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American Views on the AIDS Crisis in Africa: A National Survey

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Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation *American Views on the AIDS Crisis in Africa: A National Survey* is based on findings from the May 2000 Kaiser Harvard Health News Interest Index. The Health News Interest Index Survey is designed and analyzed jointly by Dr. Mollyann Brodie and staff of the Kaiser Family Foundation and Dr. Robert J. Blendon and staff at the Harvard University School of Public Health. The fieldwork was conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates with 1,200 adults 18 years or older, between May 26 and June 4, 2000. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percent for the national sample. The margin of error may be larger for subsets of the sample.

In addition to providing toplines from this study, a Fact Sheet summarizing findings from the survey is available entitled *American Views on the AIDS Crisis in Africa: A National Survey* (#3033).

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HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Fieldwork conducted by: PRINCETON SURVEY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES**

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n=1,200 national adults, 18 years and older
Margin of error: plus or minus 3 percentage points
Dates of interviewing: May 26-June 4

INTRODUCTION: Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling for Princeton Survey Research. We're taking an important national survey about some things in the news. May I please speak with the **YOUNGEST MALE** age 18 or older, who is now at home? (**IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW:** Then, may I speak with the **OLDEST FEMALE** age 18 or older who is now at home)

Note: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding.

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX:

48 Male
52 Female

8. Now I have some questions about the problem of AIDS and H-I-V, the virus that causes AIDS...Which ONE of the following parts of the world today do you think has the largest number of people with HIV and AIDS? Is it...

- 70 Africa
- 3 Latin America
- 17 The United States
- 2 Eastern Europe
- 8 Don't know/Refused

9. In general, do you favor or oppose the U.S. government spending money to help solve the problem of AIDS in other countries?
Do you (favor/oppose) this strongly, or only somewhat?

- 61 Favor
 - 35 Strongly
 - 25 Only somewhat
 - 1 Don't know/Refused
- 33 Oppose
 - 17 Strongly
 - 16 Only somewhat
 - * Don't know/Refused
- 7 Don't know/Refused

10. How much, if anything, have you personally seen, heard, or read about the problem of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa – that is, the part of Africa south of the Sahara Desert. Have you heard...

- 16 A lot
- 28 Some
- 28 Only a little, OR
- 26 Nothing at all?
- 1 Don't know/Refused

11. Thinking about the way the problem of AIDS is affecting this part of Africa TODAY, do you think AIDS is a MORE urgent problem for this part of Africa than it was a few years ago, a LESS urgent problem, or is it about the SAME as it has been in the past?

- 60 More urgent
- 2 Less urgent
- 22 About the same
- 16 Don't know/Refused

12. As I read each of the following groups, please tell me if you think they should be doing MORE to help solve the problem of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, should be doing LESS, or if they are doing ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT. (First,) How about...? Should they be doing more, doing less, or are they doing about the right amount?

	Should do <u>more</u>	Should do <u>less</u>	Doing the <u>right</u> <u>amount</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
a. African men and women themselves	78	1	8	13
b. The governments of the African countries affected	77	1	7	15
c. The United Nations	57	5	18	20
d. The United States government	46	11	28	15
e. Pharmaceutical companies	63	3	19	15
f. Local, community-based organizations in these African countries	66	2	14	19

13. In general, do you favor or oppose the U.S. government spending money to help solve the problem of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa?
Do you (favor/oppose) this strongly, or only somewhat?

64	Favor
33	Strongly
30	Only somewhat
*	Don't know/Refused
29	Oppose
15	Strongly
14	Only somewhat
1	Don't know/Refused
7	Don't know/Refused

14. Now I'm going to name some different ways in which the U.S. government might provide financial help to fight AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. (First,) would you favor or oppose the U.S. government...?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
a. Spending money on AIDS prevention and education in Africa	76	20	3
b. Spending money on AIDS treatment and care in Africa, including making AIDS medications more widely available	72	23	5
c. Reducing the amount of money these African countries owe to the United States, so they can use the money to deal with the problem of AIDS	51	40	9

15. Which one of the following do you think should be the TOP priority for U.S. government financial help to fight AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa?

- 52 Spending for prevention and education
- 22 Spending for treatment and care
- 11 Reducing the amount of money these African countries owe
- 13 Other/None of these
- 2 Don't know/Refused

16. In general, do you think that spending more money to fight AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa will lead to meaningful progress, OR that spending more money won't make much difference?

- 50 Spending will lead to progress
- 40 Spending won't make much difference
- 10 Don't know/Refused

17. Now I'm going to read you a list of stories covered by news organizations in the last month or so. As I read each one, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. (First,) how closely did you follow this story...?

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not Too Closely</u>	<u>Not At All Closely</u>	<u>DK/ Refused</u>
a. The President of South Africa questioning whether HIV is the virus that causes AIDS	6	8	19	62	5
b. The Clinton administration calling the AIDS epidemic in Africa a national security threat for the United States	7	17	22	50	3
c. Some U.S. pharmaceutical companies agreeing to offer AIDS drugs at lower prices in developing countries, including sub-Saharan Africa	6	16	22	53	4

18. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (First/Next)... Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The United States and other countries should reduce the amount of money African countries owe, so they can use the money to deal with the problem of AIDS	53	41	6
b. Pharmaceutical companies should be willing to cut drug prices in developing countries to help the fight against AIDS	81	15	4
c. The AIDS epidemic in Africa is a threat to the national security of the United States	45	44	11

19. Please tell me which ONE of the following is the MAIN reason why you agree that the AIDS epidemic in Africa is a threat to the national security of the United States...

Based on those who said the AIDS epidemic is a threat to national security, N=532.

67	It could lead to the uncontrolled spread of the disease worldwide
12	It could result in large numbers of refugees trying to enter the United States
8	It could hurt the U.S. economy
8	It could cause the governments of the affected countries to collapse
1	Other/None of these
3	Don't know/Refused

22. Which ONE of the following has been your MOST important source of news and information about health issues? Would you say . . .

- 49 Television
- 20 Newspapers
- 9 Radio
- 5 Magazines
- 5 The Internet, OR
- 10 Talking with friends and family?
- 1 Other most important source
- 1 Don't know/Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS:

D2. Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey... In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

- 25 Republican
- 33 Democrat
- 32 Independent
- 6 No preference/Not interested in politics
- * Other party
- 2 Don't know
- 3 Refused

D3. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

- 4 None, or grade 1-8
- 12 High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
- 33 High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
- 3 Business, technical, or vocational school AFTER high school
- 23 Some college, no 4-year degree
- 16 College graduate (B.S., B.A. or other 4-year degree)
- 8 Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)
- * Don't Know
- * Refused

D4. What is your age?

- 22 18-29
- 40 30-49
- 19 50-64
- 16 65+
- * Don't know
- 2 Refused

D5. Last year -- that is, in 1999 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?
Just stop me when I get to the right category.

- 8 Less than \$10,000
- 11 \$10,000 to under \$20,000
- 13 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
- 22 \$30,000 to under \$50,000
- 16 \$50,000 to under \$75,000
- 7 \$75,000 to under \$100,000
- 6 \$100,000 to under \$200,000
- 2 \$200,000 or more
- 5 Don't know
- 9 Refused

D6. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

- 8 Yes
- 91 No
- Don't know
- 1 Refused

D7. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)**

- 79 White
- 12 Black or African-American
- 2 Asian
- 5 Other or mixed race
- 1 Don't know
- 2 Refused



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