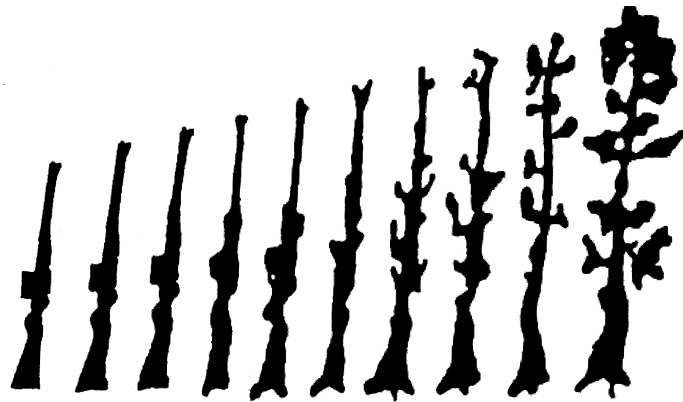
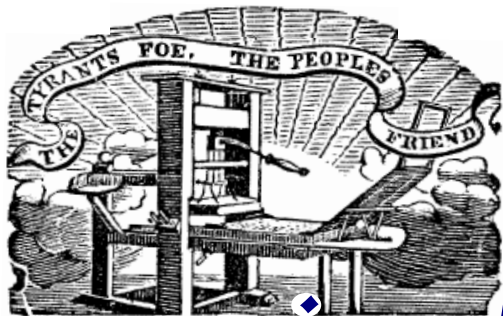


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## CIDA's Key Role in Haiti's 2004 Coup d'État: *Funding Regime Change, Dictatorship and Human Rights Atrocities, one Haitian "NGO" at a Time*



Over the past few years, hundreds of thousands of Haitians have rallied to support their duly-elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The country's impoverished masses have successfully elected Aristide and his Lavalas Party in two landslide victories but, on both occasions, violent coups have overthrown Haiti's democracy. The 2004 coup was orchestrated by the U.S., Canadian and French governments which worked in close partnership with Haiti's wealthy elite. Together they installed a brutal dictatorship whose reign of terror killed thousands of Aristide's pro-democracy supporters. This issue of *Press for Conversion!* documents how the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) aided and abetted that coup, supported the illegal regime and then covered up widespread, human rights atrocities.

*Photo:* On Sept. 30, 2006, many thousands marched to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the 1991 coup. The rally was led by the Sept. 30th Foundation, whose leader—Lovinsky Pierre-Antoine—disappeared on August 12, 2007.