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Crisis management is the basic function of the government, and post-disaster reconstruction is an important stage to recover the economic and social development of the disaster area. Based on the theory of government capacity, this paper takes the Wenchuan earthquake in 2008 in China and the Hurricane Katrina in 2005 in the United States as examples, trying to explore the behavior of governments at all levels in China and the United States in post-disaster reconstruction and to what extent it plays a role in the recovery of disaster areas. It is found that the "national system" and "counterpart support" plan of China's post-disaster reconstruction gave full play to the positive role of governments at all levels, and the reconstruction was carried out through top-down implementation planning, with high efficiency and good effect. U.S. post-disaster reconstruction relied on market and community forces, and the government played a complementary role. The reconstruction was restored through bottom-up negotiation, which led to lower efficiency and longer recovery time.