

### HIV/AIDS Statements

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1. The origin of HIV/AIDS is the American government. In the early 1980s, they together with a number of international aid agencies, started a vaccination scheme to prevent a number of deadly diseases on the African continent. However, something went horribly wrong, and the wrong liquid was given in many cases: instead of being injected with vaccine, people were injected with the HIV virus. The American government and the aid agencies have done a good job at keeping this quiet, and are now working to help stop the spread of the disease they once caused.

2. The HIV virus originates from monkeys. Amongst rich people in the Congo and surrounding countries, gorilla meat is very expensive and considered a delicacy that only the very wealthy can afford. When eating the meat not cooked well enough, the virus is passed on from gorillas to humans.

3. The HIV virus has always existed amongst humans, ever since the beginning of time. It is only because people have made the transition from being faithful to one partner, like during the stone ages, to having several sexual partners, that the HIV virus has become deadly. Basically, humans pick up strands of the virus from every person they have sex with, and when enough strands are picked up, it develops to AIDS.

4. The HIV virus originates from bacteria which once (but no longer) thrived in the water of the Zambezi river. Humans drank the water, and the disease was then passed on between humans.