

Document 12.2. The Hutu Ten Commandments, 1990

1. Every Muhutu [singular of Hutu] should know that a Mututsi woman, wherever she is, works for the interest of her Tutsi ethnic group. As a result, we shall consider a traitor any Muhutu who:
 - marries a Tutsi woman;
 - befriends a Tutsi woman;
 - employs a Tutsi woman as a secretary or a concubine
2. Every Muhutu should know that our Hutu daughters are more suitable and conscientious in their role as woman, wife and mother of the family. Are they not beautiful, good secretaries and more honest?
3. Bahutu [plural of Hutu] women, be vigilant and try to bring your husbands, brothers and sons back to reason.
4. Every Muhutu should know that every Mutusi is dishonest in business. His only aim is the supremacy of his ethnic group. As a result, any Muhutu who does the following is a traitor:
 - makes a partnership with Batutsi in business;
 - invests his money or the government's money in a Tutsi enterprise;
 - lends or borrows money from a Mutusi;
 - gives favours to a Batutsi in business (obtaining import licenses, bank loans, construction sites, public markets . . .).
5. All strategic positions, political, administrative, economic, military and security should be entrusted to Bahutu.
6. The education sector (school pupils, students, teachers) must be majority Hutu.
7. The Rwandese Armed Forces should be exclusively Hutu. The experience of the October [1990] war has taught us a lesson. No member of the military shall marry a Tutsi.
8. The Bahutu should stop having mercy on the Batutsi.
9. The Bahutu, wherever they are, must have unity and solidarity, and be concerned with the fate of their Hutu brothers.
 - The Bahutu inside and outside Rwanda must constantly look for friends and allies for the Hutu cause, starting with their Bantu brothers;
 - They must constantly counteract the Tutsi propaganda;
 - The Bahutu must be firm and vigilant against their common Tutsi enemy.
10. The Social Revolution of 1959, the Referendum of 1961, and the Hutu ideology, must be taught to every Muhutu at every level. Every Hutu must spread this ideology widely. Any Muhutu who persecutes his brother Muhutu for having read, spread and taught this ideology, is a traitor.

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