



Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Diplomat and AIDS Advocate, Dies

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Richard Holbrooke, a former U.S. ambassador and one of the most influential American diplomats of the past four decades, has died at age 69 after surgery to repair a torn aorta, reports Bloomberg news. Although Holbrooke is best known as a mediator during the war in Bosnia and in U.S. relations with China, Afghanistan and Pakistan, he was also a staunch AIDS advocate. According to a PBS interview, he helped redefine the pandemic in terms of world security, and arranged a groundbreaking U.N. Security Council Session on the topic in 2000. He chaired the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and proposed an aggressive system of HIV testing and treatment.

To read the Bloomberg article, click [here](#).

And to read an insightful 2005 interview with Holbrooke on PBS's Frontline: The Age of AIDS, click [here](#).

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