



Rwanda: Background Information

**Rwanda is a tiny country. You
could fit 7 Rwandas inside
Oklahoma.**



In Rwanda,
over 95%
of people
are
ethnically
Hutu or
Tutsi

In April 1994, Hutus in Rwanda began killing Tutsi men, women, & children. This lasted 3 months.



By the end of the murders, almost one million Tutsis (and Hutus who were viewed as “soft” on Tutsis) were dead. Three-fourths of the Tutsis in Rwanda were dead.



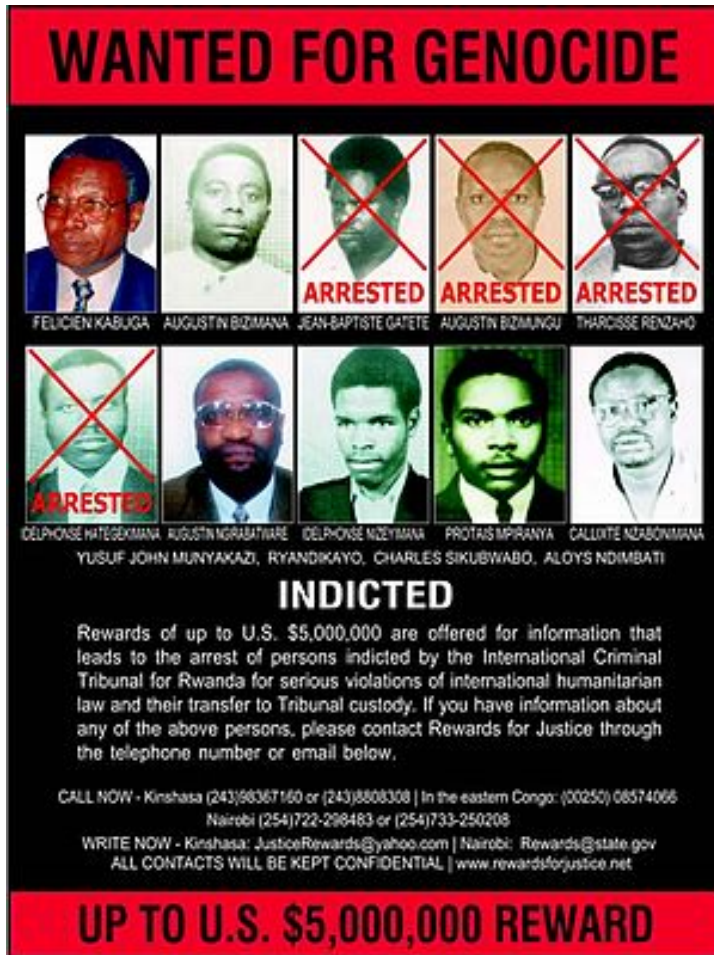
Imagine the entire population of Oklahoma City or Tulsa being slaughtered over a period of three months – not by bombs or machine guns but by garden tools, kitchen knives, and machetes.



Why?
How?
Whose fault?



Genocide: the
planned
extermination
of an entire
nation, race, or
ethnic group.



- 22 executed by Rwanda government
- 92 charged in International Criminal Court
 - ◆ 33 in prison now
 - ◆ 11 completed prison time
 - ◆ 17 appealing conviction
- thousands convicted through community courts

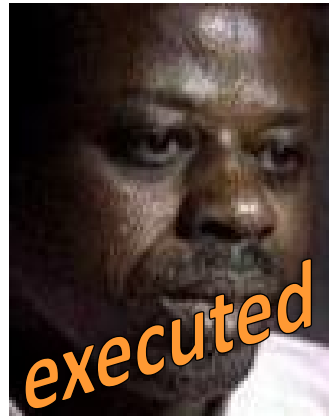


Over 100,000 Hutus were arrested for helping murder people.

Over 100,000 Hutus were arrested for taking part in the genocide. Trials for that many people take too long. Most have been released. But leaders were **not** released.



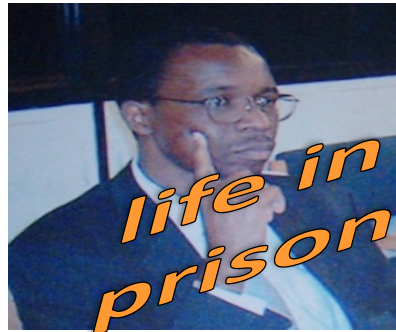
3 life sentences



executed



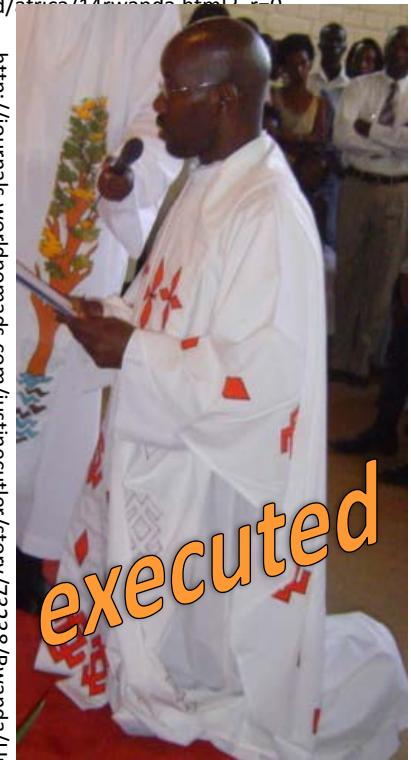
35 years



life in prison



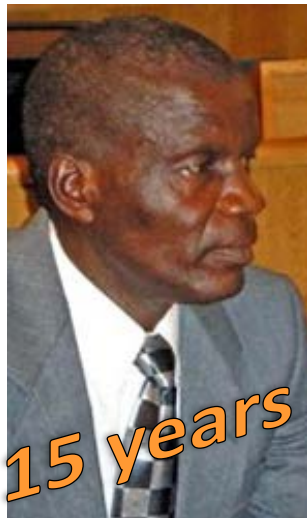
25 years



executed



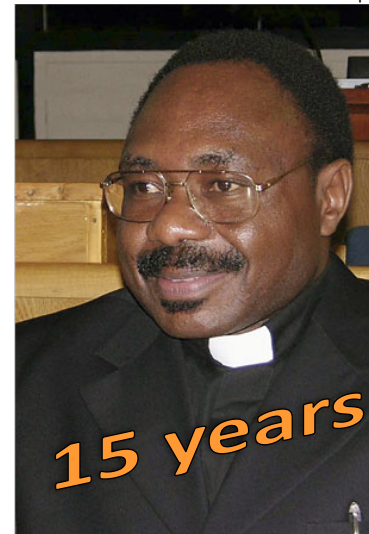
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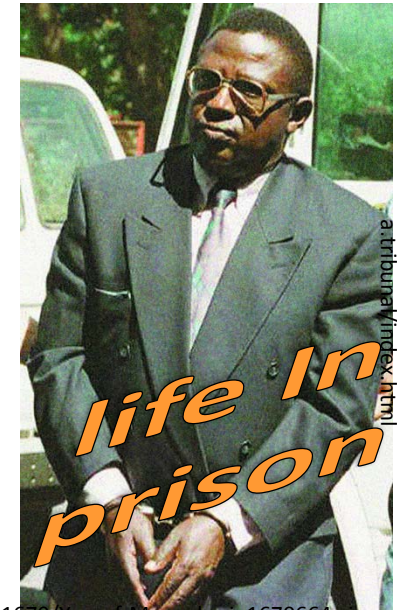
15 years



30 years



15 years



life in prison



The
International
Criminal
Court has
charged 92
people.
But 92 people
can't murder
1,000,000
people.

So who is to blame?

Your assignment:



- Find out what groups were involved in the genocide.
- Decide what group bears the most blame.
- Back up your choice with evidence!

1

6

4

Decision Time

2

5

3

Decision Time

So who was mainly to blame?

- the Belgian colonizers from Europe?
- the Hutu leaders?
- the Tutsi refugees?
- the Rwanda media?
- regular Hutus?
- the United Nations & powerful countries?

By yourself,
rank these groups
from **1 to 6**.

1 = the **most** blame

6 = the **least** blame



Belgian
colonizers



Tutsi refugee
fighters



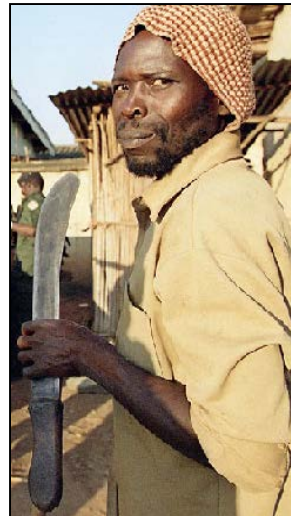
Rwanda
media



Hutu
leaders



Regular
Hutus



United Nations /
powerful countries



posting their team's decision



Janet Hall, Oct. 2012

teams' decisions



final decision

