GOP, Dem, Green, Libertarian: Their Stances on HIV/AIDS

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The 2016 election is about more than deleted emails and missing tax forms. In fact, a lot is at stake. That's why Harlem United and the Fenway Institute—AIDS service organizations in New York City and Boston—released the report "The 2016 Presidential Candidates on Important Health Equity Issues."

The report's information has been summarized on a webpage titled "Issues That Matter: Comparing the Candidates and Parties" that includes quotes and images that can be shared on social media with the hashtag #IssuesThatMatter.

The report, which can be downloaded on the webpage, examines six key issues: LGBT equality, HIV/AIDS, health care, substance use, mental health and housing and rounds up statements from the main party platforms and quotes from the candidates.

According to Issues That Matter, below are excerpted stances from the four major party platforms regarding HIV/AIDS:

> Green Platform: "An all-out campaign must be waged against AIDS/HIV and other blood-borne diseases such as hepatitis. The AIDS epidemic has not been adequately addressed at the local, state, federal, or international levels. All people in all countries, including those with AIDS/HIV, have a right to medical care, protection from discrimination, and confidentiality."

> Democratic Platform: "Democrats believe an AIDS-free generation is within our grasp. But today far too many Americans living with HIV are without access to quality care and too many new infections occur each year."

> Republican Platform: The 2016 Republican Party Platform does not explicitly address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the U.S, but it does state support for President George W. Bush's health initiatives, including AIDS relief under PEPFAR and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

> Libertarian Platform: The 2016 Libertarian Party Platform does not mention HIV/AIDS in the

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