

Response of Marygrove's Institute for Detroit Studies to Media Coverage of Detroit's Bankruptcy

There has been a disturbing lack of context in recent coverage of developments in Detroit. Discussion of the installation of the Emergency Manager and the consequent filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy too often has been limited to Detroit's financial management. Comparatively little attention has been paid to the larger social and economic forces responsible for the city's present crisis. This incomplete narrative leaves the mistaken impression that Detroiters—especially African American Detroiters—are responsible for the city's financial collapse.