

Haiti: An Inconvenient History. An Uncomfortable Truth. “Rich Country. Poor People.”

Part II

By [Cameron Brohman](#)

Global Research, November 22, 2022

Region: [Latin America & Caribbean](#)

Theme: [History](#)

In-depth Report: [HAITI](#)

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the Translate Website button below the author's name.

To receive Global Research's Daily Newsletter (selected articles), [click here](#).

Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and subscribe to our [Telegram Channel](#). Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

Read Part I:



[Haiti: An Inconvenient History, an Uncomfortable Truth. “Until Haiti spoke, no Christian nation had abolished slavery”](#)

By [Cameron Brohman](#), October 31, 2022

‘The Root of Haiti’s Misery: Reparations to Enslavers’. The New York Times ran this story in May 2022. The question is why did the paper wait until now, to publish news that happened 75 years ago. Did the newspaper just learn about this? Or, is there another reason for delaying or preventing the publication of this information?

‘God’s justice comes on a donkey.’ The Haitian proverb declares the donkey as the noble beast of peasant culture. The donkey is slow but, like God’s justice, you know it will arrive sooner or later. Haitians are historically patient people. The slow donkey pace of God’s justice is God’s way of giving sinners ample time to repent. What! France, repent?

France, believe it or not, sent Haiti a bill for freeing herself from slavery. France claimed to suffer business losses due to the end of the free labor provided by African slaves. The richest colony in history, Haiti was given an ultimatum, ‘pay billions of dollars to the slave owners for the loss of their slaves and plantations or face total isolation’. The young Haitian nation was unable to pay this in one lump sum. Haiti then entered its second age of slavery.

Having fought a bloody war of liberation with France, Haiti now became a debt slave to French and American Banks. The French Government calculated the losses to French slave owners at around \$20b, in today's dollars. The 20 billion in debt payments were collected by French warships. Haiti, was blockaded and prevented from trading with other nations. Forced to drain its treasury every year to pay France, Haiti was preordained to poverty. The final payment of this odious debt was made in 1947 ending some 150 years of debt slavery.

Until now, this information is never included in the Haiti story. 'The Debt', as it was called by five generations of Haitian families, was the cause of deep deprivation from education to healthcare. Haiti is an impoverished nation because of this financial slavery. Every Haitian knows this. But, wait, we in the G-20 rich nations are just now, being told? The strategic withholding of information is also known as lies of omission; omitting to tell someone the whole truth of any situation. Reparations are usually demanded by the actual victims of slavery, like the Jews in German labor camps or the African-Americans for the forced labor of their enslaved ancestors. That former slaves were forced to pay reparations to slave owners is a French version of right and wrong. Had we known of this injustice over the past 75 years our opinion of both Haiti and France would be very different. We learn from this that Haiti pays its debts, on time, has great integrity and is morally superior to France. The Western media mantra is that Haiti's hopeless poverty is due to its own over reproducing, devil worshipping black citizens. After all this time is the Haitian narrative being altered from failed Voodoo nation to a victim of the racist Mammonite debt system? Why now? What else has been kept secret? Who benefits from these secrets?

'Oil in Haiti.' by Dr. Georges Michel in 2004, documents the history of the deliberate concealment of enormous reserves of oil and gas in Haiti. Then in January 2010, at the time of the Haitian earthquake, Global Research published two definitive articles, 'Oil in Haiti' by Marguerite Laurent and F. William Engdahl's, 'The Fateful Geologic Prize Called Haiti'. Numerous sources confirm that the American Government has known about Haiti's oil for most of the 20th century. The oil deposits were then declared as strategic reserves under U.S. control and to be left in the ground until the 21st century when global oil would be in decline. What other secrets does Haiti hold?

Iridium, the second rarest mineral on earth is three times the price of gold. Haiti has huge deposits of Iridium. It's been estimated that Haiti could be a top global supplier of iridium to the exploding demand from hi-tech industries for this rare earth mineral. Haiti has gold, bauxite, uranium and other resources that could have, by now, transformed the lives of generations of Haitians. In 2002, President Aristide published a report of Haiti's mineral wealth. The report declared the minerals to be the sovereign wealth of the state of Haiti and would be invested in Haiti for the benefit of her citizens. The Aristide Government had also served the Government of France notice of a case being brought into international court for repayment of the 'odious debt' paid to France for the liberation of Haitian slaves. Aristide was removed from office a few months after the report was made public and the court case brought against France. The truth of Haitian history and wealth had, at last, escaped Washington's strategic secrecy. Now Haitians know that Haiti is a rich country full of poor people. They know they've been lied to, who the liars are and now Haitians know what has to be done.

'God's pencil has no eraser.' This popular Haitian proverb expresses the longevity of truth. History is being rewritten to reveal that when America had the information and know-

how to raise Haiti up Uncle Sam chose to say nothing. Strategic secrecy trumps suffering humanity. Haiti fights yet another battle in a long war with an Empire of Lies. But lies are eventually exposed by truth. This is happening. Now what?

“We don’t need Canada, France and the U.S. who have already stolen from Haiti. All we need is Russia and China to help us exploit our wealth.” The young Haitian man who says this is one of tens of thousands of protesters in front of the Canadian Embassy in Haiti. He is waving a large Russian flag, one of many in the massive protest. Three men have their shirtless torsos painted in the tricolor flag of the Russian Federation. The President of Russia, Vladimir Putin in a speech last week referred to the Russian flag being waved in some Latin America nations. The news reports coming out of Haiti show political violence escalating. This is blamed on gangs. One individual gang leader nicknamed ‘Barbecue’ has been named by western media as the psychopathic mass killer who must be brought to justice. At the Francophone Summit, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada will lead a military intervention in Haiti to stabilize the country.

Are events in Haiti exactly as described by Western media reports. Who is the real ‘Barbecue’? Is he just another poor thug who will be hunted down and dispatched by the morally superior foreign troops. Will the script play out as planned? Does the information have gaps?

‘Another Vision: Inside Haiti’s Uprising’ is looking into these questions. This ongoing series of videos from Haiti Liberte shows another side to the story. The figure known as Barbecue was a former officer in the Haitian National Police for fourteen years before being fired. He reinvented himself as a security guard for hire and became involved in the bloody gang wars of Port au Prince slums. Kill or be killed. But the story changes dramatically. Barbecue’s real name is Jimmy Cherizier and in these three hours of videos a very different man emerges than the murderous thug in Western media. Cherizier is a charismatic, articulate political leader who has had a genuine epiphany. Haitian oligarchs own the gangs. They arm and pay them to kill, kidnap for money, destroy rivals and above all, maintain a situation of Haitians killing each other. But Cherizier has blown the whistle on this cancerous evil and created an alliance of gangs called Revolutionary Force G-9 who have united to bring an end to this ‘system’ that holds Haiti hostage. G-9 has the support of Haiti’s impoverished millions and is heavily armed.

Is this why he is the target of the Canadian/American/French military solution to ‘stabilise’ Haiti? Are we eliminating yet another legitimate actor in a complex paradigm. Aristide was removed from office and exiled to Africa for daring to declare that the Divinely ordained mineral wealth on Haitian territory would be invested in the Haitian people for the benefit of future generations.

Is Jimmy Cherizier’s ‘Another Vision’ of Haiti, a new Aristide, this time around, with heavy weapons?

‘Even in hell you can find a good friend.’ Haitian proverb.

*

Note to readers: Please click the share buttons above. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

Cameron Brohman has managed economic development projects in Haiti and other developing countries for forty years. His decades living and working in Haiti encompass the fall of the Duvalier regime through the 2010 earthquake and recovery.

The original source of this article is Global Research
Copyright © [Cameron Brohman](#), Global Research, 2022

[**Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page**](#)

[**Become a Member of Global Research**](#)

Articles by: [Cameron
Brohman](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca
www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.
For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca