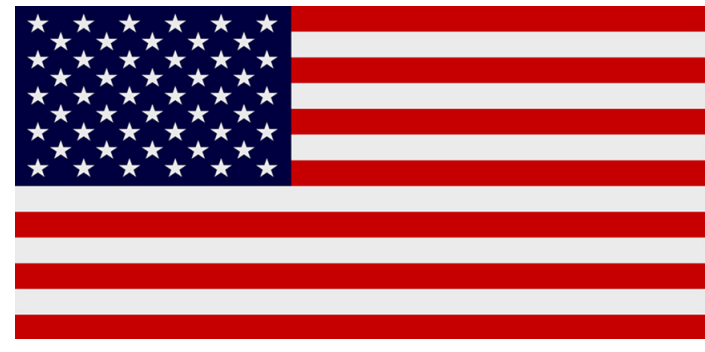


Rebuilding from Genocide: Framing Development in Rwanda Post-1994



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Research Question

How has post-genocide Rwandan development been represented as both an opportunity for democratization as well as political reidentification?

Discourses Analyzed

- ◆ Democratic Discourse
 - ◆ Clinton Texts (speeches and interviews with the press)
 - ◆ Ex: “Remarks at the Entebbe Summit”-March 23, 1998
- ◆ Identification Discourse
 - ◆ Kagame Texts (speeches and interviews in English and French)
 - ◆ Ex: *Towards a New Rwanda? Interviews with Paul Kagamé*– 1995

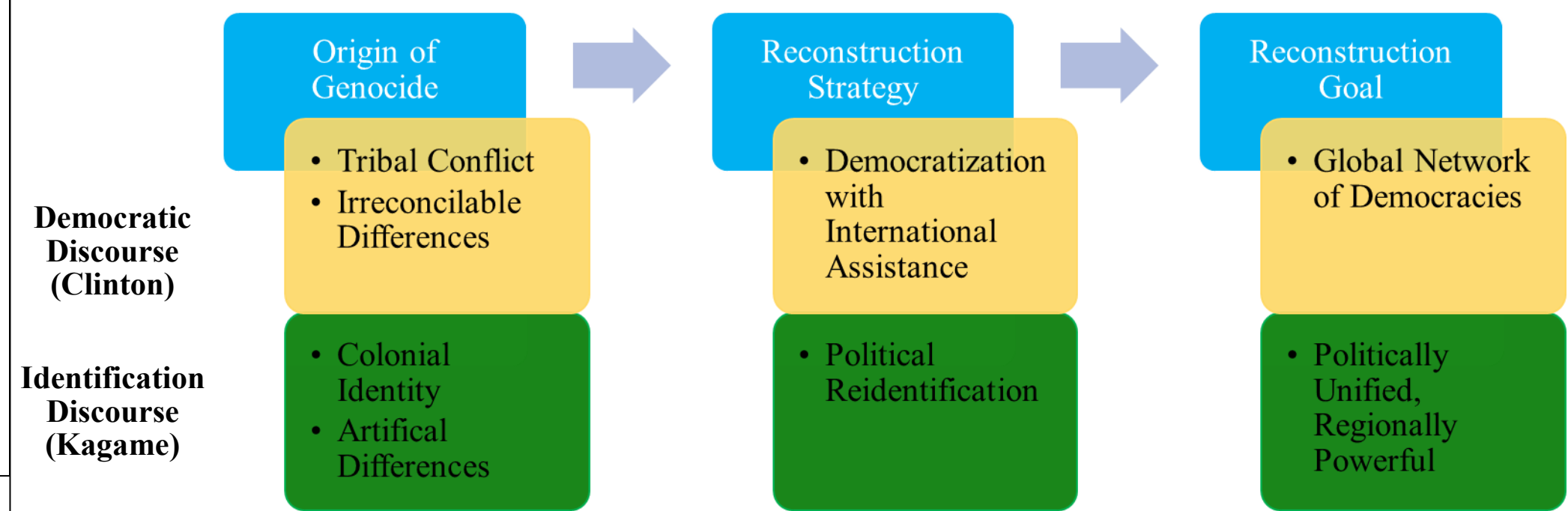
Methodology

- ◆ Conducted a Discourse Analysis to show the differing constructions of development in Rwanda during the period of 1994 to 2001
- ◆ Analyzed speeches and other public interviews from President Bill Clinton and President Paul Kagame
- ◆ Was aware of my academic background in understanding the genocide as well as potential home blind issues with President Clinton

Literature Review

- ◆ Peacebuilding
 - ◆ Democracy an integral component
- ◆ Justice of Reconciliation
 - ◆ Transitional Justice
- ◆ Political Identification
 - ◆ Colonial and Post-Colonial Identity

Observations and Results



Background Information

- ◆ July 1994: Around 800,000 killed in Rwandan genocide
 - ◆ Paul Kagame leads RPF to end the genocide
 - ◆ President Bill Clinton announces increases to Rwandan aid
- ◆ March 1998: President Clinton addresses Rwandans in Kigali
- ◆ April 2000: Paul Kagame assumes presidency of Rwanda
- ◆ 2000-2014: Rwanda averages 8% GDP growth; no resumption of genocide

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Conclusions and Implications

- ◆ Nuances of political identity in post-colonial states
- ◆ Peacebuilding requires regional context
 - ◆ Intersection of democratization and political identification
- ◆ Leverage democratic expectations with post-conflict realities

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