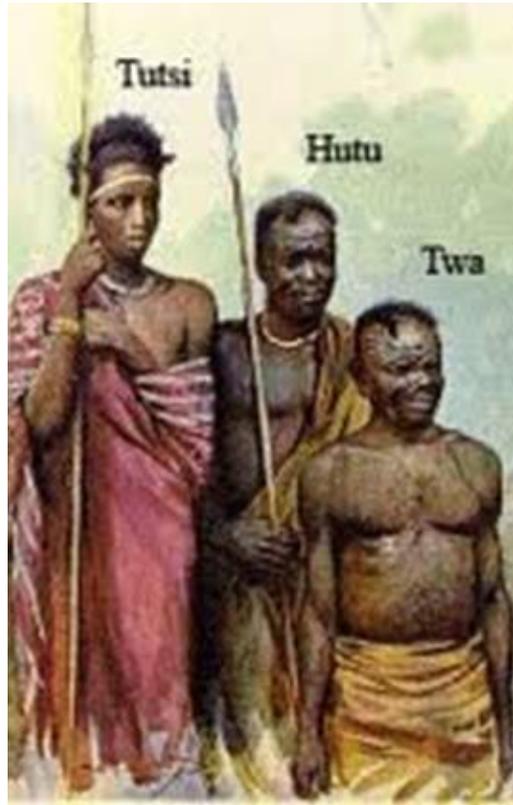


Rwanda Genocide

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The Background



- Hutu: 85-90%
- Tutsi: 10-14%
- Twa: 1-2%

- **“Tutsi” were originally the Rwandans who had the most wealth (cattle).**
 - **Considered to be taller, with longer noses (*more European*).**

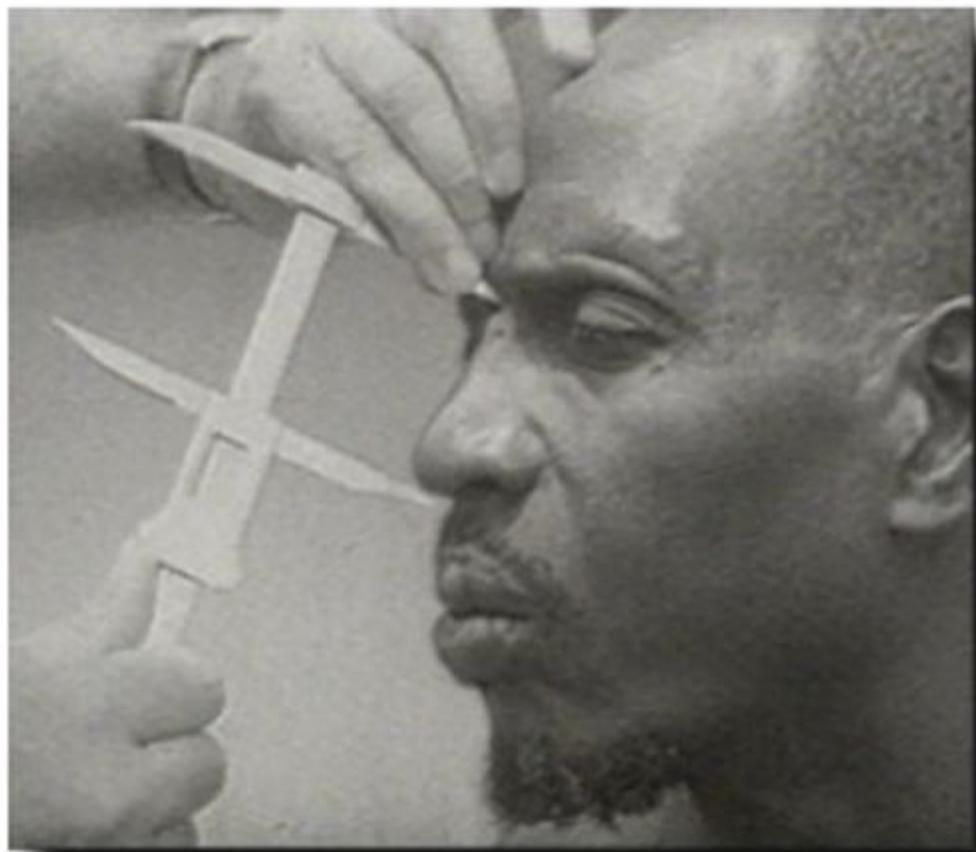
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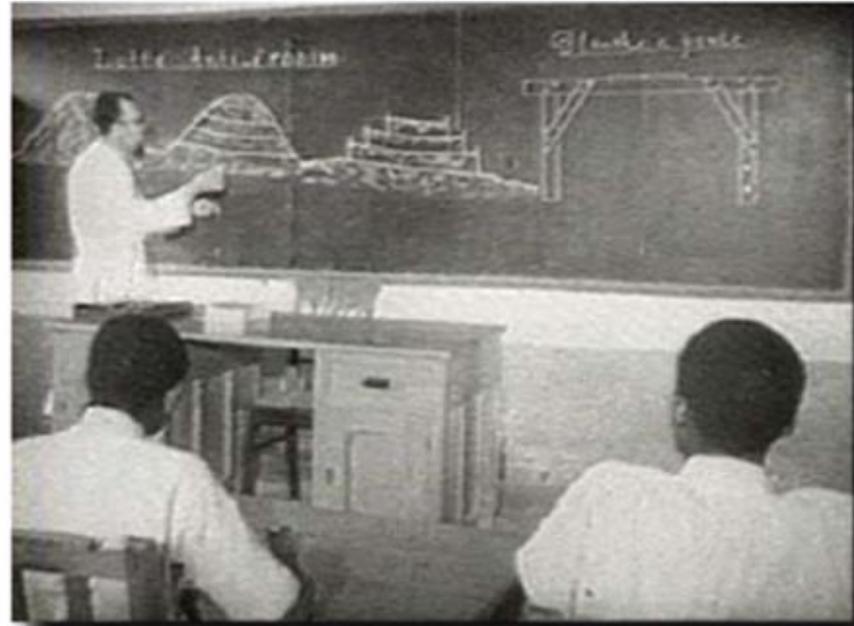
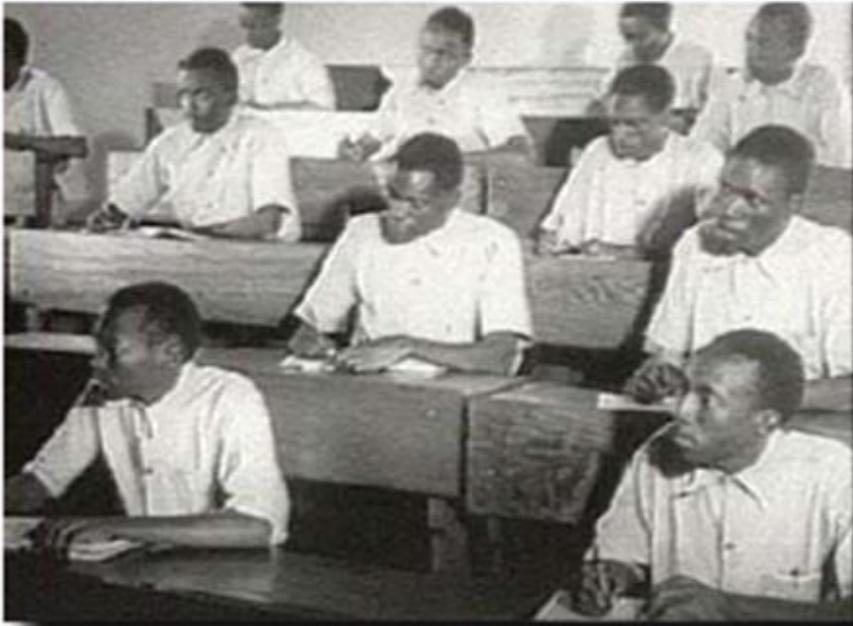
- Colonized by the Germans after the Berlin Conference.
 - Taken by the Belgians after WWI (1918)
- Hutus-majority (85-90%)
- Tutsis-minority (10-15%)
- They speak the same language.
- **There is no genetic difference.**
 - **The Belgians create this “race” difference**

The Background

- Germans and Belgians used the Tutsi to rule over the Hutu.
- **Before colonization, these were social labels, not racial labels.**
- The Belgians labeled people as Tutsi or Hutu:
 - Height, facial features, eye color, build
 - If they couldn't tell-- more than 10 cows makes you a Tutsi.
 - **Gave the Tutsi power, education**



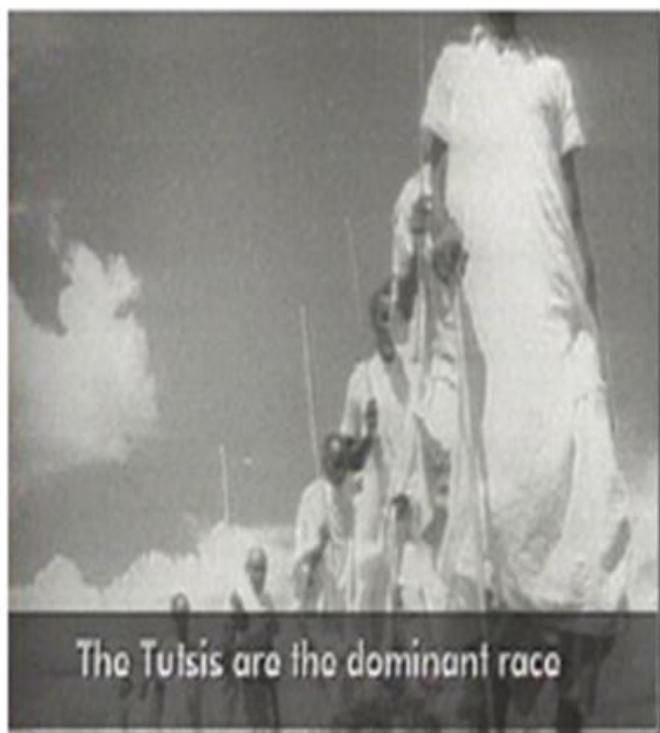
The size of the nose and the color of the eyes were factors that determined whether a person was classified as Hutu, Tutsi or Twa.



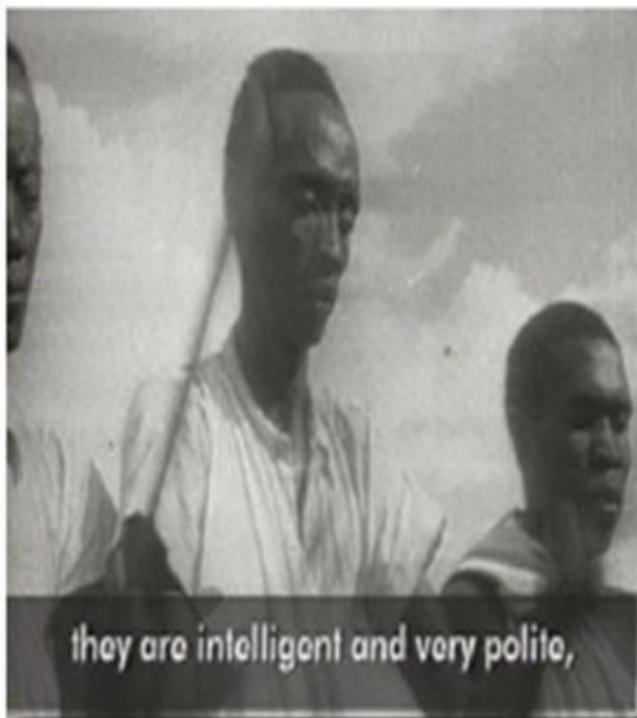
Only Tutsis could attend school under the Belgian colonization.

Although the Tutsi constituted only about ten percent of Rwanda's population and the Hutu nearly 90 percent, the Belgians gave the Tutsi all the leadership positions.

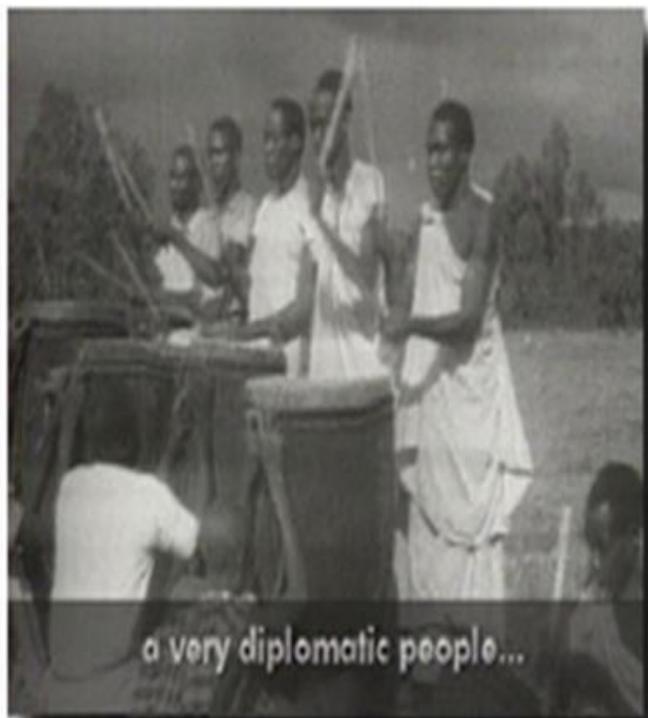
This upset the Hutu.



The Tutsis are the dominant race



they are intelligent and very polite,



a very diplomatic people...

Even though prior to colonization, the people of the region that became Rwanda lived together, the Belgian colonization put one group above the others.

The Background



- Rwanda gains independence in 1962
 - **Becomes Hutu led state**
 - 1990: Tutsi rebels launch Civil War against Hutu Majority

1994: Unrest Grows

- Hutu Majority in power
- **Tutsis are kept out of government**
 - **Hutu still angry about colonization**
- Tutsi form rebel groups
 - Thus, the Hutus then form rebel groups



Rwanda



- **The Arusha Accords**
 - Peace between Hutu and Tutsi
- April 1994
 - The Hutu President's plane is shot down
 - Who shot the plane down? No one knows...
 - **He is killed and this sparks an uprising**

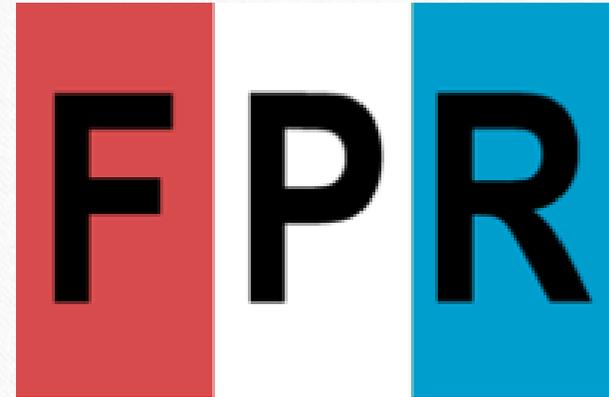


Militant Groups

- **Interahamwe**
- Hutu militant organization
- Carried out much of the massacre against Tutsi people after Prime Minister (Hutu) was assassinated.

Militant Groups

- **Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF)**
- Tutsi-led military force.
- Mounted offensive against Hutus committing genocide in Rwanda.





The United Nations

- United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR)
- Strictly peacekeeping
- Put in place to facilitate agreement and support transitional government.
- **Could NOT intervene with any sort of force.**