



AIDS.- THE EPIDEMIC OF FEAR

(PASSIVE VOICE.- REINFORCMENT)

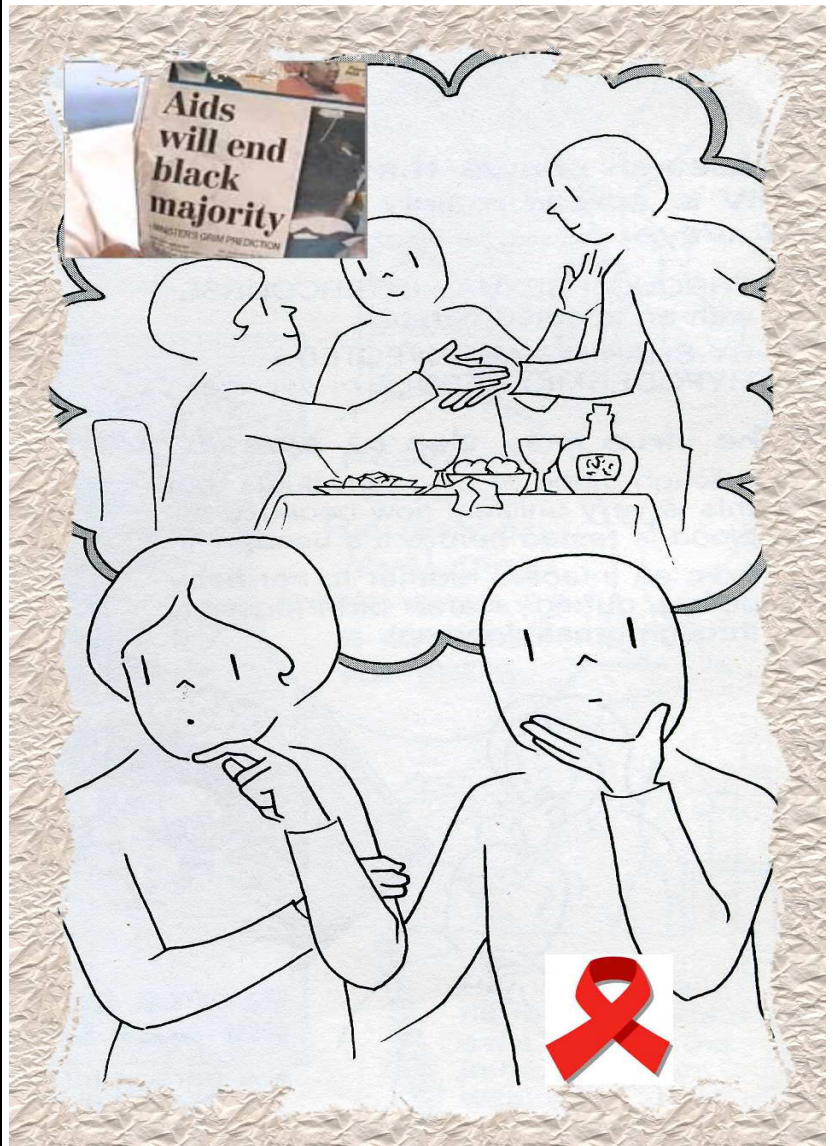
AIDS was first diagnosed in 1981; Since it was a new disease little was known about it and many people were dying of it. As a result, lots of myths and misconceptions were created and spread quickly, which caused another epidemic besides AIDS, and that was the Epidemic of FEAR. The Mass Media also helped spread wrong ideas about AIDS. This is what they told me then: (Rewrite what you were told then).-

AIDS

- ⊗ AIDS spreads through the air.
- ⊗ AIDS is a gays' disease.
- ⊗ You may get AIDS next to someone at work, at school on a bus or elsewhere if that person is infected
- ⊗ You may get infected touching or shaking hands.
- ⊗ One may get AIDS by sharing food, plates, cups or utensils.
- ⊗ If you receive a blood transfusion you risk being infected.
- ⊗ AIDS symptoms are easily perceived.
- ⊗ If a mosquito bites you, it could infect you with AIDS.
- ⊗ All kind of drugs taking was a serious risk of getting AIDS.
- ⊗ There were babies who got the HIV, passed to them by their mother through breast-feeding.
- ⊗ Having the HIV always implies developing AIDS.
- ⊗ A simple blood test right after the sexual intercourse or intravenous drug use can detect the HIV.

✓ I was told that AIDS spreads through the air.

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