



# HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMPILED BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

### News Articles

[In This Pandemic, Personal Echoes of the AIDS Crisis](#) (NY Times, 2020)

*Reflections of an ACT UP activists on similarities and differences between the AIDS epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic, concluding that the experienced similarities are rooted in institutionalized failures within the US healthcare system as opposed to the viruses themselves.*

[We cannot afford to lose more time in the fight against covid-19 in the US](#) (BMJ, 2020)

*Compares the COVID-19 response in the US with that in South Africa, and links key demands such as trust in scientists, scientific communication with the public, and focus on health equity, to past AIDS activism.*

[Women are missing from HIV drug trials](#) (Reuters, 2015)

*Highlighting that the issues around systematic exclusion of women from HIV drug trials remains a significant problem today, considering that women make up around 50% of HIV patients but only significantly smaller proportions on trials testing cures, treatments, or vaccines.*

[The Activists](#) (NY Times, 2020)

*Historical description by David France, director of *How to Survive a Plague*, that details the inner workings of ACT UP and how parts of these have seeped into current political protests.*

[AIDS: homophobic and moralistic images of 1980s still haunt our view of HIV – that must change](#) (The Conversation, 2018)

*Illustrates the harmful effect of misrepresenting AIDS and those affected in art and discourse, and highlights the importance of a new visual vocabulary to represent HIV/AIDS.*

### Reports

[Intellectual property and access to health technologies: Questions and Answers](#) (UNAIDS, 2016)

*Provides an FAQ delineating the history of AIDS treatment and their relation to intellectual property law.*



### Scientific Publications

Rabkin, J. G., McElhiney, M. C., Harrington, M., & Horn, T. (2018). [Trauma and Growth: Impact of AIDS Activism](#). *AIDS Research and Treatment*, 2018.

<https://doi.org/10.1155/2018/9696725>

*Qualitative study of the experience of 125 ACT UP activists highlighting the coexistence of positive and negative consequences on their mental health.*

Chenneville, T., Gabbidon, K., Hanson, P., & Holyfield, C. (2020). [The impact of COVID-19 on HIV treatment and research: A call to action](#). *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17(12), 1–14.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17124548>

*Outlines different pathways through which COVID-19 is starting to impact the HIV response in the US, and concludes with recommendations for further research on the interactions between both viruses.*

Owen, T. (2018). [Twenty one years of HIV/AIDS medicines in the newspaper: patents, protest, and philanthropy](#). *Culture & Society*, 40(1), 75–93.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0163443717703795>

*Relates the historical developments around HIV/AIDS to their portrayal in the main newspapers of the UK and the US, concluding that reduced portrayal in mainstream media goes hand in hand with the fragmentation of activism around HIV/AIDS-related issues.*

### Books

*Illness as Metaphor and AIDS and its Metaphors* (Susan Sontag, 1979)

*Analysis of the discourse around the newly occurring HI Virus and its links to public understanding of the illness.*



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### Other Resources

[ACT UP New York - Website](#)

[Black AIDS Institute - Website](#)

[National AIDS Trust - Website](#)

*Championing the rights of people living with HIV in the UK and campaigning for change*

[Terrence Higgins Trust - Website](#)

*Sexual health information, advice, testing and support.*

[PrEPster - Website](#) & [I Want PrEP Now - Website](#)

*Information, education and activism on PrEP.*

[International AIDS Society - Website](#)

*International association of HIV professionals.*

[Peter Tatchell Foundation - Website](#)

*Raising awareness, understanding, protection and implementation of human rights in the UK and worldwide*

[AIDS and the sustainable development goals](#) (UNAIDS, 2020)

*Lists the links between the global HIV response different Sustainable Development Goals, illustrating the need for a whole-of-society approach with action in many different areas.*

[Access to Medicines Index](#) (Access to Medicines Foundation)

*Provides a biannual report on the action different pharmaceutical companies are taking to improve access to medicines.*

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