

WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND ON HIV/AIDS ISSUES

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

THE ISSUES EXPLAINED

National AIDS Strategy – Committed to creating and implementing a national strategy.

Early Treatment for HIV Act – Supports passage of federal legislation that would allow states to amend their Medicaid eligibility requirements for low-income individuals who are HIV-positive and not yet progressed to full blown AIDS.

Microbicide Development Act – Supports passage of federal legislation that would streamline research and development among federal agencies and increase funding for a new class of HIV prevention products.

Comprehensive sex education – Supports passage of federal legislation that would provide our nation's youth with accurate information about abstinence, contraception and condom use in order to reduce unintended pregnancies, abortions, and disease transmission.

Abstinence-only-until-marriage – Supports an end to federal funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

Prison health – Supports passage of federal legislation that would allow condom distribution in federal prisons, as well as increase HIV testing and mandate proper care, while maintaining confidentiality.

Syringe exchange – Supports federal legislation to lift the ban on federal funding for syringe exchange programs.

Ryan White CARE Act – Supports increased funding for the nation's largest source of HIV/AIDS treatment and care.

Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) – Supports increased funding for AIDS housing services.

Global AIDS epidemic – Supports increased funding for President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as well as a non abstinence-only based approach to global prevention.

Signed the "Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS and Poverty." – Vowed to commit \$50 billion to AIDS and establish evidence-based prevention worldwide.

Debt cancellation and patent licensing reform – Supports urging the International Monetary Fund to cancel 100% of the debt to the most impoverished nations and further supports lifting patent restrictions to allow medications developed by the U.S. reach developing nations.

Repeal of HIV entry ban – Supports lifting the ban on HIV-positive immigrants and travelers from entering the United States.

Employment non-discrimination – Supports federal legislation to prohibit discrimination in the workplace on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Marriage equality – Supports civil marriage equality for same-sex couples.

Civil unions – Supports civil unions for same-sex couples, but not full marriage equality.

Human Rights Campaign legislative scorecard average – Rating from the largest LGBT political organization on LGBT issues for those candidates who served in Congress.

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DEMOCRATS								
	Biden	Clinton	Dodd	Edwards	Gravel	Kucinich	Obama	Richardson
National AIDS Strategy	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑
Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)	?	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Microbicide Development Act	↑	↑	↑	↑	?	↑	↑	↑
Comprehensive Sex Education	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Ending funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage	?	?	?	↑	?	↑	↑	?
Prison HIV Prevention	?	↑	?	↑	?	↑	↑	↑
Syringe exchange	↑	↑	↑	↑	?	↑	↑	↑
Ryan White CARE Act	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)	↑	↑	?	↑	?	↑	↑	↔
President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)	↑	↑	↑	↑	?	↑	↑	↑
Signed the "Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS and Poverty"	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑
Debt cancellation and patent licensing reform	?	↑	?	↑	?	?	↑	↑
Repeal of HIV entry ban	↓	↔	↑	↑	?	↑	↑	↑
Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Marriage equality	↓	↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
Civil unions	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Human Rights Campaign legislative scorecard average	84	92	92	79	N/A	100	89	88

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REPUBLICANS								
	Giuliani	Huckabee	Hunter	McCain	Paul	Romney	Tancredo	Thompson
National AIDS Strategy	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)	?	?	↓	↓	↑	?	↓	↓
Microbicide Development Act	?	?	↓	↓	↓	?	↓	?
Comprehensive Sex Education	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Ending funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Prison HIV Prevention	?	?	?	?	?	↑	?	?
Syringe exchange	?	?	↓	?	↔	↓	↓	?
Ryan White CARE Act	?	?	?	↔	?	?	?	↓
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)	↓	?	↓	?	↓	?	?	?
President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)	?	?	?	↔	↓	?	↔	?
Signed the "Presidential Pledge for Leadership on Global AIDS and Poverty"	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Debt cancellation and patent licensing reform	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Repeal of HIV entry ban	?	?	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	?
Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)	?	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Marriage equality	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Civil unions	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Human Rights Campaign legislative scorecard average	N/A	N/A	1	27	13	N/A	10	15

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