

# WORLD YOUTH ALLIANCE BOOK LIST

## Broken Promises: How the AIDS Establishment Has Betrayed the Developing World

By Edward Green

In his work, "Broken Promises", Dr. Edward Green, former director of Harvard AIDS Prevention Project, proposes risk-elimination solutions for reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. This book provides evidence-based solutions for the world wide epidemic of AIDS and offers a response that holistically addresses the dignity of the human person.

### Why The Broken Promises

Green's approach to the HIV/AIDS epidemic is one that is person-centered, focusing on risk-elimination accompanied by culturally tailored solutions that respect the values and traditions of native populations. WYA's approach is similar, seeking to "remedy underlying societal factors that create conditions which place vulnerable populations at greater risk" (See WYA's [Declaration on HIV-AIDS](#)).

### Guide questions for discussion groups

- How does Green explain the term "cultural relativism"?
- How does the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa differ from that in the West? What is a particularly effective approach for curbing the spread of the virus in Africa?
- Discuss the effectiveness of Uganda's original response to HIV? How did the strategy change as the West became more involved?
- In what ways do condoms fail to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa?
- What is Green's opinion of voluntary testing and counseling?

- In addition to a behavior-change approach, emphasizing fidelity and delay of sexual debut, what other recommendations does Green propose in the fight against HIV/AIDS?
- What is the difference between “evidence-based prevention” and “evidence-informed prevention”? Which does Green support?
- How did sentiments of shame and stigma relate to the AIDS epidemic in Africa?
- When reading HIV/AIDS statistics what is the important difference between incidence rates and prevalence rates?
- Is poverty a cause of higher levels of HIV in certain countries?