

- With his dream of white power and Anglo-Saxon supremacy, Rhodes was responsible for the slaughter and displacement of the Africans of Southern Africa. He introduced machine guns for mercenary forces and settlers from England who would slaughter up to 5000 Chokwe resistance fighters in Zimbabwe in a single afternoon.



- De Beers, now owned by the Oppenheimer family, is responsible for setting up the apartheid system in South Africa which facilitated the brutal extraction of African labor and resources. Historically and today African diamond workers labor in brutal conditions, are forcibly separated from their families, forced to live in barracks with very little food.
- In today's South Africa, the neocolonial regimes of Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress have increased the poverty and oppression of African people while at the same time providing greater wealth and power for the white settler population. Today most of the South African population lives in shantytowns where three fourths of the people live near starvation on about \$42 a month.



Diamond worker in S. Africa



Nelson Mandela and Nicky Oppenheimer

Why are ALL diamonds blood diamonds?



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- Africa's land and resources belong to African people, not to colonizers and Western imperial interests that for more than 500 years have raped and exploited Africa to bring wealth to the U.S. and Europe.



- Conditions imposed on African diamond workers by the "legitimate" diamond industry are as brutal as those under the imperialist-backed wars in Sierra Leone and Liberia whose diamonds are called "blood" or "conflict" diamonds.



Diamond workers in Sierra Leone

- The De Beers diamond cartel controls the world diamond market through manufactured scarcity setting prices artificially high. The price of allegedly "clean" diamonds in other parts of the world is based only on the brutal exploitation of diamond workers in Africa.



De Beers executives

- Diamond workers in West Africa make 30 cents and a cup of rice a day while the wealth of the multi-billion dollar diamond industry contributes to the vast wealth of the U.S., Europe and Israel.
- Full time diamond workers in Sierra Leone cannot afford to keep their children alive. Twenty-eight percent of Sierra Leone's children die before the age of five.



- African people in the diamond-rich regions should be free, prosperous, healthy and in control of their own lives and resources, yet the majority of the population subsists on less than a dollar a day. There is no infrastructure for roads, electricity, education or water purification in much of West Africa. Martial law and military repression prevail under the regimes of U.S. backed neocolonial puppet governments.
- The De Beers diamond cartel, worth billions of dollars, was founded by Cecil Rhodes, the British imperialist who colonized Southern Africa in the 19th century, enslaving African people on their own continent and stealing Africa's vast land and resources for the benefit of Europe and North America.