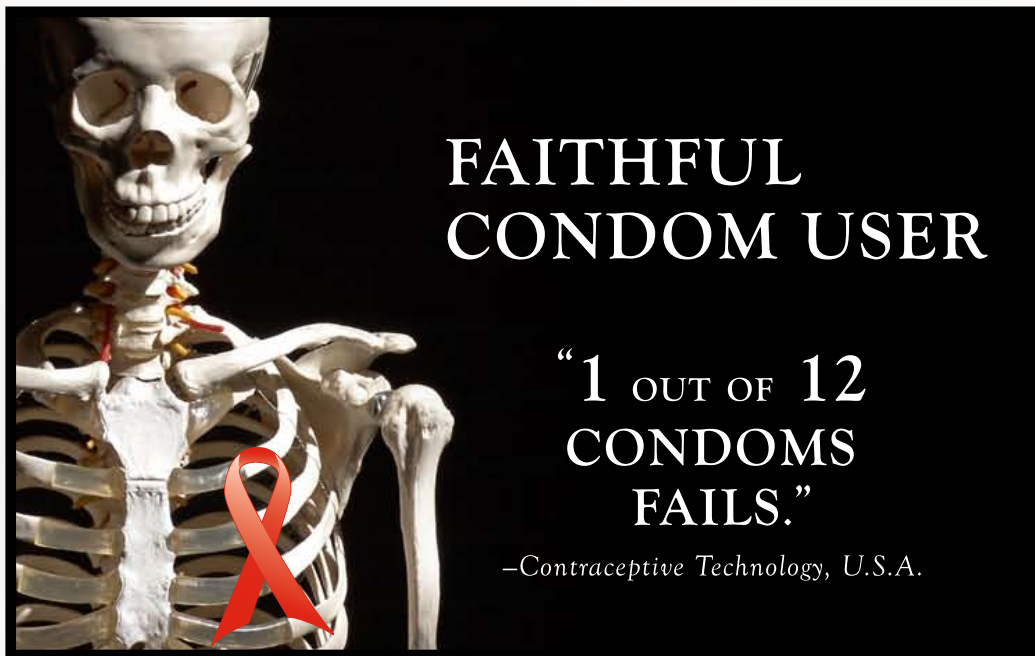


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The Case Against Condoms



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INTRODUCTION

In the worldwide battle over abortion and population control, there are certain dogmas that the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and other “family planners” adhere to under threat of a type of “excommunication” if they do not toe the line.

The most important of these dogmas involves condoms.

The “family planners” believe, in spite of all the scientific evidence, that condoms not only prevent pregnancy, but effectively block the transmission of the HIV virus as well. For example, the Caribbean Family Planning Association, an affiliate of IPPF, distributes a pamphlet entitled “The Condom: 100% Protection Against Pregnancy and AIDS.” Alberto Stella, UNAIDS coordinator for Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, echoed this theme when he claimed that the Catholic Church’s opposition to condoms has worsened the AIDS epidemic in Latin America; “In Latin America the use of the condom has been demonized, but if it was used during relations I guarantee the epidemic would be eliminated in the region.”¹

Because they have such blind faith in the condom, such people condemn those who oppose their use in the most vicious possible terms. For example, many journalists have claimed that Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI are consciously committing “genocide” and are directly causing the deaths of millions of people because they will not allow Catholics the use of condoms. When Pope John Paul II died, *The Guardian’s* Polly Toynbee seized the occasion to attack him and the Church, calling the Vatican “a modern, potent force for cruelty and hypocrisy. ... [The] ban on condoms by the church has caused the death of millions of Catholics and others in areas dominated by Catholic missionaries, in Africa and right across the world. In countries where 50% are infected, millions of very young AIDS orphans are today’s immediate victims of the Curia.” Comparing Pope John Paul II to Vladimir Lenin, Toynbee went on to say that “they both put extreme ideology before human life and happiness, at unimaginable human cost.”²

As the next page of this brochure demonstrates, this is simply the hateful babbling of ignorant bigots in total cognitive surrender. To allege that consistent use of condoms will “eliminate” the HIV/AIDS epidemic is the attitude that is condemning millions to death -- not the advocacy of abstinence before marriage and fidelity after, which is

the only practical way to stop the scourge of AIDS in its tracks.

The primary problem with condoms is their propensity to break, tear or slip off. *Contraceptive Technology* is known worldwide as “the family planner’s bible,” and is the most authoritative source of information on all aspects of contraception. It tallied the results of fifteen studies of more than 25,000 condoms during actual use, and found that 8.04 percent, or about one in twelve, of the condoms failed. This means that the average person who uses condoms will have more than a 99 percent chance of experiencing at least two failures in a year and a 91 percent chance of having at least five failures in a year. As family planning expert Dr. Helen Singer-Kaplan has said, “Counting on condoms is flirting with death.”³

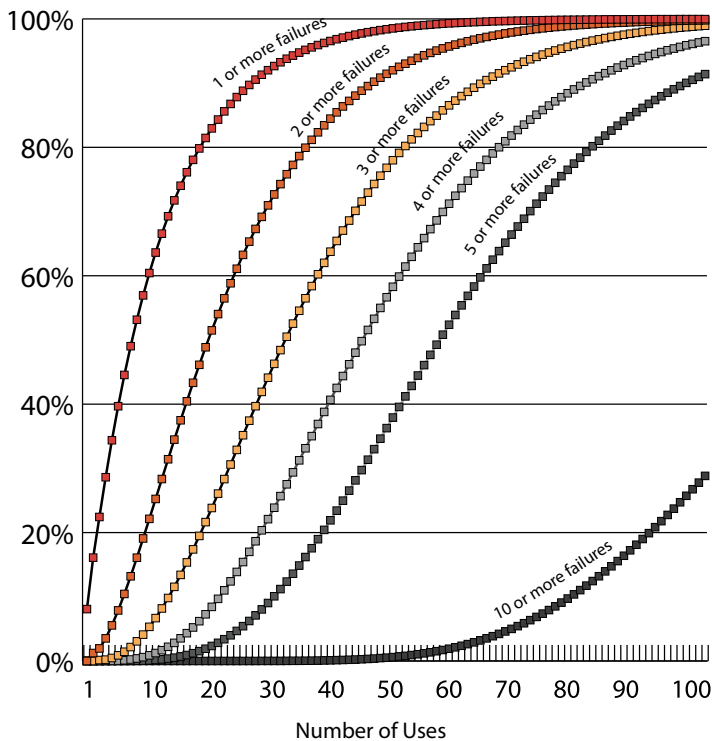
The greatest tragedy of all is the immeasurable toll of human suffering inflicted upon trusting people by “family planners” who know that condoms don’t work. In Africa, tens of millions have died and millions more are orphans. AIDS wards are overflowing with dying patients who thought that a paper-thin sheath of latex guaranteed their safety -- when the actual path to safety was open to them all the time. They just didn’t hear it from the “family planners.”

Africa proves that abstinence and fidelity work. As page 7 shows, the twelve African countries that have populations that are ninety percent or more Catholic and Muslim have an average adult HIV infection rate of less than one percent. By contrast, the nations that have populations that are less than one-fourth Catholic and Muslim have an average HIV infection rate of more than eighteen percent -- twenty times higher!

It is time that the “family planners” caught up with the Church and began to teach abstinence and fidelity. This pamphlet provides the scientific proof needed to convince them.

1. Polly Toynbee. “Not in My Name.” *The Guardian*,
2. “Anti-Catholic Hostility at the UN.” Catholic News Agency, October 25, 2007.
3. Dr. Helen Singer-Kaplan, founder of the Human Sexuality Program at the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center. *The Real Truth About Women and AIDS* [New York: Simon & Schuster], 1987.

CONDOM STUDIES: USES VS. FAILURES



Note on Calculations for This Graph

The probability of X condoms failing over Y uses is a problem involving a simple binomial distribution.

For example, let us examine the probability of condoms failing two times in ten uses given the probability of any one condom failure being 8.08 percent.

If we assume that each condom use is independent of all other uses, the probability of exactly two condoms failing in exactly ten uses is shown below.

$$\frac{10!}{2! \times (10-2)!} \times (0.0808)^2 \times (1 - 0.0808)^{10-2} =$$

$$\frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{(2 \times 1) \times (8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)} \times (0.0808)^2 \times (0.9192)^8 =$$

$$45 \times 0.0065 \times 0.5097 = 0.1491, \text{ or } 14.91 \text{ percent}$$

This formula is applied to the set of all numbers where the number of condom uses ranges from one to 100 and where the number of failures equals one to 20. All the curves are then cumulated to

determine the probabilities of one, two, three, four, five, or ten or more condom failures for one to 100 uses.

Detailed calculations on a spreadsheet are available from Human Life International on request. E-mail Brian Clowes at bclowes@hli.org for the spreadsheet.

| Study | Total Condoms Used | Breakage Rate (Percent) | Slippage Rate (Percent) | Total Breaks | Total Slips |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| USA #1 | 4,632 | 0.4% | 0.6% | 19 | 28 |
| USA #2 | 147 | 0.7% | 7.4% | 1 | 11 |
| California #1 | 3,717 | 3.0% | 2.9% | 112 | 108 |
| California #2 | 2,059 | 4.3% | 2.2% | 89 | 45 |
| Nevada | 353 | 0.0% | 4.5% | 0 | 16 |
| Atlanta #1 | 478 | 3.7% | 13.7% | 18 | 65 |
| Atlanta #2 | 405 | 2.4% | 13.1% | 10 | 53 |
| N. Carolina #1 | 1,072 | 3.3% | 5.4% | 35 | 58 |
| N. Carolina #2 | 4,589 | 11.1% | -- | 509 | -- |
| N. Carolina #3 | 1,947 | 5.3% | 3.5% | 103 | 68 |
| N. Carolina #4 | 752 | 4.1% | -- | 31 | -- |
| N. Carolina #5 | 358 | 6.7% | -- | 24 | -- |
| Denmark | 385 | 5.0% | -- | 19 | -- |
| Sydney | 605 | 0.5% | -- | 3 | -- |
| New Zealand | 3,685 | 5.3% | 5.1% | 195 | 188 |
| | 25,184 | 4.63% | 3.40% | 1,168 | 640 |

THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF CONDOMS AT PREVENTING STDs AND PREGNANCY

The Experts Speak

“The possible consequences of condom failure when one partner is HIV infected are serious enough and the likelihood of failure sufficiently high that **condom use by risk groups should not be described as ‘safe sex’... Condoms have a substantial failure rate:** 13-15% of women whose male partners use condoms as the sole method of contraception become pregnant within one year.” —Jeffrey A. Kelly and Janet S. St. Lawrence. “Cautions About Condoms in Prevention of AIDS.” *The Lancet*, February 7, 1987, page 323.



“I think these results certainly tell us right off that one condom is not the same as the next. [Surgeon General] Koop and AIDS groups and others promoting condoms have been very careless about that point ... The Lifestyles Contour, Trojan Ribbed Natural, Trojan Ribbed and Contracept Plus all showed evidence of [HIV] virus leakage. **One in 10 condoms tested leaked** in each brand, except for the Contracept Plus, which leaked [HIV] virus 10 of the 25 times it was tested.”

--Dr. Cecil Fox, quoted in Allan Parachini. “Condom Study Finding Wide Differences Among Brands.” *Los Angeles Times*, June 29, 1988.



“As has been discussed, **condoms do not offer protection for diseases that are transmitted by skin to skin contact** such as human papilloma virus and herpes simplex virus, frequently found throughout the genital area in infected individuals. No degree of condom education will curb the transmission of these organisms.”

—Stephen Genuis, M.D. “What About the Condom?” *Risky Sex* (2nd Edition) [Edmonton: KEG Publishing], 1991.

“Professionals and the public alike have been misled into believing that sex with a condom is safe ... considering the 10% pregnancy rate with the use of condoms, this creates a dangerous false sense of security. We consider it irresponsible to suggest to anyone that condoms are entirely safe ...

advising persons that it is safe to have sex with condoms is false, provides an erroneous sense of security, and can kill partners.” —*Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, Fall 1986, page 164.



One test showed that **14.6 percent of condoms used in a clinical trial either broke or slipped off** the penis during intercourse or withdrawal.

A survey at a Manchester, England, family planning clinic revealed that 52% of the respondents had experienced condom breakage or slippage during the past three months alone.

—Alan Guttmacher Institute. *Family Planning Perspectives*, January/February 1992, pages 20 to 23. Also see R.J.E. Kirkman, J. Morris, and A.M.C. Webb. “User Experience: Mates v. Nuforms.” *British Journal of Family Planning*, 1990;15:107:111.

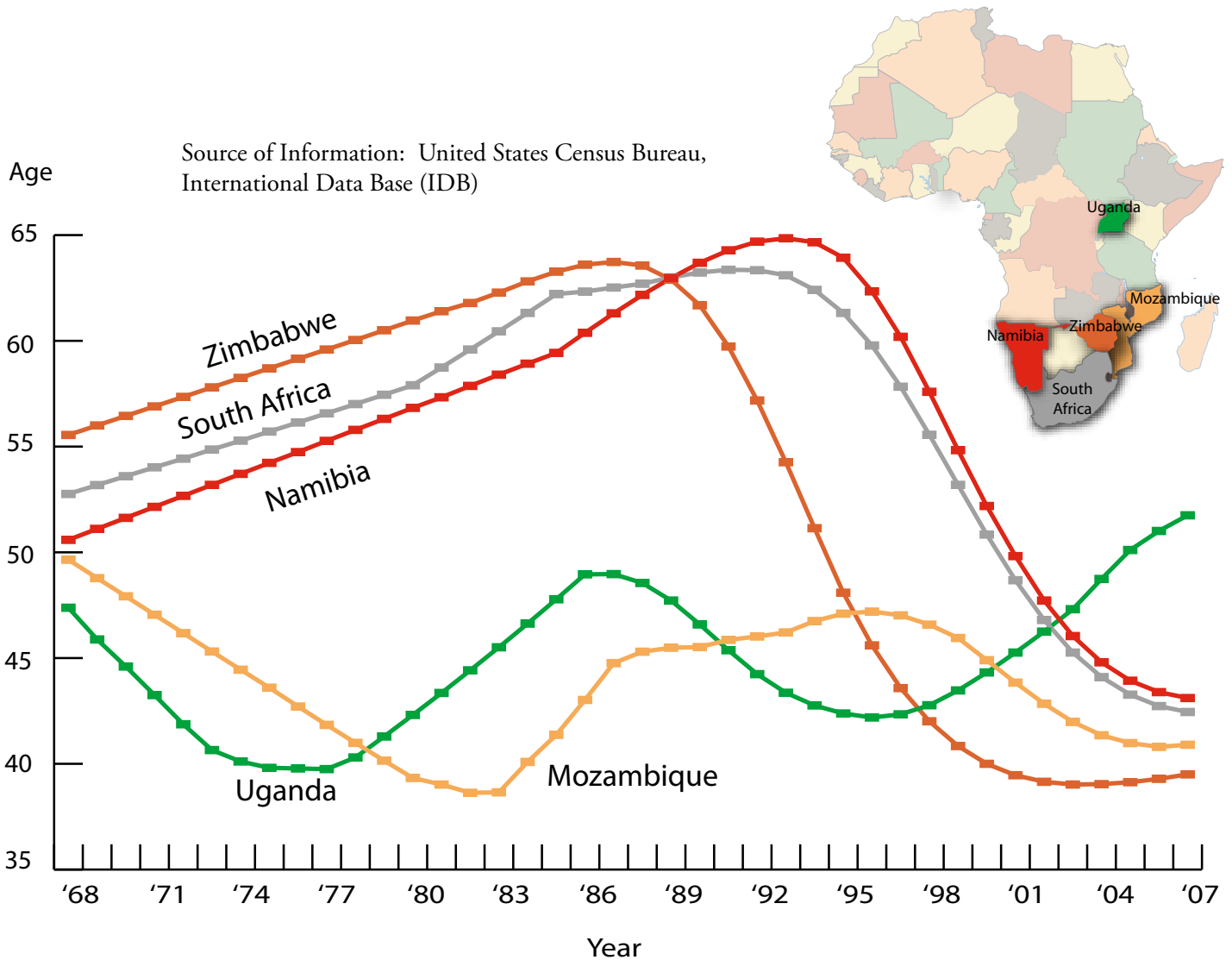


“The officials note that condoms have been widely rejected as a method of birth control because they frequently fail, and say the devices may be no better -- in fact, may be worse -- at curtailing AIDS. They warn that sexually active men and women should not assume that they are protected simply because they use prophylactics ...

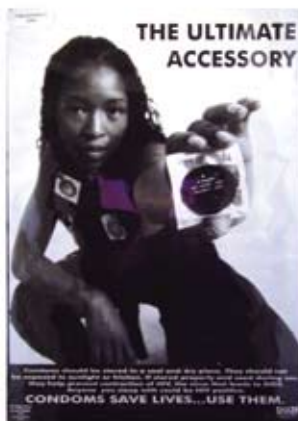
The safe-sex message just isn't true. You're still playing a kind of Russian roulette. Instead of having six bullets in the chamber, you have one.”

—Bruce Voeller, M.D., researcher with the Mariposa Research Foundation, quoted in Lindsey Gruson. “Condoms: Experts Fear False Sense of Security.” *The New York Times*, August 18, 1987.

LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR FIVE AFRICAN COUNTRIES

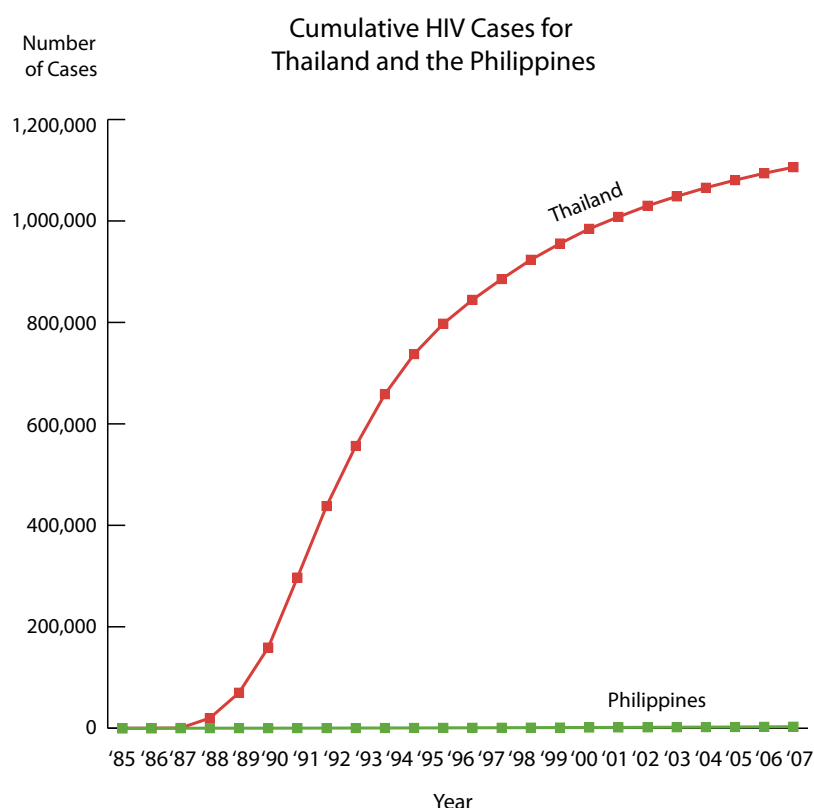


African posters and billboards (below) promise protection against AIDS through the use of condoms. But only in Uganda, where abstinence and fidelity are promoted in place of condoms, is the life expectancy actually on the rise.



THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES ACCUMULATED HIV CASES

| | New Cases of HIV | | Cumulative Cases | |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | Philippines ¹ | Thailand ² | Philippines | Thailand |
| 1984 | 2 | | 2 | 0 |
| 1985 | 10 | 100 | 12 | 100 |
| 1986 | 29 | 400 | 41 | 500 |
| 1987 | 38 | 19500 | 79 | 20,000 |
| 1988 | 32 | 50000 | 111 | 70,000 |
| 1989 | 39 | 89000 | 150 | 159,000 |
| 1990 | 66 | 138000 | 216 | 297,000 |
| 1991 | 85 | 141000 | 301 | 438,000 |
| 1992 | 72 | 118500 | 373 | 556,500 |
| 1993 | 102 | 102000 | 475 | 658,500 |
| 1994 | 118 | 79000 | 593 | 737,500 |
| 1995 | 116 | 60000 | 709 | 797,500 |
| 1996 | 154 | 47000 | 863 | 844,500 |
| 1997 | 117 | 41000 | 980 | 885,500 |
| 1998 | 189 | 38000 | 1,169 | 923,500 |
| 1999 | 158 | 32000 | 1,327 | 955,500 |
| 2000 | 123 | 29000 | 1,450 | 984,500 |
| 2001 | 174 | 23500 | 1,624 | 1,008,000 |
| 2002 | 184 | 22000 | 1,808 | 1,030,000 |
| 2003 | 193 | 18500 | 2,001 | 1,048,500 |
| 2004 | 199 | 17000 | 2,200 | 1,065,500 |
| 2005 | 210 | 15000 | 2,410 | 1,080,500 |
| 2006 | 309 | 13500 | 2,719 | 1,094,000 |
| 2007 | 246 | 12000 | 2,965 | 1,106,000 |



| 2007 | Thailand | Philippines | USA |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Populations ³ | 63,753,000 | 88,351,000 | 304,746,000 |
| Adult Populations ³ | 50,290,000 | 56,805,000 | 243,023,000 |
| Adults Living with HIV ⁴ | 560,000 | 2,600 | 1,200,000 |
| Adult HIV Infection Rates | 1 in 90 | 1 in 21,850 | 1 in 200 |

1. Philippines National HIV Sentinel Surveillance System (NHSSS) of the Department of Health. "HIV and AIDS Registry," September 2007, Figure 1, "HIV Ab Seropositive Cases by Year, HIV/AIDS Registry, January 1984-September 2007 (N=2,965)." Downloaded from the Web site of the Philippines Department of Health at <http://www2.doh.gov.ph/nec/HIV/Sep-AIDSreg2007.pdf> on December 7, 2007.

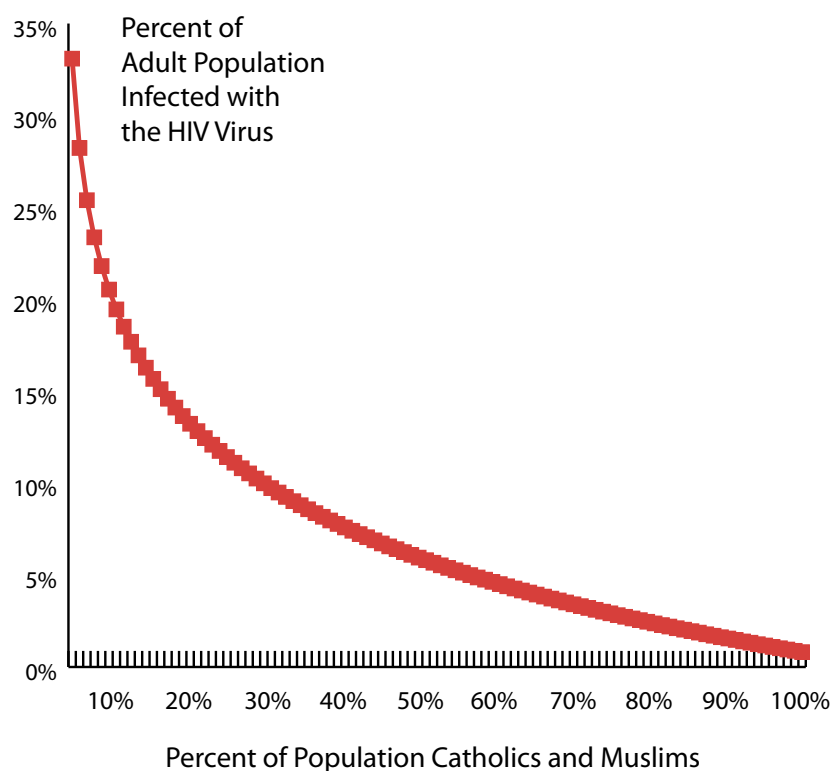
2. Figures for 1985 to 2003: United Nations Development Programme. *Thailand's Response to HIV/AIDS: Progress and Challenges*, 2004. Figure 0.2, "Yearly New HIV Infections, 1985-2003," page 2. The figure for 2007 is from UNAIDS. *2006 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*, Annex 1, "Country Profiles." Figures for 2004-2006 interpolated.

3. United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. *World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision Population Database* at <http://esa.un.org/unpp>.

4. The United Nations defines "adults" as those people 15 years of age and older. The numbers of adults living with HIV are from the UNAIDS 2006 AIDS Updates, except for Philippines Department of Health statistics.

CATHOLIC AND MUSLIM POPULATION VS. PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

| Nation | Percent Catholic and Muslim ¹ | Adult HIV Infection Rate ² |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Comoros | 100 | 0.08% |
| Mauritania | 100 | 0.60% |
| Somalia | 100 | 0.85% |
| Algeria | 99 | 0.08% |
| Egypt | 99 | 0.01% |
| Morocco | 99 | 0.09% |
| Senegal | 98 | 0.80% |
| Tunisia | 98 | 0.11% |
| Libya | 97 | 0.02% |
| Djibouti | 95 | 2.75% |
| Equatorial Guinea | 94 | 2.79% |
| Gambia | 92 | 0.69% |
| South Africa | 91 | 6.15% |
| Mali | 90 | 1.75% |
| Guinea | 88 | 1.49% |
| Ethiopia | 84 | 1.74% |
| Niger | 80 | 0.99% |
| Sudan | 79 | 1.42% |
| Chad | 73 | 2.84% |
| Burundi | 72 | 2.88% |
| Nigeria | 64 | 3.21% |
| Zambia | 64 | 15.68% |
| Sierra Leone | 63 | 1.32% |
| Rwanda | 62 | 2.97% |
| Tanzania | 62 | 5.91% |
| Congo (Kinshasa) | 60 | 2.12% |
| Burkina Faso | 57 | 1.80% |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 55 | 8.01% |
| Lesotho | 54 | 20.95% |
| Uganda | 54 | 5.91% |
| Congo (Brazzaville) | 52 | 4.66% |
| Botswana | 52 | 1.55% |
| Benin | 51 | 1.57% |
| Guinea Bissau | 50 | 3.36% |
| Gabon | 47 | 6.62% |
| Cameroon | 45 | 4.42% |



NOTE: This curve was plotted with the information shown below with Jandel's Table-Curve 2D program. The formula for the fitted curve is

$$\text{Adult AIDS Rate} = 33.09 \cdot 7.01(\ln(A)),$$

where "A" is the percentage of the population that is Catholic and Muslim. The nations of Cape Verde, Reunion, Sao Tome and Principe, St. Helena, Seychelles and Western Sahara are not included in this analysis because no HIV infection data was available.

| | | |
|--------------------|----|--------|
| Togo | 45 | 2.73% |
| Kenya | 43 | 5.72% |
| Mozambique | 42 | 13.69% |
| Mauritius | 41 | 0.43% |
| Cent. African Rep. | 40 | 9.35% |
| Eritrea | 40 | 2.06% |
| Angola | 38 | 0.21% |

| | | |
|------------|----|--------|
| Malawi | 35 | 11.78% |
| Ghana | 31 | 2.12% |
| Madagascar | 30 | 0.43% |
| Swaziland | 30 | 30.59% |
| Liberia | 26 | 3.50% |
| Namibia | 17 | 16.62% |
| Zimbabwe | 10 | 18.56% |

1. CIA *World Factbook* at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>.

2. UNAIDS 2006 Country Updates at http://www.unaids.org/en/Regions_Countries/Countries.

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