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Prevent AIDS, Use the Internet, Go To Jail!

In a few weeks, Congress — in a belated attack on pornography — will outlaw virtually explicit material (including AIDS prevention information) downloaded to the Internet, for adults as well as children. You can be prosecuted anywhere in the country if someone under 18 receives your material there. If you use a Web site or other public forum, you will be criminally responsible for messages which others place on it — at penalty on any site you link to. Penalties are up to two years in prison and \$100,000 fine. The law makes no allowance for redemptive social education. Another section penalizes first parties in private for just mentioning publicly observed relations even in the privacy of your own home, even if you never distribute it or show it to any body — let alone to groups the social one you do so.

The Internet is the future of AIDS prevention; it offers privacy, reaches isolated rural areas, equally with major cities, costs almost nothing for participation and distribution, and allows new forums such as Internet role-playing games. This invaluable tool for public health may be lost. You can help by informing the AIDS community of this threat.

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