

Open Letter to Megyn Kelly by Marc-Arthur Mercurieu

Ms. Kelly,

Before you open your mouth about Haiti and Haitians, perhaps you should open a history book.

Let us remind you of a few things your education apparently skipped.

Haitian soldiers, the Chasseurs-Volontaires de Saint-Domingue, fought and bled on American soil at the Siege of Savannah in 1779, helping secure Georgia for a nation that hadn't even fully become one yet. Over 500 Black Haitian men fought for your freedom before Haiti had its own. You're welcome.

Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable, a man of Haitian origin, built the settlement that became Chicago, the third largest city in the United States. Every skyscraper downtown stands on a foundation a Haitian man laid. Remember that.

Pierre Toussaint, a Haitian-born man who arrived in New York as an enslaved person, became one of the most generous philanthropists in the city's early history. He financed the construction of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral on Mulberry Street in Manhattan. He funded orphanages. He housed the homeless. He cared for the sick during yellow fever epidemics when others fled. The Catholic Church has opened his cause for sainthood, because even Rome recognized what America refuses to acknowledge. A Haitian man helped build the spiritual and social foundation of New York City. His remains rest beneath that very cathedral today.

Du Sable built Chicago. Pierre Toussaint built New York's conscience. Haitian soldiers defended Georgia. That is three pillars of American civilization touched by Haitian hands, before Haiti ever asked America for a single thing.

The Haitians living in the United States today work. They pay taxes. They contribute to this economy with their hands, their minds, and their dignity, often receiving contempt in return. Look at Springfield, Ohio. The Haitian community there did not arrive to take. They arrived to rebuild. They are among the most courageous individuals in that state, people who saw a struggling city and chose to invest their labor, their families, and their futures into resurrecting it.

Springfield breathes today in part because Haitians chose to call it home. They are the sons and daughters of Ohio, as much as anyone born there. One incident, one isolated moment, does not define an entire people. You do not judge all of America by its worst days. Do not dare judge Haiti's children by theirs.

Now, since you want to talk about where people come from, let's talk.

Why did your family leave Europe?

Did you or your ancestors adopt the culture of the Native Americans whose land you now call home? Or did you simply take it?

The audacity of descendants of settlers lecturing anyone about belonging is breathtaking.

And if Haiti is in the condition it is today, let's be honest about why. In 1914, United States Marines marched into Port-au-Prince and removed the gold reserves from Haiti's national bank, stealing the financial foundation of a sovereign nation. Your government then forced Haiti's congress to accept a constitution that handed control of its land and resources to foreign interests. Since that moment, Haiti has been bled, systematically, deliberately, repeatedly.

Every time Haiti has tried to stand, a hand from Washington has pushed it back down, through puppet governments, embargoes, occupations, and today, through the deliberate arming of gangs that terrorize the population and manufacture the very chaos used to justify further interference.

Haiti is not poor because Haitians are incapable. Haiti is poor because it has been kept poor, by design.

So yes. Many of us will go home. We love Haiti. We have never stopped. But before you speak about our return, speak to your government about leaving us alone.

Stop sending weapons!

Stop engineering instability!

Stop sending "aid" that poisons, exploits, and creates dependency!

And keep your predators away from our children.

Haiti has suffered enough from those who arrived claiming to help.

We do not need your charity. We do not need your pity. We do not need your commentary.

We have a culture thousands of years in the making. We have a revolution that shook the entire world. We have a pride that no amount of degradation has ever managed to extinguish.

The first Black nation to free itself from slavery doesn't need a lecture from you.

With clarity and without apology,

The Haitian Diaspora

(See [Marc-Arthur Mercurieu's comments in response to Reverend Al Sharpton's Facebook](#) page on 27 June 2026)