

HOW THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERMINED HAITIAN DEMOCRACY AND STABILITY, 1990-2006

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The United States of America (U.S.) and the Caribbean Island of Haiti have had a very long and turbulent history. At nearly every point during their two-hundred year relationship, the U.S. has attempted to destabilize Haitian development and sovereignty. This research project focuses on the current era of U.S Haitian relations ranging from 1990-2006. The project investigates how the U.S. has undermined Haitian democracy through numerous actions including: supporting terrorist groups, funding non democratically elected governments and through the irresponsible sale of arms to Haiti. The research project was conducted using an Afrocentric method, which allows the researcher to put the events into the perspective of those most affected by them: the Haitian people themselves. The research project is significant due to its investigation of how U.S. foreign policy undermines developing countries sovereignty and their democratic process.