this petition and, and join our website. It, it started out that way. And then, and then one of the major ways we built a very large database is when we pushed for federal legislation for a true independent investigation of those levees. Would you believe there's never been an independent investigation of the levee breaches?

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([19:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You're not gonna believe who was in charge of the investigation, the Army Corps of Engineers <laugh>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:53](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([19:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

At the time. At the time, we, I mean, of course we were, um, we were struggling. We were trying to figure out where are we gonna live? Well, how am my kids gonna go to school? And where am I gonna get a job? So we were so busy dealing with the, the, uh, the catastrophe that we didn't have really have time to rise up and say, excuse me, you've got the Army Corps of Engineers investigating the levee failure.

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([20:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So, so there was never an independent investigation. So my little group of, of, of, uh, of my little nonprofit, we pushed the legislation for that independent investigation.

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([20:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And with that, we got a lot of support nationwide. And that was probably our biggest builder of the big database that we have. It got up to, uh, as high as 20,000 with that. And then with each campaign we did, it grew and grew and grew until it was up to 25,000 total. Many of them were, uh, um, excuse me. Many of them were pe evacuees.

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([20:55](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

That used to live in New Orleans. Okay. Uh, and, and had moved out, but not all of them. But by no means not all of them. We had, we had lots of support from pe even people that didn't live here.

Corey Andrew Powell ([21:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Well, I mean, I would imagine so, because it was so highly televised. I mean, there's no way that you wouldn't have support because the entire country, well, the world, I mean, the world saw it. Yeah. The world. And, and there were moments, I remember harrowing moments, like when Anderson Cooper, that that famous moment, or infamous, if you will, where I think there was a city official, and she was saying how everything's going great. And he was like, I'm standing next to a dead body with a sheet over it. Like that's been there for like three days. Like, that's not going great. I mean, it was something that we had never seen before. And I imagine it was easy to probably get people who had watched that kind of stuff on board to say, we don't want this to happen again. And, uh, someone has to be held responsible. And you were described as like David taking on Goliath. So I mean, if you were to try to advise someone to take on an organization that seemed like a powerful entity, what would you say to them now, knowing what you know?

Sandy Rosenthal ([22:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Sure. Um, one of the things I've learned is that large organizations like the Army Corps of Engineers, or like, um, Conoco or big oil companies, you know, big, big agriculture, you know, big hogs, all these large corporations have gotten so big that they have an arrogance to them. And they, they believe that they're invincible. They, they, they believe that it is not possible for the little guy, you know, a nonprofit like mine to, to make a difference, you know?

Corey Andrew Powell ([22:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative> To matter to them. And that arrogance causes them to make big mistakes. For example, when I caught the Army Corps of Engineers, red-handed harassing me online.

Sandy Rosenthal ([22:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. And I did it again with online, with free, free online tools available to any amateur <laugh>. Okay.

Corey Andrew Powell ([23:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([23:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

They make big mistakes.

Corey Andrew Powell ([23:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([23:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

They always do. And if you just gotta be watching for those mistakes, and when you see that mistake jump on it. Um, it's, it's happened. You know, every every person I've interviewed on my podcast, they all can give you examples of when their, the, the force that they were trying to get to change their ways, made a mistake. They were jumped on it and put that out before the world. Something happened here recently, Entergy, uh, which is a Fortune 500 company, was recently caught, um, stacking a city council meeting with, with actors, with paid actors. And, and they were caught doing this. They, they were caught. And again, it's not illegal in this country to do that, but if you're caught doing it, the embarrassment to Entergy Entergy to this day, if you anyone, Googles Entergy, um, the, the, this incident with this scandal just type in Entergy scandal, this is gonna come right up of the paid actor scandal. So, so that's what I would say that, that the big guys are all, um, highly beatable. And the second most important thing is, I think of 'em as no different from the bully in the fourth grade playground.

Corey Andrew Powell ([24:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yes. Uhhuh. <affirmative>. Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([24:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know, they may be big, but they're not smarter. In fact, you are probably a lot smarter than they are.

Corey Andrew Powell ([24:24](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Yeah. That's so funny. 'cause as you were, as you were saying that, the first thing I was thinking was, it was like bullying. And, you know, typically the bully will come and just sort of be brawn and intimidation. And it would take someone to be a lot more cerebral, thoughtful, and go, okay, how are we gonna counterbalance this? And that's where they go wrong, because they're, they're using intimidation very typically. And in your book words, uh, words whispered in water, which I love a lot of w's there, <laugh>. Um, you mentioned the Freedom of Information Act very prominently as, as something that's important, and maybe Americans should really be more aware of it. So share your thoughts on why that's an important thing for Americans to know about.

Sandy Rosenthal ([25:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Certainly, it's really what the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA is really underutilized tool in my mind. The, we as citizens have the right to request any information we want from the federal government and from local government, state governments as well. It's had a little different name. It's called the, the PPA, the the public records request. Okay. But, but the foyer that's for federal, there's a, it's a, it's remarkable how much information you can get through a FOIA request, and some of it may not be what you asked for.

Corey Andrew Powell ([25:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([25:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And so it'll open up another can of worm that you didn't know about. I, I'll give you a one great example. I wanted to know how many counties in the, in the country live by levees like New Orleans does.

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hmm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([26:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I'd heard a number of 43%. 43. So I requested the data. I said, where are these levies? And when I got my reply back turned up, it wasn't 43, it was 52.

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([26:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

More than 50%. And then, uh, 10 years later when I did a another request, now it's up to 62.

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wow.

Sandy Rosenthal ([26:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So 62%, nearly two thirds of the American public lives in counties protected by levies.

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:28](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([26:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And the reason I was able to get my little pause on that data is because 15 years ago, I filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act, just asking our government, where are these levies now? Where can we find them?

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([26:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You, there, there are, there are certain rules, but the, it's, it's all you have to do is go, um, go online and type in how do I file a request under FOIA? And there it is. Simple, as simple as can be.

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([26:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And there's nothing to be afraid of. There's nothing long, nothing should, nothing should be scary. Not, there's nothing wrong with filing a FOIA.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm.<affirmative>. And how long did that take to, to, for you to get that? I mean, how long, uh, in general, like, I'll say I want to find out something. I go online or whatever, and I file to get it, like, how long before the information is sent to you

Sandy Rosenthal ([27:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

By law? The, the, the whatever entity you're writing to. In my case, it was the Army Corps of Engineers. They're required to acknowledge receipt of your request within two weeks. And they're required to respond in six.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hmm. Okay. That's not that, that's not that bad. I mean, you know, give or take little over a month or so that you get that information.

Sandy Rosenthal ([27:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

But here, here's the secret though, that information's not published online. I just happen to know it.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm.

Sandy Rosenthal ([27:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So I've just shared an important tidbit with your listeners.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:49](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh, I love it. Okay. Yeah, we love a little insight tips there. So if anyone really wants to, uh, make a FOIA request, now, you can, you can expect when you might get that response. This is really amazing information because there's so many people out there who are potentially that next big accidental activist, if you will, and they don't even know where to begin. So I love that, you know, you're sharing that kind of information with us so people can really arm themselves with, with real information and data. And, um, I have two more questions for you.

Sandy Rosenthal ([28:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Sure.

Corey Andrew Powell ([28:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

One is, uh, yes. Looking back on all that you've accomplished and you know, what you've done with this particular thing with New Orleans, is there anything that you would've done differently in your approach? Or do you think, yeah, I I this is exactly how I should have done it? Or do you think.

Sandy Rosenthal ([28:35](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

In the beginning, uh, I often had, um, people disguising their identities, um, telling me, oh, the in the true information will come out, you're gonna find out in time that it was really local officials fault to New Orleans. It's not the Army Corps fault. It'll, the tooth will all come out. You just need to wait. You just need to be patient. And I think I did, wait, I think I did, I did fear that I might be wrong.

Corey Andrew Powell ([29:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Sandy Rosenthal ([29:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And, and, and I, I think I hesitated a little more than I should have. Eventually I began to realize, wait a minute, um, even if I'm wrong, so what, I'm just a, just an Erin Brockovich, you know, <laugh>, I'm, I'm just Sandy Rosenthal. I said, I'm not, uh, an engineer for a living. I'm not an attorney. I'm not making any money. Certainly. And then I realized, you know what? I, I bet you that information's never gonna come out. I'm gonna keep at this. And I did.

Corey Andrew Powell ([29:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Sandy Rosenthal ([29:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

But in the very beginning, I was, I admit I was nervous.

Corey Andrew Powell ([29:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yes. And that is a, a wonderful, uh, closing sentiment from you, Sandy Rosenthal, thank you so much for all you do, activist and author of the groundbreaking book, Words Whispered and Water. We really appreciate you being here today on Motivational Mondays. You rock. Thanks so much.

Sandy Rosenthal ([29:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Thank you so much.

Corey Andrew Powell ([29:56](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/76ycJhC2wFFLfE6cEzQhypxX-k6QLEYF3AKiEqyf17iWSWJt5r3hFJ0AgpJBEpdmBZzU2Iwts6-EpNGESTTWjAZ3aq4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

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