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Stronger Institutions in Haiti: Can transparency and accountability make a difference in Haiti?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Corruption! Embezzlement! Poverty! The Senate’s report on Petro Caribe provides a glimpse into the depth of the culture of corruption that seems to have characterized Haiti’s governance for the past ten years. This is a crucial time for Haitians to begin a serious dialogue about the role that transparency and accountability can play in strengthening their public institutions.

“In a Kingdom Where Corruption is King, Poverty is the Uncontested Queen.”
Prosper Charles, PhD

A month before the Senate’s report came out, 1804 Institute had concluded a quantitative study that evaluated the perceptions of Haitians regarding the impact of transparency and accountability on their institutions. The findings of this study are even more relevant today following the publication of the Senate’s report as the country is looking for ways to move forward. This review is available at www.1804institute.org.

Caution: *This is a study of perceptions in time. Some answers may be different if investigated today.*

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