



Zuid-Afrikaanshe Boer Republics

Economic Marginalization through Mineral Exploitation since 1902

Purpose

This attachment documents the economic dimension of marginalization, linking the Anglo-Boer War to resource imperialism and post-1902 exploitation.

Historical Motive

The war (annexation, concentration camp, scorched-earth policy) was driven by control over Witwatersrand gold (discovered 1886) and Kimberley diamonds. British figures (Rhodes, Milner) used the "uitlander" issue as pretext for annexation (Hobson, 1902; Pakenham, 1979).

Scale of Exploitation

- Gold: ~40,000 tons extracted since 1902 (40% of global historical production), current value ~\$2.5 trillion USD.
- Diamonds: ~3 billion carats since 1870 (majority post-1902), billions in value.

- Foreign control: Anglo American, De Beers, Glencore dominate – trillions exported without direct Boer benefit.

Contemporary Impact

Ongoing multinational dominance perpetuates dispossession from historical republics.

Sources

- World Gold Council (2024).
- USGS Mineral Reports.
- Pakenham, *The Boer War* (1979).
- Hobson, *Imperialism* (1902).