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S A F E S E X

HIV, the virus which causes AIDS is transmitted through direct contact with infected body fluids; i.e., blood, semen, urine, feces and possibly vaginal secretions. To insure that sexual activity is safe avoid contact with body fluids.

UNSAFE SEX

- Vaginal or anal intercourse without a latex condom
- Fellatio without a latex condom
- Semen, blood or urine in the mouth
- Blood contact of any kind
- Oral-anal contact
- Fist fucking
- Sharing sex toys

SAFE SEX

- Massage
- Hugging
- Body-to-body rubbing
- Voyeurism, exhibitionism, fantasy
- Masturbation

SHARING NEEDLES IS UNSAFE IN ANY SITUATION

Steppin' Out

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Two Americas, one choice for president

Their America teaches its children to devalue women, seniors, Jews, people of color, gay and lesbian people. Their America would rather see our children die of AIDS than teach them safer sex.

BY DAVID SCONDRA S

You and I live in two Americas. When the other America framed our Constitution, it left out everyone except a handful of white male property owners. Our America fought back. Tom Paine's fiery prose called for the participation of women and those who owned no land in decision-making.

Their America imposed a narrow, puritanical theocracy. Our America fought for freedom of religion and speech, and won.

Their America grew wealthy from slavery, and ours brought about the Underground Railroad, slave rebellions, and the Civil War. Their America spawned the Ku Klux Klan and segregation. Our America forged the black power and civil rights movements.

Their America considered women property which belongs at home, washing dishes and raising children. It refused them the right to vote, the right to go to school, and even the right to control their own bodies. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth and our other freedom fighters won the right for women to vote, own property, and continue to fight for freedom of choice.

And the battles go on.

For two hundred years their America maintained the brutal oppression of gay and lesbian people. Two decades ago at Stonewall, our America fought back, and we are still fighting back.

Anita Bryant, Jerry Falwell, and John Briggs will be thrown on the trash heap of history along with the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis.

But only when we act.

Today, their America benefits from policies which bring us rivers without fish and beaches with raw sewage. Their America benefits from hazardous waste, racism, runaway shops, and from the suffering of the sick who cannot afford medical care. Their America sells arms to all sides of wars. Their America profits from the balance of nuclear terror and from arming thugs



photo by Don West

Jesse Jackson and David Scondras

in Central America.

Their America teaches its children to devalue women, seniors, Jews, people of color, gay and lesbian people, and anyone who does not fit into their narrow vision of our country. Their America would rather see our children die of AIDS than teach them safer sex.

It is up to us to fight for ourselves and the children of our future.

We must move beyond hollow victories in which we win the rhetoric — but not the laws, the programs, the money, nor the power to address our human rights agenda. We must gain the power to end homophobia, racism and sexism, to bring about social and economic justice for all, to clean up and care for our environ-

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ment, and to end policies of foreign intervention and nuclear terror.

Their powerful club is run by those who are married to the bankrupt policies of the past.

We must join with those who have not benefited from those policies, a "majority of minorities" who are ready to come together and who know that each group needs the other.

I am supporting Jesse Jackson for president — because we need him and he needs us.

We can count on a friend we empower — a friend whose supporters need us. We can count less on charity from friends whose supporters fear us.

Every candidate was welcome to come to the March on Washington. Only one came. Only one touched the thousands of people with AIDS. Only one committed himself to supporting us and has spoken forcefully for us since.

Can you believe that candidates who didn't even have the guts to show up at our march will have the guts to fight for us? What will happen when they have to stand alone?

We need a president who will lead a war against AIDS of the scale and determination with which President Kennedy made America the first country to reach the moon.

We need a leader who will win the fight for civil rights, one who will stand with the gay and lesbian people of our country and end the social apartheid that poisons America.

We need a leader who knows that teaching children to devalue and hate themselves because they are "different" is an act of child abuse.

Led by Jackson, those who historically have been devalued and left out of the mainstream of American life can address our community's needs and America's needs. A coalition is growing that respects each of the member groups because each group is necessary to its strength, and it is getting stronger every day.

An AIDS program based on this coalition would never be marginalized. The civil rights of gay and lesbian people would be ensured. Rather than being discussed as acts of charity from well-meaning liberal leaders, our agenda would be addressed as acts of necessity, the bottom-line demands of a core constituency central to Jackson's coalition.

Support Jackson and our issues will be made part of the debate among the candidates and part of the Democratic Party's agenda. Jackson will make sure of it — because he needs us.

David Scondras is a member of the Boston City Council.