

## **Teachers' Notes**

*Should you believe everything that you read in the newspapers?*

*Story of Hassan Ngeze (Hutu power journalist)*

*Rationale: For pupils to understand the power of the media in Rwanda in creating negative images of the 'other'. Comparisons are drawn to UK newspaper reports on sensitive issues.*

### **Starter:**

- Pupils to analyse newspaper headlines / front pages and think about what the newspapers are trying to make them think and whether they believe it.
- Boxes in the table and summative question to be completed.

### **Main:**

- Pupils shown stories / pictures from 'Kagura' edited by Hassan Ngeze (editor of Kagura, author of Hutu Ten Commandments etc)
- Either teacher led discussion / small groups answer questions on:
  - What is the paper trying to make Hutus think about Tutsis in Rwanda?
  - What words and phrases might be hurtful to the Tutsis?
  - What might be the impact of these stories appearing day after day in Rwanda in 1994?

### **Plenary:**

- Should Ngeze be held responsible for helping to cause the genocide?
- Should journalists in Britain be held responsible for what they write?

### **Extension:**

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### **Resources:**

- UK newspaper report / political leaflet
- Kagura report / image
- Hutu Ten Commandments
- Information on Ngeze

### **Links**

Should you believe everything that you read in the newspapers?

Look at each of these headlines / front pages. Try to work out what they are trying to make you think...and whether you completely believe it or not

<p>HOW USING FACEBOOK COULD RAISE YOUR RISK OF CANCER Daily Mail, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009</p>		
<p>What is this trying to make you think about using the Internet?</p>	<p>What is this trying to make you think about this new injection?</p>	<p>What is this trying to make you think about teenagers?</p>
<p>Do you think this is 100% true?</p>	<p>Do you think this is 100% true?</p>	<p>Do you think this is 100% true?</p>
		
<p>What is this trying to make you think about immigrants?</p>	<p>What is this trying to make you think about immigrants?</p>	<p>What is this trying to make you think about the dangers of pig flu?</p>
<p>Do you think this is 100% true?</p>	<p>Do you think this is 100% true?</p>	<p>Do you think this is 100% true?</p>

What do you think would be the impact on the groups of people mentioned here if everyone believed everything that they read in the newspapers?

**SPECIAL**

# **BATUTSI BWOKO BW'IMANA**



**NI ZIHE NTWARO TUZAKORESHA  
KUGIRA NGO DUTSINDE INYENZI  
BURUNDU ??**



The cover of the December 1993 issue of the newspaper *Kangura* that was edited by *Hassan Ngeze*.

The title, in big letters, says "Tutsi: Race of God", while the text to the right of the machete states, "Which weapons are we going to use to beat the cockroaches for good?" 'Cockroaches' was the word used by extremists like Ngeze to describe the Tutsi people.

The man pictured is the second president of the First Republic, Grégoire Kayibanda, who made Hutu the governing ethnicity after the 1959 massacres.

**The Hutu Ten Commandments**, published by Ngeze's magazine included a list of things that Hutus could and couldn't do. They included in this list:

No.1. Every Hutu should know that a Tutsi woman, whoever she is, works for the interest of her Tutsi ethnic group. As a result, we shall consider a traitor any Hutu who marries a Tutsi woman

No.4. Every Hutu should know that every Tutsi is dishonest in business. His only aim is the supremacy of his ethnic group. As a result, any Hutu who...makes a partnership with Tutsi in business...is a traitor:

No.5. All strategic positions, political, administrative, economic, military and security should be entrusted only to Hutu.

No. 6. The education sector (school pupils, students, teachers) must be majority Hutu.

No. 7. The Rwandan Armed Forces should be exclusively Hutu. No member of the military shall marry a Tutsi.

No. 8. The Hutu should stop having mercy on the Tutsi.

#### **Ngeze's magazine also said...**

- Issue 6 December 1990, was the first publication of the "Hutu Ten Commandments", which decreed that Hutus who interacted with Tutsis were traitors.
- February 1991 issue stated: "Let us learn about the inkotanyi [*RPF supporters*] and let us exterminate every last one of them"
- March 1993 issue advised, "A cockroach gives birth to a cockroach... the history of Rwanda shows us clearly that a Tutsi always stays exactly the same, that he has never changed."
- *Kangura* further asserted that the RPF existed to enslave the Hutus.
- Issue 54 March 1994 Ngeze wrote that the Tutsis "shall be exterminated."



**Hassan Ngeze**

Hassan Ngeze was born in 1957 in Rwanda.

In 1990, he founded the newspaper Kangura, and became its editor. The government helped him to pay for the publishing of the newspaper.

Throughout 1994, Kangura published lists with the names of members of the Tutsi population. These lists were used by the army and the militia during the massacres which were perpetrated between April 7 and the end of July 1994.

In April, May and June 1994, Ngeze was interviewed by radio stations in Rwanda. During the interview, he called for the extermination of the Tutsis