

# WHO REALLY GAVE US THE STATUE OF LIBERTY?



It was the blood and sweat of Haitian slaves in France's richest and most brutal colony that provided the foundation of wealth for the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower and much more. After Haiti became the first slave nation to break its chains, it was reenslaved through massive debt imposed by Western powers through extortion and by funding corrupt dictators who used loan funds to repress the poor and stole the rest. And when Haiti achieved independent democratic governments, they were overthrown by U.S. supported coups. *Haiti is not the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere through any fault of its people.* It does not deserve to be the dumping ground for subsidized goods that destroy local production, nor should "structural adjustments" requiring privatization of public services be imposed as conditions for debt relief.

**Break the chains of Haiti's debt\* now by urging your Congressperson to support Maxine Waters' resolution (H.Res.888) for its immediate unconditional cancellation.**

\* Currently \$1.4 billion, it's less than we spend each week killing Iraqis.

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