

ACT UP! FIGHT BACK! FIGHT AIDS!

Women, AIDS, and Activism



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With HIV/AIDS, nothing has ever been given to people with HIV, everything was fought for and won!

1987

ACT UP

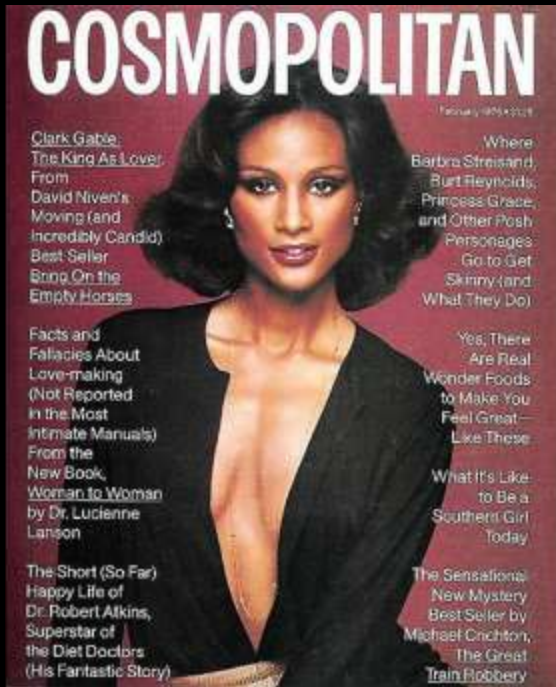
AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. We are a diverse nonpartisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis.

FIGHT BACK FIGHT AIDS



**We advise and inform. We demonstrate.
WE ARE NOT SILENT**

1988



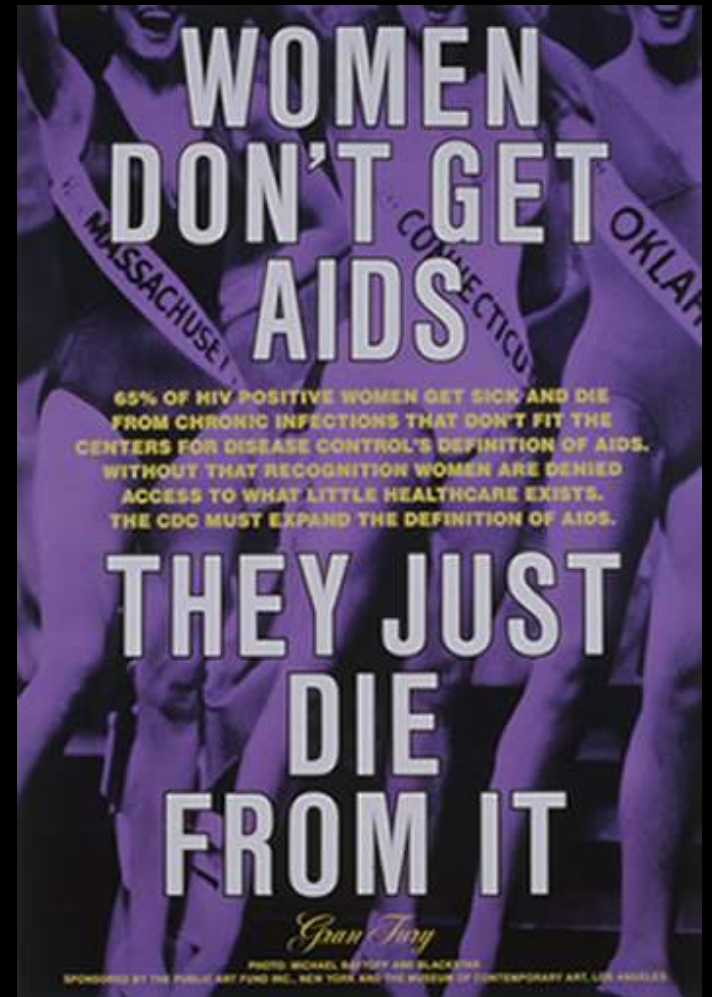
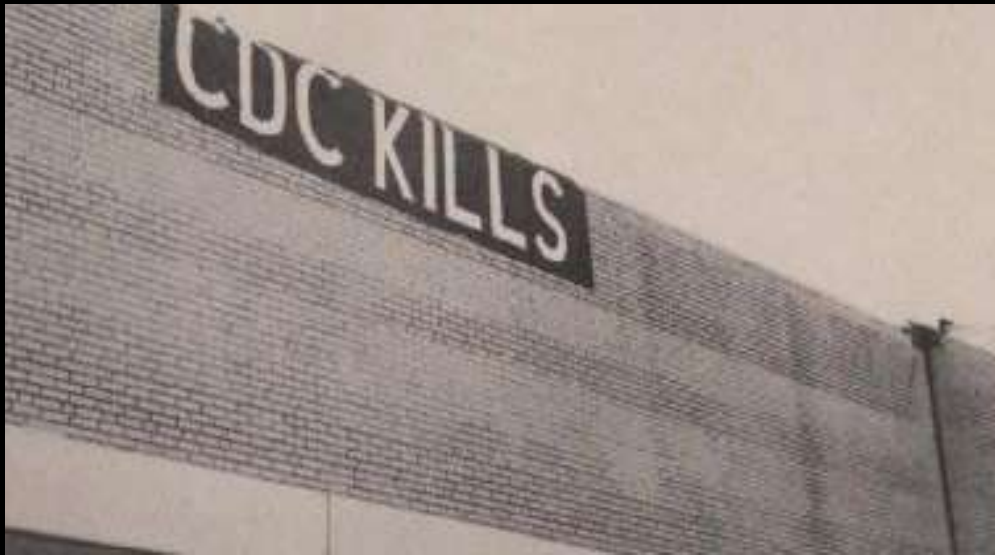
DON'T GO TO BED WITH COSMO.

Are most women really safe from AIDS?

SAY NO TO COSMOPOLITAN.

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1989



CDC ACTION

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpSXRLE1eDk>

Activist



What is Activism?

Activism mobilizes people to act as a united group to increase their power to affect change.

Activism increases our power to raise the social cost of bad policy.

Who Is An Activist?

An activist is one who pleads the cause of another; one who defends some special cause.

Who are the experts in HIV/AIDS?

People with HIV!

The Denver Principles

Recommendations for People with HIV/AIDS:

“Form caucuses to choose their own representatives, to deal with the media, to choose their own agenda, and to plan their own strategies.”

“Be included in all AIDS forums with equal credibility as other participants, to share their own experiences and knowledge.”

Self-empowered HIV activist....

- Do not give away their power
- Do not allow others to silence them
- View themselves as the experts about what they need and what is involved in their life

What can an HIV activist do to fight for or against an issue?

- Letter
- Phone Call
- Organize rides to a meeting
- Take care of their own needs
- Attend community forums
- Meet with elected officials
- Vote!

What is ACT UP working on?

- PEP (Post-exposure prophylaxis)
- PrEP (Pre-exposure prophylaxis)
- Organ transplant for people with HIV
- We want better data!
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

What should ACT UP work on?

- Women's Issues
 - Health Care Access?
 - Stigma?
 - Less expensive drugs for Hepatitis C?

ACT UP/NY MEETING

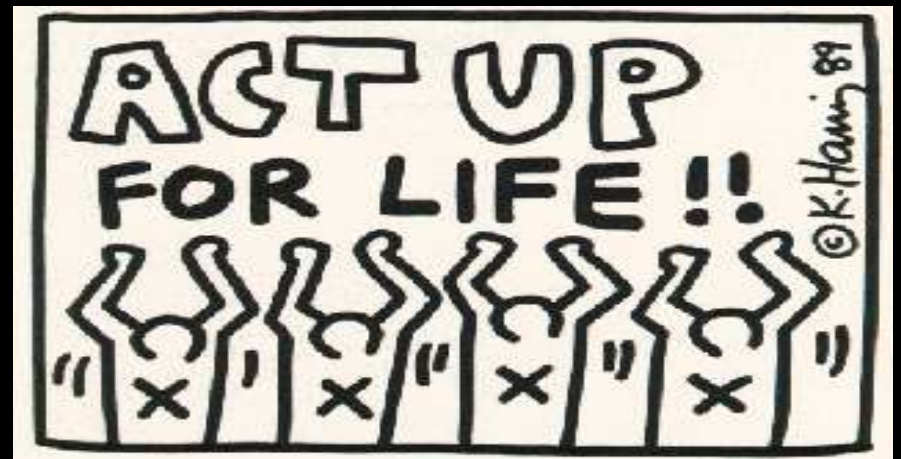
Monday

7:00 -9:00 PM

LGBT Center

208 West 13th Street

Subway: 1, 2, 3, A, E



Nothing about us, without us!

One more thing.....

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SILENCE=DEATH

Questions?



WOMEN ROCK!