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AIDS, POLITICS, AND CULTURE

People with AIDS group, Denver, 1983

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Protest over Food and Drug Administration ban on Haitian blood donations, Brooklyn, New York, April 20th, 1990

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In the early 1980s, particular types of people were blamed for the spread of AIDS. The theory of the 4 H's—that AIDS was restricted to homosexuals, Haitians, hemophiliacs, and heroin users—inaccurately assumed that identity, not behavior, put people at risk.



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