

What role did prejudice play in shaping public health responses to the AIDS epidemic in the United States?

I. Introduction

The most important factor in shaping public health officials' response to AIDS was the prejudice against gay men, IV drug users, and communities of color, which delayed recognition and effective action.

II. Body 1

Talk about Early Stigma and Mislabeling

- Media focused on gay nightlife, reinforcing moral panic
- Image depicting this

III. Body 2

Talk about what methods were used because of the stigma

- Image depicting a person suffering from aids
- Evidence showing how the prejudice was unfair

IV. Conclusion

Ultimately the health officials response to the outbreak of aids was hinged upon their knowledge at the time which was based on incorrect information resulting in ineffective methods being taken to control the disease