

Aristide, coups against him

He won the [Haitian general election, 1990-1991](#) with 67% of the vote and was briefly [President of Haiti](#), until a [September 1991 military coup](#). The coup regime collapsed in 1994 under US pressure and threat of force ([Operation Uphold Democracy](#)) after Aristide agreed to roll back several reforms. Aristide was then President again from 1994 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2004.

Aristide was unexpectedly ousted in a [29 February 2004 coup d'état](#), in which former soldiers participated. He accused the United States of orchestrating the coup d'état against him with support from [Jamaican Prime Minister P. J. Patterson](#) and among others.^[5] Aristide was forced into exile, being flown directly to the [Central African Republic](#)^[5] and [South Africa](#). He finally returned to Haiti on 18 March 2011 after seven years in exile.^[6]