

HOW DO I ANSWER AND NOT ANSWER
AT THE SAME TIME?
RESIDENT WITNESSES' DILEMMA IN A
HIGHLY POLITICIZED TRUTH
COMMISSION



A TALK BY UMIH GRADUATE FELLOW
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THE STUDY EXAMINES CREOLE-SPEAKING, RESIDENT WITNESS' VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL RESPONSES TO INTERROGATIONS FROM PREDOMINANTLY ENGLISH-SPEAKING, CROSS-EXAMINING COUNSELS, WHO ARE REPRESENTING THEIR CHIEF NEMESIS, IN A TELEVISED, HIGHLY POLITICAL, JAMAICAN TRUTH COMMISSION. THE TRUTH COMMISSION IS IN RESPONSE TO A JOINT MILITARY OPERATION IN THEIR COMMUNITY, WHICH CLAIMED THE LIVES OF MANY OF THEIR CITIZENS IN A SINGLE DAY, AND WHICH SHOOK THE ENTIRE NATION OF JAMAICA. THE STUDY EXAMINES AND REVEALS THE WITNESSES' LINGUISTIC DEXTERITY AND RESILIENCE AS THEY REPRESENT THEIR CAUSE AND THEIR COMMUNITY WHILE COMBATTING THE SOCIO-POLITICALLY TURBULENT CLIMATE OF THIS TRUTH COMMISSION.

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