

For over 200 years, the Haitian people have fought for the right to govern their own country. They fought against slavery, they fought against corrupt dictatorships, and they fought against foreign meddling.

Now, once again, Haitians are forced to continue their struggle. Canadians can help, by lending their support to organizations that are seeking to expose and end the Canadian government's interference with democracy in Haiti.

Here are some of the things we're calling for..

- An independent investigation of Canada's role in Haiti since the election of Aristide in 2000.
- Withdrawal of Canadian police and military political advisory forces from Haiti under terms set by the Haitian government.
- Provisions for "no strings attached" aid that goes directly to the elected government of Haiti and an end to the practice of subverting funds to suspect "civil society" organizations and donor-directed initiatives.
- Cancellation of Haiti's 1.3 billion dollar debt.
- Payment of reparations for the significant damage done to Haiti's economic, political and social infrastructure.
- The release of all political and illegally held prisoners.

Become Involved!

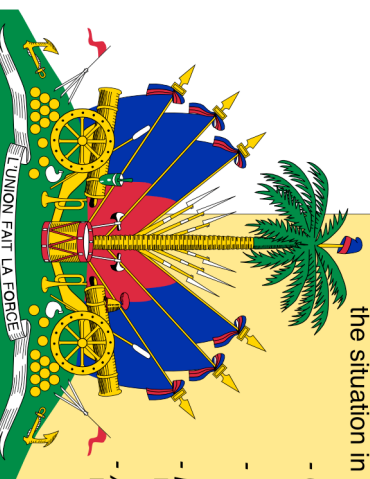
- Keep track of our upcoming events at: <http://www.thac.ca/>
- Pick up a copy of some of the key books on the situation in Haiti:

- *Canada In Haiti*
by Yves Engler and Anthony Fenton

- *The Uses of Haiti*
by Paul Farmer

- *Damming the Flood*
by Peter Hallward

- *An Unbroken Agony*
by Randall Robinson

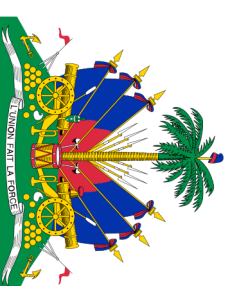


Toronto Haiti Action Committee

The Toronto Haiti Action Committee (THAC) is the Toronto chapter of the Canada Haiti Action Network, a grassroots group of activists based in most provinces across Canada.

We are united by a determination to raise awareness of what is actually happening in Haiti, and the real effects of the Government of Canada's support for the February 29, 2004 coup d'etat that overthrew Haiti's democratically-elected government.

We work in solidarity with long-established Haiti activist organizations such as the Haiti Action Committee (based in San Francisco), the Let Haiti Live coalition, and the Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network.



Over the last few years, Canadians have been watching the news reports about the US involvement in Iraq, and it's become more and more clear that the US invasion was motivated by some unethical -- perhaps even criminal -- foreign policy decisions.

It may, therefore, be shocking to many Canadians to know that the Canadian government's involvement in Haiti is as unscrupulous as the US invasion of Iraq. In their book, *Canada in Haiti*, Fenton and Engler write:

Many are willing to march in the streets to criticize the U.S. over Iraq but have been unwilling to denounce our own government's substantial role in deposing the elected president of the hemisphere's poorest country. Knowledge about the situation in Haiti, particularly the significance of Canada's role, continues to be minimal.