

The USA's role in the impoverishment and oppression of Haiti

- The United States of America trumpets its anti-colonial origins (War of Independence 1776-1781) and its belief in freedom.
- While the USA still enslaved its African population, Haitians liberated themselves from French slavery and French rule.
- Instead of respecting Haiti's hard-won freedom, the white world schemed to undermine and destroy it. Germany led the charge before World War 1.
- With Germany out of the way, the USA used power struggles within Haiti's oppressive ruling clique (Showing up a 'frequent' change of government.) as the pretext to invade Haiti in 1915 and to remain in brutal occupation until 1934.
- While occupying Haiti, the US pushed its own racist economic interest. One of its agents wrote a book titled *Canibal Cousins*. US action in Haiti included: subverting Haiti's Constitution; changing the basis of land and property ownership; grabbing for itself the best land in the country; re-introducing forced labour to build the infrastructure needed by US companies; completing the denudation of the country's forests and so contributing directly to the present crisis of eroded topsoil. This and more was enormously beneficial to the USA while impoverishing Haiti and further oppressing Haiti's peasantry.
- Little wonder that some 40,000 mainly peasant Haitian rose in armed struggle against the US occupation. The resistance force - called the *Cacos* - was led by *Charlemagne Peralte* who was murdered and his body displayed publicly.
- The USA strengthened the oppressive local elite.
- Totally opposed to all moves to end oppression in Haiti, the USA and France followed Haiti's army (1991) and again overthrew President Aristide (2004). He was first elected by over 90% of Haiti's people and remains massively popular.
- Haiti is again occupied by Brazilians in UN helmets and – since the earthquake by nearly 20 thousand US troops.
- Suffering increases and the people's resistance grows.



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The Reparations: Haiti First! Haiti Now! Campaign
invites you to a justice for Haiti

DEMONSTRATION

@ The United States Embassy,
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WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 2010, 2-7PM

Demand that the US Government:

- Give Haiti Reparations for its Occupation of Haiti (1915-1934) in line with Italy's agreement with Libya!
- End its current occupation of Haiti, mounted under the pretext of a humanitarian operation!
- Stop its citizens kidnapping Haiti's children!

Haiti is the "poorest country in the Americas" because since it overthrew slavery and won independence (1791-1804) it has been deliberately and systematically pauperised by the United States and France.

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The *Reparation: Haiti First! Haiti Now! Campaign* aims to mobilise African people and all progressives and people of good will in support of two indisputably just demands:

Demand No. 1

Let France give Haiti reparations for the 150,000,000 gold francs extorted from Haiti after 1825, using military threats and illegal blockade. Paid off through a loan at high and compound interest, the money now amounts to over 20 billion \$US. This is a root cause of Haiti's present grinding and oppressive poverty.

Demand No. 2

Let the United States of America pay Haiti reparations for illegally invading and occupying a country whose black people liberated themselves (Haitian revolution 1791 – 1803). The USA must now immediately follow the example of Italy, which has agreed reparations for Libya for its own brutal 20th century occupation of the North African country.

Join the Campaign!

Spread the truth about Haiti. Sign and get others in your places of work, education, worship, in your country of origin to sign and endorse our PETITIONS and MOTIONS. Join in, organise and/or help organise MEETINGS, PICKETS, VIGILS, DEMONSTRATIONS. Use the media and the Web. Tackle your councillors and MPs. Build support for the campaign's demands everywhere.

Post-revolutionary Haiti was a victim of a shamless/ful act of French extortion

- Pre-revolutionary France gained massively from ownership of the Haiti/San Domingo, the greatest slave society of the day.
- Through the great Haitian Revolution (1791-1804) African-Haitians liberated themselves and their country from the evil of French enslavement and rule, becoming independent on 1st January 1804.
- The French (Proud believers in liberty, equality and brotherhood?) immediately demanded that African-Haitians provide reparations for French and other former enslavers in the amount of 150 million French francs backing this up with naval a blockade and finally a threat of military re-occupation.
- In 1825 Haitian President Boyer gave in to growing pressure and agreed to pay the money, while pleading poverty.
- The French quickly got banks, led by Rothchild, to raise a loan. One fifth of the money was retained by the banks as a fee for raising the loan - in addition to enforcing high interest, while compounding this for late payment.
- This dreadful piece of French extortion bankrupted Haiti for almost a century.
- The money had to be extracted from poor Haitians. This led the Euro-Americans to support the class inside Haiti whose role it was to exploit the peasants, to keep part of the spoils and pass on the remainder to the white world. A new 'slavery'.
- Haiti is not poverty stricken now because its black people are freckless and incompetent but precisely because of Euro-American greed and their punishment of Haiti for its people's victory in the great Haitian Revolution.