Capitalist Determinants of Health
Create Environments of Vulnerability for HIV

- Private property and profit → for the elites and economic insecurity for workers
- Racism with increased exploitation → (lower wages, higher unemployment, poorer services, greater imprisonment) of Black and Latin@ workers → fewer resources and power
- Ideologies of blame and white supremacy → limit the unity of people with common needs and aspirations
- Marginalization and exclusion → of poor people, those with HIV, mental illness, drug use, incarceration and who are LGBT → concentrates the virus in some communities and robs society of people’s contributions
- Increased stress with fewer resources → self medication and transactional relationships to cope and survive
- Poorer health outcomes and higher HIV rates among Black and Latin@ people even when behaviors are the same as others

Egalitarian Communist
Determinants of Health
Create Conditions of Health and Equality

- No wage system or profit → ends class divisions, privilege, exploitation, and accumulation of wealth by a few
- Workers’ power → allows the working class to implement policies that benefit workers, such as universal health care, safe worksites
- Collective ownership of resources → shared resources with no profit
- Contributive justice → society will be structured so that everyone can realize their full potential to contribute both mentally and manually to its advancement
- Racial equality → ends exploitation of workers of color and unifies workers throughout the world
- Gender and sexual equality → abolishes rigid gender and sexual roles, and discrimination

Eradication of Syphilis in Socialist China:
A Model for HIV?

- Mass campaigns to find infections and treat people
- Training and mobilizing 10s of 1000s of health workers
- Improvements in the status of women → by ending poverty that led to prostitution, legalizing divorce, and paying equal wages
- Harm prevention → closing the brothels and destroying the drug trade
- Mass health and literacy education
- Social inclusion and support → de-stigmatizing prostitutes and people with syphilis by indicting social causes, such as poverty and British imperialism, and calling on people not to bring syphilis into the new society.

Social Movements Build Healthier Outcomes

Civil Rights Movement → drop in infant and adult mortality rates
Urban Rebellions of the 1960s → more accessible and publicly funded health care, anti-poverty, and education programs
Women’s Movement → increased health services and health empowerment
LGBT Struggles (led by ACT-UP and others) → AIDS treatments and greater social inclusion

Public Health Workers Can Act Up Again!

- Build working class unity by supporting anti-racist struggles
- Unite public health workers with people most affected by HIV
- Demand housing, drug treatment, mental health care, re-entry support, jobs, health education, and anti-stigma programs
- Reject politicians and electoral politics
- Support LGBT individuals, and oppose discrimination and gender bias
- Protest the war on drugs, the prosecution of people with HIV, mass imprisonment, and immigrant detention
- Support global funding and oppose unfair trade policies

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