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BREAKING: Today and GMA Are Fools -- Blow Story On FEMA Head Brown Lying Repeatedly On Resume

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It seemed like a slam-dunk. Time magazine did all the investigating: **FEMA head Michael Brown lied REPEATEDLY on his resume.** He did NOT have experience overseeing emergency services for the city of Edmond -- Brown was basically an INTERN and had no oversight of ANYONE. He also lied about being a college professor and garnering a top award for his work as a professor at the lowly Central State University -- Brown was only a STUDENT. Rather bizarrely, Brown also claims that for the past 22 years he has been a director of the nursing home in Edmond called Oklahoma Christian Home. No one there HAS EVER HEARD OF HIM. My God, how much more damning does it get? So I jst watched the stories on the morning talk shows about what I assumed would be the final nail in the coffin for Brown.

So what do "Good Morning America" and "Today" do? They blow it. Diane Sawyer lets the Time reporter who broke the story give out the details. But instead of wrapping up with some natural comment, like "Gee, this raises serious questions about Brown's credibility," Sawyer says, as if the story is nitpicking, well what does all of this really mean anyway? She also quotes FEMA people who say Brown is "disappointed" in Time magazine. I'll bet he is.

The Today Show is FAR worse. Andrea Mitchell (who botches her live intro while stumbling over her own words) files a story that begins with Brown's lies on his resume -- facts that overwhelmingly contradict virtually every portion of his resume and most fundamentally undercut Brown's LONE CLAIM to any disaster relief experience. But Mitchell quickly makes this part of a larger story about who is to blame for the disaster and the response. Why? Why does a story about Brown's NUMEROUS LIES on his resume morph into a story about who is to blame for the incompetent response to Katrina? The White House couldn't have asked for a better clouding of the issue. Brown lies on his resume and "Today" cuts right to Mayor Nagin of New Orleans and criticizes him for not doing a better job. I'm sure he could have done a better job and frankly I could care less if the people of Louisiana throw out both Nagin and Gov. Blanco. But what the hell does that larger, complex story have to do with Brown lying repeatedly on his resume? Nothing. Talk about the blame game.

The capper? The Today Show repeats the lie that the White House is pushing about Gov. Blanco. Gov. Blanco declared a state of emergency on the Saturday before Hurricane Katrina struck. **She sent an official request for government help that very day to President Bush (dated Sunday)** and stated that the

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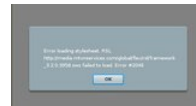
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