

**HIV/AIDS**  
**Comparison of Candidates' Positions**

	<b>Bush-Cheney<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup></b>	<b>Kerry-Edwards<sup>6,7</sup></b>
<b>GLOBAL HIV/AIDS</b>		
<b>Global HIV/AIDS Leadership &amp; Funding</b>	<p>President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)<sup>1,3</sup> provides \$15 billion over 5 years (FY 2004-FY 2008) to global HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almost \$10 billion in new funding, with \$9 billion targeted to 15 countries, and up to \$1 billion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund).</li> <li>• \$5 billion directed to ongoing bilateral programs in more than 100 countries.</li> <li>• Targets most funding to 15 priority countries among hardest hit (14 in Africa and Caribbean). "Next wave" countries of India, China, Russia, not primary focus for funding.</li> </ul>	<p>Five-year strategy to combat global HIV/AIDS would double U.S. funding through FY 2008 to at least \$30 billion for HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria including "substantial increases" to the Global Fund.</p> <p>Would focus effort on both hard hit countries and on "next wave" (India, China, Russia).</p>
<b>Support for Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria</b>	Made first government pledge to Global Fund; U.S. has pledged largest amount to date. President's budget asks for \$200 million per year for 5 years for Global Fund (channels most PEPFAR funds through bilateral aid, not Global Fund).	Supports substantial increases in U.S. support for the Global Fund, beyond \$200 million per year.
<b>Availability of Low Cost/Generic Drugs</b>	U.S. funds can be used to purchase fixed-dose combination and co-packaged products, including generics, for global distribution, but only after expedited FDA approval process (will not rely on World Health Organization's pre-qualification process). <sup>8</sup>	Would provide rapid distribution of quality medicines, including generics, in support of World Trade Organization's DOHA Declaration. Would work to develop international bulk purchasing mechanism for AIDS drugs.
<b>Global HIV Prevention Approach</b>	Supported legislative requirements for abstinence-only funding (at least 33% of PEPFAR's bilateral prevention funds) and other requirements. <sup>9</sup> Uses "ABC" approach (Abstinence, Be Faithful, Use Condoms) and emphasizes abstinence.	Would urge Congress to eliminate all legislative requirements for abstinence-only funding and other restrictions on use of funds. Supports ABC approach "but only if all three elements of the approach are used."
<b>Mexico City Policy</b> (Bars U.S. foreign assistance from organizations that perform or advocate abortion)	Restored 1984 Mexico City Policy as applies to USAID family planning funding; expanded to include all State Department family planning funding. Policy does not apply to foreign assistance for HIV/AIDS. <sup>10</sup>	Would rescind Mexico City Policy.

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<b>HIV/AIDS IN THE U.S.</b>		
<b>Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act</b>	<p>Ryan White budget requests have been for its AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), not other parts of CARE Act. In June 2004, announced availability of additional \$20 million in funds for states with ADAP waiting lists.<sup>4,5</sup></p> <p>Supports Reauthorization of CARE Act. Wants more focus on life-extending care (medications, medical care); flexibility to target resources to areas of greatest need, with federal government setting more of the priorities; enhanced participation by faith-based organizations.<sup>4,5</sup></p>	Supports increased funding for Ryan White and an end to ADAP waiting lists.
<b>Medicaid</b>	Position on Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA), which would provide states option to cover low-income people with HIV prior to disability, is unclear.	Supports ETHA. Supports development of federal guidelines for Medicaid providers on integration of HIV prevention services into primary care.
<b>Domestic HIV Prevention Approach</b>	<p>Called for doubling funding for abstinence-only education.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>“Advancing HIV Prevention” Initiative focuses more of prevention on those who are HIV-positive; encourages testing as routine part of care; recommends routine testing of all pregnant women.<sup>11</sup></p> <p>Supports federal ban on funding of syringe exchange.</p>	<p>Supports “a comprehensive, science-based approach to prevention.”</p> <p>Would end federal ban on funding of syringe exchange.</p>
<b>HIV Research</b>	<p>Has proposed increases in funding for HIV/AIDS research at National Institutes of Health (NIH).</p> <p>Endorsed establishment of Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise and an HIV Vaccine Research and Development Center in the U.S. as key component of Enterprise.<sup>12</sup></p>	Supports increased research funding for HIV/AIDS at NIH, CDC and other agencies. Incentives for public and private development of AIDS vaccines and microbicides. Supports new research toward simplified regimens for AIDS and TB.
<b>Minority AIDS Initiative</b>	Proposed small increase in FY 2005 funding over FY 2004, but not as high as FY 2003 funding level. <sup>13</sup>	Supports highest level of funding for Minority AIDS initiative.

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<sup>4</sup> White House, *Fact Sheet: Extending and Improving the Lives of Those Living with HIV/AIDS*, June 23, 2004.  
<sup>5</sup> White House, *President's Remarks: President Bush Discusses HIV/AIDS Initiatives in Philadelphia*, June 23, 2004.  
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<sup>8</sup> DHHS, *Press Release: HHS Proposes Rapid Process For Review of Fixed Dose Combination and Co-Packaged Products*, May 16, 2004.  
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