

# Haiti...

## *The International Community's Dictatorship*

A presentation by

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As the November 20 national elections approach, Haiti's Interim Government are determined to keep their power by any means possible, including disenfranchisement and even violence. Why do the UN and the international community continue to support a repressive regime, and how does that support affect the legitimacy of their international peacekeeping operations?

**Mario Joseph**, Haiti's most prominent human rights lawyer, leads the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The BAI represents political prisoners as well as victims of police abuse and their families and helps investigate and document human rights violations.



**Brian Concannon Jr.**, human rights lawyer and activist, directs the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti, which promotes human rights in Haiti by litigating cases in Haitian, U.S., and international courts, documenting human rights violations, and working with activists in Haiti and throughout the world.

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“Haiti is in the midst of a comprehensive program of electoral cleansing. Its ballots are being cleansed of political dissidents, its voting rolls cleansed of the urban and rural poor. The streets are being cleansed of anti-government political activity. The persecution and disenfranchisement of political opponents is being conducted openly, notoriously and under the eyes of the international community. The persecution is not the result of a government unable assure adequate security, but of a deliberate and multifaceted campaign against opponents by Haiti's Interim Government. This government's primary benefactor is the American taxpayer.” - Brian Concannon