



Seeking justice for The Congo

In April 2024, the DRC began questioning Apple over its knowledge of illegal "blood minerals" in its supply chain.



Apple insists its cobalt is sourced from Rwanda, a country with near-zero production of the metal. Despite this obvious inconsistency, Apple executives know that the complexity of the supply chain and inefficacy of our "justice" systems will likely shield them from any real accountability. How is it that after centuries of exploitation, the only avenue the Congolese have for justice is to plead for Apple's honesty?

Corporations promise us a better future—but who is this future for, and at what cost?

We're told that "green" technology will be our salvation from the climate crisis, but the production of those innovations depend on the exploitation of the people and land of the Global South. We are all connected: one's better future can not justly come at the cost of another's. Humanity deserves more than capitalism's false promises: think critically about what feels right to you, especially when a corporation is trying to sell you something.

Greenwashing:
Making misleading statements about your environmental impact to maintain a favorable brand association.



Blood of the Congo Powers Our Lives
Siddhartha Kara, author of Cobalt Red: How the
Jungle Supply Chain
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Support the Congolese people

Get involved with Friends of the Congo, an advocacy group working to bring about peaceful and lasting change in the DRC, and share what you've learned with your friends.



Divest from Apple

It might not be possible to completely remove Apple from your life, but you can still reduce the amount of money you give them, by:

- cancelling or replacing subscriptions to Apple Music, Apple+, etc.
- not using Apple Pay
- keeping your devices as long as possible
- not buying new tech; purchasing used devices locally or on backmarket.com

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have enabled western interests to profit off
an ongoing history of racism and colonialism
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neighboring countries where Apple can buy
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How Apple Profits off of Forced Labor in the Congo

