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Grenada Truth Commission

Abstract

Notes on discussions of history, as well as a list of coding themes and references to history in the Grenada Truth Commission.

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Researcher Notes

Report details:

- Published 28 March 2006
- pdf is 305 pages
- according to NVivo's text search, the word history (using stems) is referenced 113 times, representing 0.28% coverage
- after deleting references from the bibliography, notes or headers, there are **43 broad references** to history in the content of the report
- has a section summarizing the historical period under review

History is referenced in the following ways:

- need to uncover the true history for reconciliation to take place
- there is an unknown true history of the country
- the idea that the past is something to be forgotten and that the people do not want to revisit the past
- violence of the past
- legacy of violence on the community
- details about the revolution (e.g., people and parties involved, violence, etc.)
- there is a need to update education curriculums to address the past
- youth and those who were abroad during the revolution do not know and do not want to know the past
- we need to close this chapter in the history of the country
- Grenada records are not where they should be - i.e., in the UK and Europe
- Need monuments and commemorations that better represent this past
- Commission wants to document the past
- references to the US civil rights movement
- this is the first time that the country is trying to reclaim and address its past

History and truth are discussed in the following ways:

- commission argues that the people do not know the true history
- there is a need to reveal the truth of events in order to reconcile and heal the nation
 - but not everyone wants to talk about the past

*References of history and truth appear under the highlighted coding theme/section **True and Accurate** starting on page 31

Links to Data Visualization

This section contains links to all data visualization for the Grenada report.

Word Frequency Cloud

- [word frequency cloud](#)
- [excel sheet of word frequency cloud findings](#)

Word Trees

- [history](#)
- [women](#)
- [children](#)
- [youth](#)
- [forgive](#)
- [victim](#)
- [truth](#)
- [reconciliation](#)
- [land](#)

*NVivo software can only edit word trees by changing the central search term and branch sizes. Word trees includes references from bibliography, headers, and notes that cannot be edited out using NVivo software. Researchers will need to manually remove unsightly branches using editing software (e.g., paint, photoshop, etc.)

History Hierarchy Coding Chart

- [history hierarchy coding chart](#)
- [excel sheet of history hierarchy coding chart results](#)

History Coding for the Grenada Report

The following chart breakdowns the child nodes used for coding history references based on themes and discussions surrounding history in the Grenada report.

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True or Accurate	References or discussions of true, genuine, accurate, or missing history
Violence	References or discussions of violence, violent acts, etc. connected to history or past events

History References

This section contains all references to history from the Grenada report.

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event. Indeed it was the most high profile trial in the history of the English speaking Caribbean. On trial were former leaders of a government, including a deputy Prime Minister; they stood in the dock charged with killing other members of the former government, including the Prime Minister. The background against which the alleged murders took place elevated the profile of the trial.

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understand how one or two differences among comrades who were always so united, who experienced so much adversities together, could rapidly lead to such an enormous Tragedy in one week! Why? . . and how could Maurice lead a mob of people to overrun and seize the Army's HQ? This isn't done anywhere in the World. [In the entire history of our Party's struggle against the Gairy Dictatorship, never once did we ever encourage the people to march on even a

small police station, in an outlying rural area, much less. the Army H.Q. Many persons left the demonstration on October 19, when they realised that it had been diverted from the route to the Market Square and was heading to Fort Rupert.]

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October 1983: The Missing Link 'So with this history, on the night of October 14,

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Reference 22 - 0.01% Coverage

crisis which provoked the greatest tragedy in the history of the Caribbean, and paved the way for the defeat of the Grenada Revolution.

Reference 23 - 0.01% Coverage

The Commission, in addressing this 15-year period in our Nation's political history · mandated to deal with the following:

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The key word here, ladies and gentlemen, is "healed". With healing comes peace Our history, as you know, is our own. We cannot change it, nor can we continue

Reference 25 - 0.01% Coverage

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Commission, as we enter the twenty-first century, is very timely indeed. We cannot leave the unanswered questions of the last century in limbo. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has the potential to close this chapter in the Grenadian history book with an acceptable degree of certainty, provided you -the people of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique -come forward and speak the truth without fear or favour. In other words, the success of the exercise depends solely on you. Government is

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'You know, Bemard only thinks of one thing, and that is the revolution. His mind is so much on the problems of the economy that he dqesn't keep or tile anything. I'm trying t6 get the comrades to hold on to important things so we can keep them, otheJWise In a few years time we71 have nothing to build our history with. You know Bernard ent even have one single copy of his own book from the days in London ?I keep itfor us; like I try to keep safe all our things.'

Reference 31 - 0.02% Coverage

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He pointed out that the concept of joint leadership does not bother him because of the history of the struggle, especially from the 1973 merger which gave rise to NJM. He said that all any community-

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have their own conception and perception that may not necessarily be like ours, who study the science. Our history shows that

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Public

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Recommendations

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