



Neo-liberalism affecting vulnerability and risk reduction

Oliver-Smith (for literature reference see original source document) argues that it is the neo-liberal political systems many societies support that are often at odds with risk reduction objectives. He maintains that the public sector has a major role to play in the strategies that reduce risk, but that deregulation, privatization and economic liberalization undermine them. He posits that governments need to pay more attention to the drivers of disasters, to the underlying causes of vulnerability and to prioritise these in policy and planning.

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Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Norms/values](#), [Worldviews](#), [Attitudes toward environmental issues](#)

Disaster Phases: [Prevention](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Non-active citizens](#), [Government](#)

Hazards: [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#), [Man-made intentional hazards](#)

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