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Statement on the Inhumane Treatment of the Haitians at the Texas Border

The CUNY Haitian Studies Institute at Brooklyn College condemns the inhumane treatment of the Haitians at the Texas border. We demand that the Biden Administration immediately stops the deportations, treats the Haitian men, women, and children seeking refuge with dignity, and grants them humanitarian parole and an opportunity to apply for asylum. The Haitians at the border are seeking refuge away from Haiti, a country that has been devastated by recent political unrest and natural disasters.

Once the source of wealth for colonial powers like Spain and France, and deemed the most profitable colony in the Americas, Haiti is today often labeled as the “poorest country in the Western Hemisphere”. Multiple factors have contributed to making Haiti socially, politically, and economically unlivable for most Haitians.

Historically, Haiti and Haitians have been, and continue to be abused and pillaged by colonial and neo-colonial powers. Thus, Haitians alone did not create Haiti’s precarious conditions. These conditions have forced Haitians to risk their lives in search of better opportunities.

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