

Student Handout C

Topic: AIDS Prevention in Senegal

Guiding Questions

AIDS Prevention in Senegal (March 23, 2001)

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In this transcript, RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY explores how Senegalese Muslim practice has reduced the spread of AIDS.

1. In Senegal, which is surrounded by countries devastated by HIV/AIDS, the incidence of infection is very low. What do you think are the main reasons for this?
2. In Senegal, strict religious restrictions against marital infidelity exist side by side with a thriving, highly-regulated sex trade. Do you see these things as incompatible? Do you think such an arrangement would work in the U.S.?
3. Compare Senegalese religious and cultural practices concerning sex and marriage with those in the U.S.
4. From reading the transcript, would you say that people with AIDS are well-tolerated and accepted in Senegal? Explain.

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