

POSITIVELY FALSE – SCRIPT - FINAL LONG VERSION

SCREEN TEXT	THIS FILM SHOWS HOW PLAGUE TERROR HAS STOLEN PEOPLE'S LIVES
YVONNE SYNCH	YVONNE SYNCH There was a very nice lady. I don't remember her name now – Christine or something - and she sat me down and - you know she was like - "I'm so sorry. You've tested positive." And I started to cry and she's like – I started to cry and she's like – "OK I'll have to leave you alone". I think she was going to cry as well.
MUSIC & EXTERIORS OF SHORTWAVE CINEMA	VOA In March 2011 we held a London screening of an award-winning documentary – Brent Leung's House of Numbers. It questions the science behind the theory that HIV is the cause of AIDS.
HOUSE OF NUMBERS TITLES	VOB The film sparked an animated debate – rekindling a controversy that has been rumbling for years. We are going to take you back 28 years and, with the help of some remarkable archive material, reveal the story behind a fierce challenge to the flawed science surrounding AIDS and the consequences of following a misguided hypothesis.
	CLIP FROM HOUSE OF NUMBERS (Brent Leung prepares to have HIV test – same) Same clip that is presently at end of film
	BRENT LEUNG SYNCH Brent I've got to go in for my first HIV test and I'm a little nervous.
	Nurse Tell me about the sex life
	Brent I'm not gay. I'm not a haemophiliac. And I've never used intravenous drugs.

<p>MUSIC AND TITLES</p> <p>YVONNE</p> <p>LINDSEY AND CHERLY NAGEL SYNCH from Vienna Conference Footage (taken at the moment from “I won’t go Quietly)</p> <p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH Prof Peter Duesberg. Says HIV is not the cause of AIDS. Clip from “Amsterdam Alternative AIDS Conference”</p> <p>JOAN SHENTON TO CAMERA</p>	<p>TITLES POSITIVELY FALSE – BIRTH OF A HERESY</p> <p>YVONNE SYNCH I had psychoanalysis – I’ve been psychoanalysed for my decision not to take anti-retro virals – I don’t know what they call it but I went to see a lady to determine if I was sane...</p> <p>VO 1 The consequences of an HIV positive diagnosis – the stigma combined with the powerful drug regimes - reverberate into a person’s future. This was the case with Lindsey Nagel.</p> <p>LINDSEY & CHERLY NAGEL</p> <p>LINDSEY SYNCH I was adopted from Romania in 1990 and my Mum and my grandma went to Romania to come and get me. So they had spent two months over there to deal with all the adoption and everything and then in order to come into the United States I had to get tested for HIV. In Romania I tested negative so then everything was fine. We went to the United States and then in three months of being in the United States I had to get tested again and I was tested positive.</p> <p>VO 3 Lindsey was given the AIDS drug AZT at nine nine months. She suffered serious side effects.</p> <p>CHERYL SYNCH It was unbearable to the point where we wrote to Peter Duesberg after 40 days and nights of this horrible pain and he wrote back immediately and said you must take your daughter off the AZT. That is why she is having the pain and all the problems. So we took her off we never gave her another dose.</p> <p>CLIP – PETER DUESBERG ON AZT</p> <p>DUESBERG SYNCH The mechanism of action of AZT is embarrassingly clear and simple. It is a terminator of DNA synthesis. DNA is the basis for all life on this planet. It’s the central molecule in every living cell.</p> <p>JOAN TO CAMERA A The belief is that AIDS is infectious, that it is caused by HIV and that you can catch HIV from somebody else. But many scientists and researchers disagree.</p>
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<p>ELENI ELEOPULOS SYNCH Eleni Eleopulos from “Positively False – News Report) (HIV not the cause of AIDS)</p> <p>DR VALENDAR TURNER SYNCH from “Positively False – News Report) (HIV not the cause of AIDS)</p> <p>NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH</p> <p>CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH</p> <p>Shot of swirling galaxies</p>	<p>These views have been skilfully suppressed for decades by the prevailing scientific orthodoxy and the mainstream media.</p> <p>We’ve kept an extensive archive over a period of 28 years, which will demonstrate how dangerously wrong science can be.</p> <p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH HIV cannot be the cause of AIDS because it doesn’t infect enough cells and isn’t active enough. It’s only found in one out of 8,000 T cells which are often not always lost in AIDS and that loss can’t be due to HIV if only one in 8,000 cells are infected.</p> <p>ELENI ELEOPULOS SYNCH HIV has never been isolated. Its assumption has been postulated only by indirect means.</p> <p>DR VALENDAR TURNER SYNCH Every single prediction of the HIV theory has failed – most notably that HIV/AIDS has remained confined to the risk groups and has not spread to produce a heterosexual epidemic.</p> <p>NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH The test claims to be specific for the presence of a new virus. Something that infects people through sex. Something that once you’re infected there’s no cure – you’re never going to get rid of it. So if you’re told that you’re HIV positive It’s a most terrible witch doctor’s bone being pointed at you and often the curse of being told you’re HIV positive has killed in itself because people give up and die.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH We have been told for the last 30 years that an HIV infection is equivalent to a death sentence so even if now we know that most people who have tested HIV positive will continue to survive, and most of them in good health for decades – still the perception is that it is a death sentence.</p> <p>VO 4</p> <p>Is it really possible that the world could have been so misled? There’s plenty of evidence historically to demonstrate how science can get things terribly wrong.</p> <p>It took 350 years for Galileo’s heresy to be pardoned by the Catholic Church for saying the earth went round the sun.</p> <p>For centuries, those viewing the heavens thought we were part of the only existing galaxy – The Milky Way. But in 1924 when Edwin Hubble’s powerful telescope came into use it only took a year for 200 billion galaxies to be identified.</p> <p>In Japan it took 30 years and teams of lawyers to dismiss in court the</p>
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<p>CLIPS FROM "THE STORY OF SMON" Channel 4 Kill or Cure series. (NHK?)</p>	<p>idea that a virus was the cause of SMON – a blindness and paralysis that by 1971 had affected 11,000 people, and caused thousands of deaths. It was more convenient to call it infectious rather than toxic, then no one could be blamed. It was only when Professor Tadao Tsubaki in true detective style tracked the symptoms down and found that this disastrous nerve damage was a toxic reaction caused by a common anti-diarrhoeal drug that the infectious theory was dropped and the toxic reaction accepted.</p>
<p>Pellagra and Pellagrins Maize only diet in poor rural areas USA</p>	<p>In the early 1900s in southern states of America, and in some areas of Europe where poor families shared a survival diet of maize or polenta, hundred of thousands of people developed severe skin rashes and dementia. They were imprisoned, thrown off ships or locked in mental asylums for fear that their symptoms were catching. Many died. The condition was called Pellagra and, once again, it was not infectious. But poor Dr Joseph Goldberger who had noticed that nobody treating these unfortunate Pellagrins had become ill, and suggested it was not an infectious condition but caused by a malnutrition, was ridiculed for his views and died before he was vindicated. Five years after his death it was accepted that Pellagra was not infectious but caused by a vitamin B – or niacin – deficiency.</p>
<p>JOAN TO CAMERA B</p>	<p>TO CAMERA B</p> <p>Plague terror is very attractive. In the battle between what is infectious and what is toxic, the infectious hypothesis usually wins. Plague terror keeps people in order and raises enormous amounts of money.</p>
<p>CLIP – GOVERNMENT HEALTH DEPT AD WITH TOMBSTONE COI/BFI copyright</p>	<p>Clip of tombstone Government ad</p> <p>VO It is a deadly disease and there is no known cure. The virus can be passed during sexual intercourse with an infected person. Anyone can get it – man or woman.</p>
<p>STING GRAPHIC "THE HERESY"</p>	<p>GRAPHIC "THE HERESY"</p>
<p>Shots of Peter Duesberg walking across Berkeley Campus (AIDS the Unheard Voices)</p>	<p>VO 5</p> <p>From the beginning, there were dissenting voices among top scientists, but they were silenced. The most famous and most vilified heretic is Peter Duesberg. For saying HIV is not the cause of AIDS he was defrocked and defunded. This leading molecular biologist from Berkeley University of California, elected to the US National Academy of Sciences, having lost his grants for post graduate students, was relegated to teaching undergraduate lab courses.</p>
<p>Lab shots</p>	
<p>Peter lecturing on podium</p>	<p>Among those who challenge the virus-AIDS hypothesis, there are</p>

<p>(Amsterdam Alternative AIDS Conference)</p>	<p>differing views. Peter Duesberg's position is that HIV is a dormant passenger retrovirus with neither the capacity nor the mechanism with which to cause AIDS.</p>
<p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH</p>	<p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH It is dormant all the time. It never becomes active. It is dormant to begin with. It's dormant when you die from it. It's dormant when you suffer from it. There's no report in the literature describing the virus ever to be active in a patient – in a human being – only in cell culture. So it's always dormant. That is in fact one of the paradoxes of the viral hypothesis. There is no parasite that I know of among viruses, bacteria and fungus, and anything that is dormant while it's pathogenic. This one is. That's one of the major reasons why I don't believe this virus is the cause of AIDS.</p>
<p>(shots of Perth)</p>	<p>VO 6 Another leading heresy is from a group of scientists in Perth, Western Australia. Their position is that "HIV" has never been proven to exist because it has neither been purified nor isolated. Orthodoxy has given the name "HIV" to certain stretches of genetic material, but the so-called retrovirus "HIV" has never been obtained directly from a person's blood.</p>
<p>ELENI ELEOPULOS SYNCH (Positively False – News Report)</p>	<p>TO CAMERA C The only way it is detected at present is through indirect markers – principally through antibodies to a set of proteins said to be specific to HIV – but which are in all of us anyway – or endogenous. ELENI ELEOPOULOS SYNCH There is no way to test for HIV. This is because all the tests are based on indirect markers none of which has been validated by proving that the markers are positive only when the virus is present.</p>
<p>VAL TURNER SYNCH (Positively False – News Report)</p>	<p>VAL TURNER SYNCH If there is such a thing as an AIDS-causing retrovirus then its unique body parts, that is its proteins, should only be found in HIV positive individuals and in individuals who have AIDS. But this is not the case. All the principle HIV proteins have been found in all manner of cells in healthy human beings who are HIV negative.</p>
<p>NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH</p>	<p>NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH There were indications of proteins present which were taken to be representative of HIV and then antibodies were raised to those proteins,</p>

<p>THABO MBEKI SYNCH From "Search for Solutions"</p>	<p>but it was never demonstrated that those antigens, those proteins, really did represent a new virus. There were other reasons that could explain the presence of those proteins in increased amounts in the cultures that the scientists had at the start. And actually that misinterpretation lies at the root of the whole problem that has persisted now for the last 25 years</p>
<p>GRAPHICS – LIST SCROLLING INTO DISTANCE</p>	<p>MBEKI SYNCH There was a view that was being expressed by people whose scientific credentials you can't question. I am not saying that they are necessarily correct, but it seems to me there had been a determined effort to exclude their voice. To silence it.</p> <p>VO 7 One of the key factors that these scientists were trying to express was that our antibody profile can become raised for many reasons – autoimmune conditions, malnutrition, pathogenic assault from dirty water. Current medical orthodoxy accepts that there are over 70 medical conditions that can raise levels of the so-called "HIV" antibodies and cause positive results from the test– conditions like TB, malaria, syphilis, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, multiple pregnancies – to name but a few.</p> <p>So what is the test detecting? Is there anything there?</p> <p>Some experts say what is being found is not a new virus at all. Etienne de Harven maintains that electron microscopy evidence for HIV shows nothing more than defective protein particles or cellular debris.</p>
<p>ETIENNE DE HARVEN SYNCH From Positively False News Report</p>	<p>DR ETIENNE DE HARVEN I am absolutely dismayed to find out that for about 15 years the essential control of electron microscopy was neglected – completely neglected. And it's only very recently about two years ago that two papers came out in which finally electron microscopy was used to verify the presence of virus particles in samples which were for all these fifteen years were regarded as pure virus and to my greatest dismay these pictures were showing practically nothing else but cell debris.</p> <p>TO CAMERA D This brings into question the biggest crime of all – the HIV test. The test has no gold standard to measure against and results can vary between one commercial test kit and another. Later we'll reveal the conflicting results of our own survey. Findings that have never before been broadcast.</p> <p>But how did it all begin? It began when a group of young gay men in Orange County California and on the East Coast became very ill. They developed a variety of symptoms including purple lesions on the skin called Kaposi's Sarcoma, swollen lymph glands and a pneumonia-like condition called PCP (Pneumocystis Karinii Pneumonia). At first the condition was called GRID – Gay Related Immune Deficiency. It was thought to be caused</p>

<p>ROBERT ROOT-BERNSTEIN SYNCH</p>	<p>by recreational drug use – in particular the use of the highly toxic amyl nitrite or Poppers.</p> <p>ROBERT ROOT-BERNSTEIN SYNCH</p> <p>Amyl and butyl nitrites in the kinds of doses that they are used particularly by gay men have been shown in various studies to be immuno-suppressive. Poppers combined with antibiotics such as penicillin and tetracycline both in the test tube and within human beings and animals to create carcinogens. These may be the cause of Kaposi's Sarcoma.</p> <p>VO 8B</p> <p>At the same time at the Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, scientists were looking into causes of immune system defects and in particular a low count of immune cells called CD4 cells.</p> <p>The young men in Orange County all had low CD4 counts and it was decided by the CDC that they were not a toxic cluster but an infectious cluster.</p> <p>TO CAMERA E</p> <p>The wheels of plague terror began to turn and the US Government agency – the Epidemic Intelligence Service – or EIS - were put on alert.</p> <p>From then on all research was focussed on finding an infectious cause for what became known as AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p>
<p>MICHAEL CALLEN SYNCH</p>	<p>VO 9</p> <p>But some members of the gay community in New York like the remarkable Michael Callan knew this couldn't be right.</p> <p>In a brilliant article in New York Native called "We Know Who we are" he identified gay related risk behaviour as the cause of the calamitous immune deficiency called AIDS. His doctor, pioneering dissident, Joe Sonnabend, supported a multifactorial cause for AIDS.</p> <p>MICHAEL CALLEN SYNCH</p> <p>I didn't want to look at my lifestyle but when I read Dr Sonnabend's really well written well thought out – what he did was he strung together the cumulative consequences of an abusive lifestyle might be. And I recognised myself in the portrait that he presented and it suddenly occurred to me – the fact that by the age of 26 I'd had hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, hepatitis non-A, non-B, herpes simplex 1 & 2, shigella, indomeabic histolytic? , giardia, syphilis, gonorrhoea, non-secific urithritis, venereal warts, CMV, EBV, and eventually crypto-sporidium and AIDS – I simply no longer – once somebody articulated the perspective that the cumulative effect of that might be disastrous for my</p>

<p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH ON AIDS AND DRUGS</p>	<p>body – it became impossible for me to pretend that that disease history was irrelevant to the fact that I was sick.</p> <p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH (at podium Amsterdam)</p> <p>The only thing that’s new in America, in fact in the Western world, in terms of health threats is the dramatically escalating consumption of recreational drugs which started after the Vietnam war and has increased over a hundred-fold over the last ten years alone in the United States.</p> <p>PETER DUESBERG SYNCH I/V It is a behavioural disease. It’s not a contagious disease. It is a disease that is linked to drug abusers, intravenous drug users, oral drug users and clinical health risk groups like recipients of transfusions and haemophiliacs.</p>
<p>FRANK BOUINAUKAS SYNCH (CHECK SP)</p>	<p>FRANK BUINOUKAS (CHECK SP?) SYNCH</p> <p>I have known personally now over 260 who have been diagnosed and died. All of these people were addicts, alcoholics. I’m not talking necessarily about simple things like just beer or whiskey or marijuana or even heroin. I’m talking about drugs like ecstasy, Special K, MDA and things of every – poppers – these types of chemicals that stay in the body and that are not easily detoxified.</p>
<p>JOHN LAURITSEN SYNCH</p>	<p>JOHN LAURITSEN SYNCH</p> <p>And if people took a half a dozen of these things in the course of an evening - who knows what the interaction effects are. Who knows what the long-term effects are. Who knows what the long term effects of any one of them is separately.</p>
<p>NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH</p>	<p>NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH</p> <p>Because everybody’s hearts went out to that community as they were suffering and so many of them died. It’s almost like – the red ribbon and the belief system that went with it became an icon of compassion. So that if you were a decent person you labelled yourself with that red ribbon “I care” and so that was also a factor that when any questions were raised about the science behind this, people said - you can’t say that, you’re a denialist – because it was as if you were inhuman to question a theory that had been adopted and accepted by the gay community and others</p>
<p>GRAPHICS/ANIMATION</p>	<p>VO 10</p> <p>Meanwhile virologists were busy virus hunting in their laboratories around the world, trying to find one that could cause AIDS.</p> <p>On one side of the Atlantic at the national Institutes of Health Robert Gallo was working on his family of HTLV retroviruses.</p>

On the other side of the Atlantic at the Pasteur Institute Luc Montagnier was working on a strain he called LAV1 cultured from one of his patients. He thought this might be the cause of AIDS and circulated a sample in the customary way to fellow virologists including Robert Gallo.

Here's how the story goes.

In 1984 Gallo took out a patent for the HIV test based on his HTLV-3 virus. Montagnier thought Gallo may have used his LAV virus for the US patent.

7 years later Gallo did acknowledge in a letter to the journal Nature that the French virus and his own were the same and blamed his error on inadvertent laboratory contamination.

However, at the time, an acrimonious law suit was set in motion surrounding the patent for the AIDS test when the French sued the Americans. Was it accident? Or theft as the French suggested lawyers suggested in court. The whole episode appeared so unseemly at a time when people were dying around them that Presidents Chirac and Regan were drawn in. They shook hands and decided further litigation would be inappropriate.

They did a deal under which patent income from the test, and credit for its discovery, was to be shared between and between France and the United States. LAV and HTLVIII were dropped and it was agreed that the virus was to be called the Human Immune Deficiency Virus – HIV.

HIV PRESS CONFERENCE – NIH

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Health Secretary Margaret Heckler made the announcement to a packed news conference.

MARGARET HECKLER

The probable cause of AIDS has been found

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She then introduced the scientist who led the team Dr Robert Gallo.

VO 11

On that very day Robert Gallo took out a patent for HIV

JAD ADAMS SYNCH

What it all boiled down to in the end was two men in a room deciding what history was. As a historian that is really offensive. It was Gallo and Montagnier sitting together saying – OK, we'll agree that you did this if we can also agree that I did that part of the process – and then they signed an agreement as to what they said had happened. It was not actually what had happened – it was horse trading about what they could agree had happened for political reasons.

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<p>JAD ADAMS SYNCH</p>	<p>JOAN TO CAMERA F</p> <p>No long after that that we came on the scene – a small production company specialising in science and medical stories.</p> <p>A friend of mine, a drama producer called Carol Wiseman, was working with Michael Verney-Elliott, also a TV producer. Michael was gay and was sure that gay men were being unjustly blamed for infecting the world with AIDS. So Carol sent him to me and we met at Bertorelli's in Floral Street, Covent Garden, just round the corner from our offices in James Street.</p> <p>JAD ADAMS SYNCH</p> <p>I had seen Michael Verney-Elliott in the Meditel offices and he'd given us something of a story about AIDS and contaminated blood and we talked for a long time about this. And I thought it was good enough to at least do a bit of preliminary research so I got some cash from Channel 4 and went out to the US to see if we could justify this story. Frankly that story didn't stand up but while I was there I came across a copy of New York Native and they referred to an article in Cancer Research written by Duesberg. And I just read through the article. I was bad, bad company because it was so intellectually challenging. It was such an exciting read. It was remarkable to see a piece of work which so comprehensively and so thoroughly – in such a detailed fashion – attacked the prevailing view.</p>
<p>DISPATCHES MUSIC AND OPENING SEQUENCE (CHECK COPYRIGHT)</p>	<p>DISPATCHES – OPENING MUSIC AND TITLES</p> <p>V/O on Screen “”Millions of Pounds are being ploughed into the campaign against AIDS.”</p> <p>AIDS THE UNHEARD VOICES</p> <p>VO 11 A AIDS the Unheard Voices went on to win the Royal Television Society Award for current affairs. We thought we would change the world.</p> <p>VO 11B Our second Dispatches, commissioned again by David Lloyd at Channel 4 went further. It reflected Peter Duesberg's position that not only does HIV not cause AIDS – but that AIDS is not infectious. Duesberg maintains that because HIV is dormant, even if it is transmitted, it cannot be pathogenic – or cause harm.</p>
<p>DUESBERG SYNCH The AIDS Catch</p>	<p>DUESBERG SYNCH</p> <p>I believe that AIDS is not or cannot even be an infectious disease. You see an infectious disease, believe it or not, has certain criteria to it. How it happens, when it happens. For example, if you get infected by a bug</p>

	<p>or by a virus within weeks or months after contact or after that infection you will have symptoms of a disease. In HIV and AIDS we are told we are told you get sick ten years later – ten years after infection – that is not how viruses, or bacteria even, work. They work fast or never. They have very simple mechanisms like a little clock that can do only one thing – go around the dial once – and that takes 24 to 48 hours with the virus. There is no way that virus could possibly slow down or wait a week or wait ten years. That is totally absurd.</p> <p>VO 11C</p> <p>From an astonished silence after AIDS the Unheard Voices, this programme – The AIDS Catch – caused an avalanche of complaints from the scientific establishment. The AIDS barons working with huge HIV research grants from the Medical Research Council were not best pleased and aired their complaints in the newspapers that were happy to print them.</p> <p>TO CAMERA G</p> <p>Channel 4 and our production company were brought before the Broadcasting Complaints Commission and found guilty of being “unfair in our treatment of the subject of AIDS. I remember Dispatches editor David Lloyd saying, “It’s like winning a football match 9 nil and being told you’ve lost.”</p>
GRAPHIC	<p>GRAPHIC – AZT = ZIDOVUDINE</p> <p>VO 12</p> <p>And all this time young men were dying. They were told that if they tested antibody positive to HIV they would certainly die and they were given murderously high doses of AZT. None of those on the high doses survived.</p>
DR MICHAEL LANGE SYNCH	<p>DR MICHAEL LANGE SYNCH (NEEDS DATE)</p> <p>I think the central fact is that despite five years of AZT in trials and four on the open market people keep dying in large numbers. And hence it is clearly not as wonderful a drug or a lifesaver as it is made out.</p>
DR JOHN HAMILTON SYNCH	<p>DR JOHN HAMILTON SYNCH</p> <p>First of all I think it’s self-evident that our study does not provide the kind of benefit that everyone wished for. It can’t be a secret that patients wanted something that would help them live longer. Unfortunately it has not demonstrated that and therefore this has to be unwelcome news.</p>
DR ROBERT HOFFMAN SYNCH	<p>DR ROBERT HOFFMAN SYNCH</p> <p>The effect of AZT on body cells as a whole is very deleterious because it prevents cells from replicating. There’s a second point, in that cells that may survive AZT may themselves become cancerous. So there is a double danger for AZT the way I see it.</p>

<p>JOHN LAURITSEN SYNCH</p>	<p>VO John Lauritsen had by now written his seminal articles on AZT in the New York Native and had dug out Freedom of Information papers pointing to the dishonest and fraudulent use of data from the AZT Phase II trials.</p> <p>JOHN LAURITSEN SYNCH The real horror of this study only became apparent after going through documents which were obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and it indicated that there had been not only sloppiness of every conceivable sort but that there had been actual cheating in a number of areas. It indicated that the study had become unblinded very quickly in the first few weeks. Although it was planned as a double blind placebo controlled study, in fact it was nothing of the kind. Both patients and doctors knew who was getting AZT and who was getting placebo.</p> <p>CO 13 So shocked were people like Michael Ellner, Frank Buinoukas and Gene Fedorko at the suffering and death they were witnessing around them that they formed a health group called HEAL New York to help people make their own decisions about AZT.</p>
<p>CLIFF GOODMAN SYNCH</p>	<p>CLIFF GOODMAN SYNCH (CHECK). I wouldn't give it to my cat. I would think it was murder.</p> <p>VO 15 Alan Roundtree was another of the young men who came to HEAL New York for help. He died not long after this interview. Here he describes what it was like to take AZT.</p>
<p>ALAN ROUNDTREE SYNCH</p>	<p>ALAN ROUNDTREE SYNCH At first – good. Oh boy – I gained weight and I said “Boy this sure must be working”. And then about another two weeks later it did start working. The headaches came, the dizziness, the nauseousness and the whole time I had fingernails that were so black it looked like I had nail polish on – you know. And the upset stomachs, nothing tastes right – food or anything – and the main thing, that it would affect you so where you couldn't listen to people 'cos you don't want to hear them 'cos you're hurting so bad. And it left me impotent. It destroyed my hopes for living – you know.</p>
<p>AZT DEMO SHOUTING</p>	<p>AZT DEMO SHOUTING Mothers and babies will not be sacrificed to AZT!</p> <p>VO 16 Babies born to HIV positive mothers were also being given AZT and a Medical Research Council Trial was set in motion across Europe called the Penta Trial.</p>

<p>WOMAN IN SILHOUETTE CLIP FROM "AZT BABIES" SKY NEWS.</p>	<p>WOMAN IN SILHOUETTE CLIP FROM "AZT BABIES" SKY NEWS.</p> <p>They test him. They will tell me the results in one month's time but I'm worried he should be given the AZT treatment and I need more information about it.</p> <p>VO 17</p> <p>In June 2000 at President Thabo Mbeki's gathering of an expert panel on AIDS in Pretoria, South Africa, Dr Andrew Herxheimer a world famous pharmacologist said:</p>
<p>ANDREW HERXHEIMER SYNCH</p>	<p>ANDREW HERXHEIMER SYNCH</p> <p>I think zidovudine was a drug that was never really evaluated properly and that its efficacy has never been proved but its toxicity certainly is important. And I think it has killed a lot of people – especially at the higher doses. I personally think that it is not worth using alone or combination at all.</p> <p>MICHAEL HERSEE</p> <p>One of the key things that people need is – they want to understand first of all what's really going on and - usually because they've come across something which conflicts with what they've been told by their doctors. The other thing is they want to know – how scared should they be? In a way. That's actually quite a critical thing. Is their diagnosis really dangerous or not? And – to know that they are not the only one in the flesh that is questioning this – because it's one thing to look at a load of information on the internet but it's a completely different matter from actually meeting someone that can coherently argue the same points face to face.</p>
<p>GRAPHIC AIDS A DIFFERENT VIEW AMSTERDAM</p>	<p>Graphic</p> <p>AIDS – A DIFFERENT VIEW - AMSTERDAM</p> <p>VO 18</p> <p>In 1992 something extraordinary happened. A Conference was organised in Amsterdam called "AIDS a different view" and many members of the orthodoxy signed up to attend.</p> <p>Joanne Sawicki at Sky News agreed to broadcast a news report from there.</p> <p>It was here that the now Nobel Laureate Dr Luc Montagnier told the world that you don't necessarily die if you have HIV</p>

<p>LUC MONTAGIER SYNCH</p>	<p>LUC MONTAGIER SYNCH</p> <p>We are seeing people which have been infected for nine, ten years or more – ten, twelve years – and they are still in good shape. Their immune system is still good. And it is unlikely those people will come down with AIDS later.</p> <p>VO 19</p> <p>Two years before, in 1990, when we'd interviewed Luc Montagnier for "The AIDS Catch" he'd had doubts about HIV being able to do the whole job. He said HIV needed co-factors to do any damage.</p>
<p>LUC MONTAGNIER SYNCH</p>	<p>LUC MONTAGNIER SYNCH</p> <p>At first, yes, we thought we had the best candidate for this virus to be the cause of AIDS. But after a while – even from the beginning actually - we thought maybe for the activation of that virus in cells, we need some co-factors. So I would agree that HIV by itself – or some strains of HIV are not sufficient to induce AIDS.</p> <p>VO 20</p> <p>In 1997 in an interview with filmmaker Djamel Tah, published in Continuum Magazine, Montagnier said that HIV had never been purified.</p> <p>SOF Well of course we looked for it ... we saw some particles but they did not have the morphology of retroviruses.</p> <p>SOF He later said</p> <p>SOF I repeat – we did not purify.</p>
<p>HUW CHRISTIE SYNCH. Re Continuum feature</p>	<p>HUW CHRISTIE SYNCH.</p> <p>It was startling that Professor Montagnier decided to acknowledge in his interview with Djamel Tah in Continuum, that as far back as 1983 his team were not able to purify anything that you might call HIV despite what he termed a "Roman effort". So who should be surprised that when the same thing was attempted by expert laboratories in Germany and the United States, who published their results in the Journal of Virology, what they found was proteins and cellular debris.</p> <p>VO 21</p> <p>Then in Pretoria Huw tackled Luc Montagnier on the purification question.</p> <p>LUC MONTAGNIER SYNCH</p>

LUC MONTAGNIER SYNCH
Pretoria

Huw: Was the first genome taken from purified virus – identified within purified virus?

Montagnier: It was not made from purified virus but it doesn't matter because you clone – you know – you clone DNA – once it's cloned it's pure.

Huw: So you think it's not necessary to begin with a purified sample.

Montagnier: No not at all. It's really past techniques. We are now in the world of modern molecular biology and everything has changed.

Huw: I can only offer you one thing which is – then it's easy to make these people be quiet – just go back and do the simple purification business that wasn't done and then they will have to agree.

Montagnier: Well this has been – is done by pharmaceutical companies – the first AIDS test – the first HIV test – was done with purified virus so what they did is to produce – mass produce the virus and purify it by several – what we call density gradient centrifugation and you get a band and you can look at it on the electronmicroscope and you see a lot of viral particles. Of course it's not a hundred percent pure. No material – no biological material is a hundred percent pure

Huw: .. Oh very close to pure...

Montagnier: Very close to pure...

Huw: But no one has ever seen those photographs. They've seen it for Rous and they've seen it for the rest but never for HIV.

Montagnier: ...er.... Well we had pictures – we have made pictures – we didn't publish them because we published the first picture. We couldn't – you know – when we sent other pictures to journalists they say we have seen that before we don't care

Huw: But this is how you must win your argument. You just show them the photo.

Montagnier: Sorry?

Huw: You just show them the photograph and then you will win your argument.

Montagnier: I don't have them with me but er....

Huw: ... but can find it - anyway - you can solve it all..

Montagnier: But this is a very old problem which has been solved for many years...

Huw: ...Privately In private

Montagnier: It's not really an argument.

	<p>VO 21A</p> <p>if we don't need to purify any more and we don't need to isolate according to the previous conventions of virology, and we don't have a real picture of the retrovirus HIV – then what DO we have?</p> <p>GRAPHIC BERLIN – WORLD AIDS CONFERENCE</p>
GRAPHIC	<p>VO 22</p> <p>Oblivious to these concerns - the great HIV bandwagon rolled on protecting the growing fortunes of those involved in the manufacture of the test kits, the production of so-called anti-HIV drugs and HIV research. In the summer of 1992 the Berlin World AIDS Conference provided a huge jamboree. Many dissidents attended and we penetrated this citadel with renewed energy. I kept a video diary.</p>
MUSIC	<p>SOF VO</p> <p>John Lauritsen arrived from New York today and the long hot summer of dissent truly began. He brought a case full of his book The AIDS War hot off the press.</p> <p>SOF John Lauritsen</p> <p>I'm using the metaphor of war saying that the AIDS phenomenon is like a war with the terrible loss of life and suffering and also profiteering and propaganda, treachery, espionage, sabotage and all of the things that we associate with a war and of course intense censorship in trying to get out the truth about AIDS.</p>
MUSIC AND TRAVEL SHOTS	<p>SOF VO</p> <p>So John and I together with Hector Gildemeister, a German born biochemist who works with us, set off for Hanover and Berlin.</p> <p>SOF VO</p> <p>We worked quickly to get our literature into the conference and onto the press racks as soon as possible. Robert Laarhoven from the Amsterdam Group had prepared with the help of Peter Rath a formidable selection of dossiers. These included the journal "Rethinking AIDS" from the "Group for the scientific re-evaluation of the HIV/AIDS hypothesis". A group comprising 150 scientists and researchers, including a Nobel Prize winner.</p> <p>Our efforts were futile. Within hours all the dossiers in the press lounge were confiscated by the organizers.</p> <p>VO 22 A</p> <p>Dr Robert Gallo was there accompanied by three bodyguards using</p>

strong-arm tactics at what was no more than journalistic exuberance.

VO 23

It was possible for us to confront Robert Gallo and the panel during the press conferences.

SOF VO JS

We decided this was the time to put some important points to Dr Gallo.

SOF SYNCH

Question for Dr Gallo. Professor Robert Root-Bernstein, author of "Rethinking AIDS" has said that by the end of the century we'll know everything there is to know about HIV and nothing about AIDS. Given that all of Professor Peter Duesberg's have come true, namely that there's been no heterosexual spread of AIDS in the Western world and that AZT doesn't work. When will you Dr Gallo agree that we need to fund a total reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS hypothesis not dictated to by the search for endless new, useless and damaging antivirals.

SOF Chairman

OK. Thank you for the statement. Short answer.

SOF Robert Gallo

I think Dr Root-Bernstein doesn't know what he's talking about. OK?

SOF JS

(in background) I'd like an answer to my question

SOF Chairman

No. No discussion please. Sorry, next question... after there.

(In background - I'd like an answer to my question)

SOF Gallo

The answer is I think he's wrong and I think any rational person who's looked at this carefully, slowly and is trained has come to the same conclusion that he's wrong. I don't influence funding. I am not the director of an institute. I do my work. I'm working on HIV as the cause of this disease. I have since 1984. If you and Root Bernstein don't believe it – so be it. Do your own work on what you think the cause is and don't bother me.

SOF Chairman

Thank you. Next question.

VO 24

The battle was on, ironically, our opponents were gay lobby groups like Act Up who had been brought over as "official dissidents", bussed in strategically to protest about a lack of drugs.

SOF Chistian Joswig

A group from Act-UP people – they came out of the building – from the Congress and they made a demonstration and they gave statements against the British government and suddenly some people out if this

group came to us and they took our posters and burned them.

SOF JS

Peter Schmidt who'd been filming the goings on had been ordered to erase his tapes by one of the German professors.

SOF Peter Schmidt

Professor Seichert not only wanted his picture deleted. He wanted to have the complete cassette. Well I refused him. I said no – there's no way. And so we only took out his pictures out of – from the cassette.

SOF Robert Laarhoven

And they said that I had to leave, on charges of trespassing. They took my press card and two policemen brought me outside the conference hall.

SOF JS

And what did they say?

SOF Laarhoven

Er.. if I ever cross this line...

SOF JS

This line

SOF Laarhoven

...I would be arrested. It became more clear to me that there is very heavy censorship of dissident information and I'm not afraid any more to use words such as 'AIDS fascism'.

SOF John Lauritsen

Well this is the first AIDS conference ever where there is a real presence of honest AIDS dissidents – those of us who are opposed to the basic AIDS paradigm – the HIV/AIDS hypothesis and AZT therapy. At the same time there have been shocking events at this conference which means that the people in the AIDS establishment are afraid of free speech.

VO 25

The level of censorship was staggering. Celia Farber, John Lauritsen and Frank Bouinaoukas were among those who stuck it out to the bitter end.

SOF Celia Farber

I do get extremely despondent. And I've been feeling that. When I walked around here I feel – this is so hopeless – what we are up against is a gargantuan multi billion dollar infrastructure and - who do we think we are? Who do we think we are kidding? You know – I mean – but you have to just be Sisyphus, right, and keep pushing the rock up the hill and let it roll down again. There's no other choice. The only other option is to just turn round and walk away, which obviously, we know what we know so it's too late to do that.

<p>JAD SYNCH – FROM DIARY OF AN AIDS DISSIDENT</p>	<p>SOF JAD ADAMS SYNCH</p> <p>I've never done a story in which there was so much resistance to the story being told. There's resistance even to the reporting of views by dissidents, even to the reporting of the fact that there ARE dissidents.</p> <p>VO 28 Germany has an important place in the history of dissidence because one of the earliest campaigners in Europe was Kawi Schneider.</p>
<p>KAWI SCHNEIDER SYNCH From Diary of an AIDS Dissident</p>	<p>SOF KAWI SCHNEIDER SYNCH</p> <p>Our leaflets had headlines like HIV is good for you - condoms are dangerous – or condoms equal death. And we explain the scientific issues – why HIV is an absolutely harmless virus and why the causes of the diseases they are calling AIDS at the moment are different ones rather than viral or infectious ones.</p> <p>VO 29 In Switzerland Felix de Fries, Stefan Lanka, Michael Baumgartner, Heinrich Kremer and the late Professor Alfred Hassig of the Berne Study Group made important contributions.</p>
<p>PROF ALFRED HASSIG Diary of an AIDS Dissident</p>	<p>GRAPHIC – GENEVA – WORLD AIDS CONFERENCE</p> <p>SOF PROF ALFRED HASSIG SYNCH</p> <p>AIDS is certainly not a response to an infectious agent – the HIV virus. Primarily it's a stress response with persistent formation within the body of inflammatory substances which, if they don't stop and go on in formation lead to death.</p>
<p>MUSIC AND TRAVEL SEQUENCE</p>	<p>MUSIC AND TRAVEL SEQUENCE</p> <p>VO 31 We had arranged a live link from Perth Western Australia, with views on the non-isolation of HIV from the Perth Group.</p> <p>SOF DR VALENDAR TURNER</p> <p>The most important thing that we feel we have done is to present good science. Certainly it's been cautious. It's been somewhat slow – although that has been partly generated by the editors and journalists who do not like to publish data which is against the current dogma.</p> <p>VO 31 A During this time the dissident groups were lodged at one of Geneva's best-appointed nuclear bunkers.</p>

<p>CELIA FARBER SYNCH</p>	<p>SOF CELIA FARBER SYNCH</p> <p>Look at them. Look at the hands and the rainbows... And it's outrageous because this is the most powerful industry on the planet – is the pharmaceutical industry – and the idea that they would put out these kind of images as if they were all touchy feely – as if they were a bunch of sort of hippies or something – as if what they are about is love and compassion. I mean it's disgusting and outrageous. It'd be funny if it weren't so tragic.</p> <p>I mean AZT is a debacle well know to all of us – but now it's happening with protease inhibitors and cocktails. I mean if you're lucky you get raging diarrhoea only. People in the States now – I don't know if this is happening in Europe as well but I'm sure it is – the latest thing is these humpbacks – where they're getting these bizarre – the drugs are causing Metabolic disorders so they're getting very bizarre fatty Deposits and these big humps on their backs that are so big that they can't even move their heads and paunches like this – and women's breasts are coming out to here and they are going up from like ten dress sizes – literally – just insane mutations of the body</p>
<p>TOM DI FERNANDO SYNCH (CHECK)</p>	<p>SOF TOM DI FERNANDO SYNCH (CHECK)</p> <p>AIDS itself – the whole way it's been presented – is actually pornographic in the broadest sense of the word – meaning there's really no respect for humanity. I mean you know sex is completely taken out of the realm of any feeling or any tenderness.</p>
<p>HUNGER STRIKER SYNCH</p>	<p>SOF HUNGER STRIKER SYNCH (CHECK NAME)</p> <p>I was diagnosed HIV positive nine years ago. I never tried any medicine because I was strong from the beginning. I didn't want to take any toxic drugs – the official toxic drugs – and it worked very well – I've never developed any disease or anything. I've seen many friends who took it dying and I've got a strong belief that this is just social madness.</p>
<p>GALLO SYNCH WITH SUBTITLES</p>	<p>VO 32</p> <p>After the press conference Huw Christie tackled Robert Gallo about the HIV test and why a version called Western Blot is being used as a confirmatory test in the United States when it's been dropped in England by the Public Health Laboratory services because of its unreliability.</p> <p>SOF DR ROBERT GALLO</p> <p>Sometimes we had Western Blot positives when we couldn't isolate the virus so we got worried and felt that we're getting false positives sometimes so we added the Western Blot. That's all I can tell you. It was an experimental tool when we added it and for us it worked well because we could isolate the virus – and we did.</p> <p>Huw: Well what do you say to those people then who did the Sunday night session here about the non-isolation of HIV and claimed the</p>

criteria had not been fulfilled. Can you just tell us what the right criteria for retrovirus isolation should be?

Gallo: I mean you isolate it in culture, you take blood cells, you co-cultivate with another cell, you transmit it and you show that the virus is transmitted. If you want you can spend a fortune and take electron microscopic pictures which we did at the beginning and which other labs did at the beginning...

Huw: Did you publish those?

Gallo: Oh yes, of course. I would say by now thousands of pictures of HIV. So I know which way you're barking and I know therefore you're a Duesbergite – I don't want to hear it ...

Huw: All you know is what I heard the other night..

Gallo: You've got it but why would you be interested in this nonsense?

Huw: Because we've dropped the Western Blot

Gallo: Once you picture ...

Huw: ...banded material at 1.16... banded to 1.16

Gallo: Well you can look at banded material – you get an obvious retrovirus – do you know what a retrovirus looks like?

Huw: Well if it's at 1.16...

Gallo: Now you're talking to me like – you said you didn't understand before. Now you understand.

Huw: I'm a quick learner. Keep going.

Gallo: I didn't tell you anything about 1.16

Huw: It was Saturday – Sunday night.

Gallo:

It doesn't have to be banded at 1.16 to take a picture. Anybody can see a retrovirus and tell. You band it at the beginning because you concentrate it and if it has a density of 1.9 and say that ain't a retrovirus you got lead in your pants.

VO 32A

Failure to isolate virus particles directly from patients with AIDS or at risk of AIDS means the theory that the syndrome is caused by what we are told is HIV remains unproven to this day.

GRAPHIC "AFRICA"

VO 33

<p>MUSIC STING GRAPHIC "AFRICA"</p>	<p>The question on everybody's lips was – so if HIV doesn't cause AIDS – what about Africa?</p>
<p>DISCO MUSIC</p>	<p>As we have shown, In the early 80s AIDS was a syndrome that affected young men mainly in urban areas of the west and east coasts of the United States. The risk groups were originally known as the four 'H's – Heroin users, Haemophiliacs, homosexuals and Haitians – because to be Haitian was in itself an official AIDS risk until the Haitian President complained to the US Government.</p>
<p>Roller caption stretching into distance with list of AIDS defining conditions</p>	<p>VO 34 But the official number of AIDS defining conditions as decreed by the US Centres for Disease Control increased from the original two - Kaposi's Sarcoma skin lesions and the quasi-fungal pneumonia called PCP or (pneumocystis carinii pneumonia) to a total of 27 different conditions They include Candidiasis, cervical cancer, tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia and wasting Syndrome.</p>
<p>Roller caption stretching into distance with list of AIDS defining conditions</p>	<p>So when more and more people presenting with these known conditions tested HIV antibody positive, then more and more people joined the ranks of those diagnosed with AIDS - or the more convenient, newly coined condition, which helped bump up the statistics, "HIV disease".</p> <p>But poverty, malnutrition and dirty water remain the greatest causes of disease and death today.</p>
<p>Roller caption stretching into distance with list of AIDS defining conditions</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH</p> <p>In Africa almost 50% of the population has no access to clean drinking water. It means the people get their water from a dirty water hole and by definition the water holes are deeper than the surrounding environment so by definition if an animal drinks from the water and defecates at the same time, the faeces will end up in the water. They will run down into the water.</p>
<p>Roller caption stretching into distance with list of AIDS defining conditions</p>	<p>VO 34A TB was originally only an AIDS defining condition when it occurred outside the lung (extra-pulmonary) but when TB of the lung was included it hugely increased the number of AIDS cases in Africa. In addition The WHO's Bangui clinical case definition had decreed that you could be called an AIDS case without an HIV test if you had symptoms like a dry cough and fever for a month. This meant that TB patients were sometimes taken out of TB wards and put into AIDS wards, and given toxic antivirals instead of TB drugs. This re-labelling worried TB experts in Africa like Dr Martin Okot Nwang.</p>
<p>DR MARTIN OKOT NWANG SYNCH (with subtitles)</p>	<p>SOF DR MARTIN OKOT NWANG SYNCH (SUBTITLES)</p> <p>A patient who has TB and is HIV positive would appear exactly the same as a patient who has TB and is HIV negative. Clinically both patients would present with prolonged fever. Both patients would present with loss of weight, marked loss of weight actually, and both patients would present with prolonged cough and in both cases the cough could equally</p>

<p>CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH</p>	<p>be productive.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH</p> <p>So this is just another proof that what has taken place in Africa is just a re-labelling of pre-existing old and mostly preventable diseases – which most of them are poverty related. And so the real scandal in AIDS and Africa is that the West, instead of investing in overcoming poverty – investing to help people to lead better lives and get healthier – so instead of doing this very sensible approach – the West tries to sell toxic drugs and useless HIV tests.</p> <p>Vo 35</p> <p>The more the flames of plague terror were fanned the more the money that was poured into research focussing on the virus/AIDS hypothesis.</p> <p>A frenzy of testing, drugs and condom distribution took place in Africa where statistics from a few maternity clinics were extrapolated into grossly inflated figures for so-called HIV infection. Estimates that were then spread around the world by the World Health Organisation and UNAIDS.</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>VO 36</p> <p>In 1993 we went to Africa on a research trip and were later commissioned by channel 4's Dispatches to make the documentary "AIDS AND AFRICA".</p> <p>We filmed in Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon and Cote d'Ivoire. Everywhere we went we met with poverty, malnutrition and contaminated water supplies. Nowhere was it possible to compare figures for deaths before and after "HIV" appeared on the scene. Deaths were simply not reported, particularly in the rural areas, and records not kept.</p>
<p>CLIP FROM AIDS AND AFRICA MAN IN RAKAI saying everyone bluffed into thinking everything was AIDS.</p> <p>CLIP – DESERTED RURAL</p>	<p>BADRU SSEMANDA SYNCH (SUBTITLES)</p> <p>People are trying to find a way of living out of this. You know that they think that if they publicise it and exaggerate they might win sympathy of the international community and we get aid or rather get assistance from the - we need assistance but not through the other way - I mean not through bluffing people that people are dying at the rate which is not true.</p> <p>CLIP – DESERTED RURAL HOSPITAL Clip from AIDS and AFRICA</p> <p>SOF VO</p> <p>In Najemba's village the total breakdown of the health and medical</p>

<p>HOSPITAL Clip from AIDS and AFRICA</p>	<p>services is only too apparent. We visited the local hospital in the so-called epicentre of AIDS and found a sorry scene. Not a single AIDS patient – only an empty ward. No nurses, no doctors, only one tiny baby suffering from malaria convulsions surrounded by her silent family. We then found the only member of staff who got up from her sick bed to speak to us.</p> <p>SOF NURSE NAMUBIRU MAXENSIA</p> <p>I work as a midwife and I also help in the treatment of other patients.</p> <p>Joan: How do you feel?</p> <p>Nurse M: Now I am sick</p> <p>Joan: What do you have?</p> <p>Nurse M: I have malaria</p> <p>SOF VO</p> <p>Lack of staff and medicines at these local hospitals and dispensaries has meant that sick people simply stay in their own homes.</p>
<p>MUSIC SEQUENCE – YAUNDE</p>	<p>SOF DR HARVEY BIALY SYNCH</p> <p>From both my literature review and my personal experience over most of the so-called AIDS centres in Africa I can find absolutely no believable, or persuasive evidence that Africa is in the midst of a new epidemic of infectious immuno-deficiency.</p> <p>CLIP – MUSIC sequence in Yaunde, Cameroon</p> <p>SOF VO</p> <p>The Seventh International AIDS Conference held in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Here the emphasis is almost exclusively on controlling AIDS by controlling the sexual spread of HIV.</p> <p>YOUNG MAN DEMONSTRATING CONDOM USE</p> <p>Can you see there is a tank. This is a tank where the sperm will remain after ejaculation. You hold like this and gently it goes down. Make sure this one – you press the tank – gently – and there it is!</p> <p>VO 37</p> <p>The focus on the sexual transmission of AIDS and the hasty and misguided use of HIV tests (originally developed to screen blood products and not for diagnosis), led to an epidemic of mistaken diagnoses in Africa, with massive accompanying stigma. This has affected the lives of millions, including young Lucy.</p>

Diagnosed HIV positive through a screening test¹¹, she was shunned by her community. Philippe Krynen and his wife, working for the French charity Partage, helped Lucy to health and confidence.

PHILIPPE KRYNEN

It's very seldom you see people who have been stigmatised with AIDS who are not dying a few months later. So Lucy was one of the first persons who, because we didn't support the AIDS tag on her, recovered and was the proof to the community that you can recover from such episodes.

LUCY (SUBTITLES ALREADY THERE)

Lucy: I am strong now and I'm back to my old weight so I can do any work I am faced with.

Joan: What would you like to see happen?

Lucy: I hope to have children

SOF VO

In three successive tests Lucy has now been found to be HIV negative

GRAPHIC 'THE TEST'

VO 38

It was now time to further investigate the HIV test.

After all, to this day HIV has never been found directly in human blood. It is claimed to be identified through indirect markers – antibodies to a set of proteins believed but never proved to be to be specific to it; and strips of genetic material believed to belong to it – the so-called 'viral load' test.

Multiple cross-reactions with other conditions, and inconsistencies between one test kit and another, were already providing strong indications that something was seriously wrong.

JOAN TO CAMERA J

Given the death sentence attached to an HIV positive diagnosis we decided to conduct our own experiment to investigate the reliability of the HIV test. The reference laboratories for University College London's Medical School processed our blood samples.

VO 39

David Lloyd at Channel 4 agreed to give us development money.

[NB: From Joan – not to be translated - there is a drop in sound here

We consulted the Perth Group about finding our blood samples. They knew that people with inflammatory autoimmune conditions like lupus and rheumatoid arthritis could produce high protein levels in their blood called "hyper-gammaglobulinaemia" which could result in a positive HIV test.

They also knew that antibodies generated by TB, candidiasis, malaria and as many as 70 conditions including even pregnancy and 'flu vaccinations could trigger positive results - as could the blood of IV drug users and alcoholics with hepatitis.

University College London's Medical School helped fly our TB and malaria blood samples from Africa and provided our lupus samples.

We also included blood samples from 5 volunteers who had tested antibody positive in the past and one gay man, Peter Nicholls, who feared he could be positive because of multiple partner risk activity. Peter's conflicting test results were to prove the most astonishing of all.

In this exercise we had 26 blood samples. At the time there were 20 competing commercial test kits on the market. We chose 3 well-known ones.

For absolute objectivity we asked Dr Andrew Taylor of the Robens Institute's laboratory at Surrey University to co-ordinate our sample testing. At that stage we didn't know which reference laboratory he would choose to perform the HIV Elisa antibody test.

Dr Taylor code numbered the samples on the first run and then to blind the study further gave a second batch of the same blood sample a new number for a second run.

After being sent to University College London's virus laboratory we received the results from two of the test kits. These were consistent and unsurprising. But about the third test kit?

TO CAMERA J1

When these results were finally sent to us we discovered that 19 of the 26 blood samples - including patients with TB and malaria that had tested negative before - had now tested "indeterminate" - that's in the grey area or no-mans-land between negative and positive. Some of them were on the verge of positive. Laboratory guidelines state that these should be retested.

VO 40

In a different test sequence we asked St George's Hospital, Tooting's Protein Research Laboratory for four anonymous samples of blood from patients with generally high blood protein levels - IgG and IgM - but with no AIDS defining diseases.

We sent these to a Central London private testing laboratory. One of the four tested definitely HIV antibody positive.

Remember these were patients who had no AIDS-defining conditions.

We then went back to our first test sequence and followed up on our volunteer Peter Nicholls's results – he had tested antibody positive on all three test kits through our Robens/UCL experiment. We took him to two London Teaching hospitals - St Mary's, in Paddington and the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead. He tested negative at both. How did he feel?

SOF PETER NICHOLLS SYNCH

Confused in a way but obviously glad that now – having received two sets of negative results I'm obviously fairly confident that I'm HIV negative now – but confused as to why I would receive a positive result in the first place from the experiment that we did – and how many other false positive results are there floating around that people don't know about.

VO 41

We continued with our quest.

It was usual for a positive ELISA test to be confirmed with a Western Blot test.

Dr Philip Mortimer then head of the Government Public Health Laboratory Services or PHLS had been concerned about the reliability of the Western Blot test. He recommended a double Elisa and dropping the Western Blot.

So the Western Blot was dropped in England and Wales but in Scotland it continued to be a requirement.

We gathered 16 blood samples and had them tested in England with a double Elisa and in Scotland using the Western Blot. The results were remarkable. 12 of the 16 samples were declared negative in England but one of those was definitely positive in Scotland and another five were equivocal – or borderline.

So of our total of 42 blood tests 25 (over half) produced contradictory or anomalous results.

TO CAMERA J2

How many more of these cases might there be? How much agony and how many suicides have followed these mistaken death sentences?

VO 42

We were excited about putting all of our research - £17,000 pounds worth of development money from Channel 4 – into a one hour special for World AIDS Day 1998.

TO CAMERA K

But to our utter dismay it was cancelled. There had been a change of schedule. Maybe we would do a short report about the recent Geneva World AIDS Conference instead?

VO 43

We did. Huw Christie and I were commissioned and made our report. We covered the fact that a pre-conference satellite link up had taken place where the Perth Group had strongly criticised the validity of the HIV test and raised the issue of the lack of evidence for the purification and isolation of HIV.

TO CAMERA L

Our report for Channel 4 News reached its final stages, an approved fourth draft script, an approved press release and transmission date. But four days before transmission the editor Jim Gray called us in said he had had a “tectonic shift” and would not be transmitting the programme.

VO 44

On World AIDS Day we organised a picket line outside Channel 4 News denouncing the censorship.

VO 45

Our anger mounted as we learned of the way western pharmaceutical companies and the media were targeting President Thabo Mbeki in south Africa and his stand against the distribution of potentially toxic anti-retroviral drugs to pregnant women who had tested antibody positive.

VO 46

Journalist Anita Allen helped arrange for Huw Christie and me to fly out to Johannesburg and interview the President on film at Government House in Pretoria. The night we arrived we met with senior members of the African National Congress at Anita’s home.

SOF ANITA ALLEN SYNCH

We had Smuts Ngonyama, ANC head of the presidency communications – a wonderful man – just wonderful – and he was very very impressed and when he left he said “I am invigorated. I am taking your energy with me to the President”.

SOF JOAN SHENTON SYNCH

It was almost impossible for me to believe that we were really going to be favoured with – and it is favoured with – an interview with the President. And there came a moment when we were told that we had been selected.

SOF PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI INTERVIEW

Joan: Last year you were reported as saying in Parliament that you were

concerned about the giving of AZT to pregnant mothers. Why were you concerned?

Mbeki: Well because lots of questions had been raised around the question of the toxicity of the drug - very serious. And we have a responsibility as a government to determine matters of public health and therefore we can take decisions – we have to take decisions that impact directly on human beings. And it seems to me that where doubts had been raised – questions had been raised around these toxicity questions – and the efficacy of AZT and other drugs – that it was necessary again to go into these matters because it wouldn't sit easily on one's conscience to discover that you had been warned that there could be danger and nevertheless you went ahead and said despite the danger let's dispense these drugs.

SOF HUW CHRISTIE SYNCH

I feel on the cusp of excited. I think the TV programme's looking great. It's amazingly beautiful in places and it has some very disturbing information. And it's going to be seen by many people who need to see it right here – right in this region.

VO 47

The programme was transmitted in 42 countries across Africa by M-Net South Africa on their weekly current affairs programme Carte Blanche. But no Western Channels would touch it.

A few months later President Mbeki convened a Presidential Advisory Panel on AIDS in Pretoria involving dissident and orthodox scientists from around the world. It was a big event.

DR CLAUS KOHNLEIN SYNCH (CHECK SP)

I was invited by President Mbeki because he has concerns about the toxicity of AZT and I'm an oncologic physician and I saw a lot of patients dying in the early nineties and the late eighties which all had the high dose regime of AZT and AZT is a cancer drug and it's just a question of time when the bone marrow will be completely suppressed. The problem is that physicians are not aware of the problem because they think that AIDS patients have to die so they were not very astonished that they did as was told. But if you look at the detrimental effect of AZT, it's very easy to understand because AZT is a cell killing substance and we wouldn't use it in oncology because we know about the bone marrow suppression so we would stop to give the bone marrow time for recovery. But in AIDS patients the situation is different – they get it as a life-long treatment and nobody can survive this treatment. So we reached consensus yesterday here that we killed people with AZT. It's just the question that how many did we kill?

SOF ANTHONY BRINK

I was seized by this irresistible moral and political imperative to act – to do something. I just - It was like – I just couldn't turn away. It was like

turning away from somebody drowning – walking away from the scene of a murder. It's a bad thing and I think that people are being killed by this terrible drug and people are being sort of – you know – shepherding people into barbed wire concentration camps physically is one thing but also, you know, you can do it mentally too. You can drive people to their deaths by terrifying them to death.

SOF DR ROBERTO GIRALDO

What I think is going to be very difficult is to come to some definitive agreement. The only thing that we can agree at the end is that we don't agree.

VO 48A

At the end of the gathering, anti-apartheid veteran Dr Sam Mhlongo, who was in charge of Family Health in South Africa and a strong supporter of the President on the issues surrounding AIDS, summed it up like this

SOF DR SAM MHLONGO SYNCH

I think it is worthwhile to look into questions – what is making black Africans so sick in Africa – when their counterparts in Europe – heterosexuals I'm talking about – are not even half as sick. So we will have to look at this and see what is making Africans sick? It cannot be - in my view - no one has convinced me - that HIV is what is making them sick. I am as confident as I was when I left South Africa in 1963 that on day we will defeat apartheid. I feel AIDS – and I'm not talking about HIV – AIDS will be defeated in Africa just as much as serious infectious diseases were defeated in Europe.

JOAN TO CAMERA M

Over the years that followed a successful strategy of silence has been employed by the media, hand in hand with the scientific and pharmaceutical establishments. Any debate challenging the virus/AIDS hypothesis was carried out at various dissident conferences around the world.

CAPTION GRAPHIC

RUSSIA – EKATERINBURG CONFERENCE

VO 49

In early 2000 the number of young intravenous drug users in Russia was escalating at an alarming rate and many were testing HIV antibody positive.

Translator:

And now we give the word to Dr Nadejka Hramova for the first

presentation of our conference.

SOF CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE – GERMAN ADVUSHIN

VO 50

Members of the All Russia Parents Forum including members of the Russian Orthodox Church became concerned that huge amounts of money were pouring into the country, much of it for so-called 'safe sex' education programmes often involving drama groups from Western Europe enacting simulated sex and condom use in front of children as young as 7.

The forum convened a conference in Ekaterinburg, a city in Eastern Russia in the Urals in order to extend a hand to the dissident scientists.

Anthony Brink was one of the key co-ordinators with Western countries.

SOF CHRISTINE MAGGIORE

Hello and thank you for being here for so long today

VO 51

Christine Maggiore offered reassurance and support at the conference to young mothers who, because of their positive status were being forced into taking toxic antiviral drugs and told not to breastfeed – or their children would be taken into care.

(CAPTION OF BOOK: WHAT IF EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW ABOUT AIDS WAS WRONG?)

Christine who ran a well known and highly regarded dissident pressure group called Alive and Well, had had conflicting positive and negative HIV test results over the years. In Russia she was healthy and well and full of plans for the future but a few months later she developed pneumonia and died. Although her critics insist this was caused by her opposition to taking anti-retroviral drugs, the independent report by toxicologist and pathologist Dr Mohammed Al-Bayati said her death was caused by renal failure resulting from the effects of the administration of three powerful antibiotics in the nine days prior to her death.

JOAN TO CAMERA N

Once plague terror has set in, with all its financial implications, it becomes almost impossible for the scientific establishment to change course.

SOF CHUCK ORTLEB SYNCH

I think if you start interviewing all of the scientists in these laboratories you'd find out that there is a lot of doubt out there because publicly they are afraid to speak up because they'll be punished. They will lose their grants. They will lose their jobs. Science in America – at least AIDS

science – is really religion and if you dare challenge authority you lose your livelihood. That's the way science works.

DR CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH

It indicates that science has turned into something like a religion where opinions are perceived to be a threat if they don't follow the currently held beliefs and if they don't represent political correctness.

TO CAMERA O

This voguish commitment to political correctness surrounding a flawed scientific model has had a devastating effect on our own spontaneity, and our sexual behaviour.

NEVILLE HODGKINSON SYNCH

It condemned a generation to a kind of contaminated idea of sex. That sex was – any kind of sex – unless it was between two virgins was going to carry a risk of picking up this deadly virus. So they're unlimited the consequences, plus the hundreds of billions that have gone into a faulty hypothesis – a great tragedy.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
RETHINKING AIDS CONFERENCE

NICOLE ZWIREN'S FILM "DENIALISM – THE DEATH OF AIDS"

SOF VO

Because in 1997 I was diagnosed HIV positive. That's my case and my story but we're now 2009. I want to know what you guys are going to tell those people to question the doctors – ask these questions that we're all talking about here which is quite a very luxurious position to be in.

DR HELEN LAUER VO

But I really don't think sex has to do with it. Clean water has to do with it.

SOF DR ROBERTO GIRALDO

I think we – we're giving an example all over the planet of unity. The different views - how for instance has different views to Peter and we have different views, but we are united.

DR CHARLES GESHEKTER

The HIV/AIDS orthodoxy in Africa depends on a behaviour modification paradigm, or a promiscuity paradigm wedded to obsessions about poor black people's sexual behaviour while downplaying the political economy of poverty, sickness and disease. Their statistical sophistry, data manipulation and voodoo maths enrage me.

DR MARCO RUGGIERO

It is estimated that there are new HIV infections – six new HIV infections for 100,000 residents per year. But let's look at something we can measure – AIDS related deaths.

VO 52

Prof Marco Ruggiero stunned his audience by showing that according to Italy's Ministry of Health AIDS isn't a statistically relevant disease.

DR MARCO RUGGIERO SYNCH

But let's go to my beautiful region, Tuscany, where Dante used to live. In Tuscany we have a good control of statistics and a good epidemiological unit and so you can read that in Tuscany there have been seven – one two three four five six seven – deaths in 2005. And four deaths in 2006. And Tuscany has a population of more than three million people. So you can clearly see that it is not a relevant problem at all.

VO 53

Writer and journalist Tony Lance told the audience how, by the mid nineties, 100 of his friends and acquaintances had died.

Tony put forward his theory of intestinal dysbiosis. He points to gay sexual practices like rectal douching and sexual lubricants that can affect the flora in the colon and create a reaction in the gut making it more permeable and less able to resist invading microbes.

TONY LANCE SYNCH

The eco system in your gut is a rainforest, rich in species and interdependencies. These activities, antibiotics, rectal douching and use of lubricants are the equivalent of coming in – of loggers coming in - and cutting down all the trees. That's what's happening. These are not uncommon practices among gay men.

DAVID CROWE SYNCH

So I want to talk about some of the legal cases I've learned about...

VO 54

David Crowe spoke movingly about the legal cases he has been helping with which involve HIV positive men and women imprisoned for aggravated sexual assault, assault with a deadly weapon (HIV) and first degree murder.

DAVID CROWE SYNCH (at Oakland Conference)

A death that occurs during aggravated sexual assault in Canada is automatic first degree murder with no evidence of intent.

DAVID CROWE – (Own footage – self-shot)

Most harsh of all was Johnson Aziga the only man to my knowledge to receive a conviction for first degree murder merely for being HIV positive. He had a number of girlfriends over the years. Two of them were found to be HIV positive, took AIDS drugs and died of an acknowledged side effect of AZT known as Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Luckily Canada does not have the death penalty or he might have been the first person executed for being HIV positive. It's very upsetting for me to see people's children ripped away from them. I've been involved in many such cases. It's very difficult for me to see people being sent to gaol for ten, twenty years.

JAD ADAMS SYNCH

I'm sorry to say that very little has changed in the past twenty years. If anything the positions on both sides – that HIV and nothing else causes AIDS on one side and on the other side HIV has nothing at all to do with AIDS – if anything those positions have become more entrenched and that's a very great shame because there's an awful lot of middle ground and areas which would be of tremendous benefit to the public generally, to science and of course to patients.

GRAPHIC CAPTION

VIENNA – AUSTRIA
AIDS CUI BONO? CONFERENCE

VO 55

The summer of 2010 saw the dissident Conference "AIDS - cui Bono?" in Vienna at the same time as the World AIDS Conference. Two Viennese doctors, Christian Fiala and Uta Santos-König spearheaded the conference.

VO 56

Peter Duesberg reminded us that censorship in the corridors of medical power is on the increase. He highlighted a paper he had co-authored for Medical Hypotheses.

The paper was published on the journal's website and then abruptly withdrawn and the journal's editor dismissed.

CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH

Unfortunately this article was censored – withdrawn two weeks after publication with the argument that the ideas presented in this article posed a potential threat to global public health.

VO 57

The Satellite Channel Russia Today decided to give the dissident

conference a voice and in between their reporting on the orthodox conference, interviewed a dissident a day. This was unprecedented.

JOAN TO CAMERA P

Using bad science to prop up a questionable theory in order to protect financial interests is well known. But when the bad science becomes so entrenched that the voice of the independent scientist can no longer be heard, and when the perpetrators of this bad science can dominate the distribution of research worldwide – then one begins to despair.

CHRISTIAN FIALA SYNCH

So what we need to understand is that science is not truth. It is one system – one belief system that helps us to understand reality and like any other belief system it has mistakes and we need to understand the functioning and try to make the best out of it without taking it for the absolute truth.

DR ROBERT ROOT-BERNSTEIN

The anger comes when I then think about the people who are dying because this is not a question of simply pushing through the research to convince other scientists. This is a question that every month that goes by we have several hundreds or thousands of people who died who might have been able to be helped if only we'd gotten the research done earlier or convinced more people to move in this direction.

THABO MBEKI

It's a very worrying thing that anybody can say today, in today's world, that there is a point of view that is prohibited - that's banned – that they are heretics who must be burned at the stake. And it's all said in the name of science and health – can't be right.

VO 58

How had Peter Duesberg felt all those years before when he first challenged the AIDS establishment?

PETER DUESBERG SYNCH

A bit like Galileo must have felt when he ended up in prison. Probably somewhat satisfied that nobody could prove him wrong but also saddened that he didn't get a forum and in the case of AIDS that 150,000 have since developed AIDS in this country. Many of them could have been saved

DISPATCHES TITLES

VO 59

The unresolved mystery of AIDS, the numerous predictions that have so patently failed to materialise linger on as challenges to the scientific community.

We've gathered the information you've just seen over a period of 25 years – yet nothing has changed. People are still led to believe that being "HIV" positive means you have fallen victim to a deadly infection. The textbooks tell us so. It may take a generation for the truth to out.

(TEXT ON SCREEN)

We appeal to

World Health Organisation

Centres for Disease Control

Medical Research Council Control (the word 'Control' at the end of this line should be deleted.

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