



I'm Ready For The Cure

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I want there to be a cure for hemophilia. Preferably within my lifetime.

In the meantime, I want to support, loudly and passionately, the person whom I feel will make the best President of the United States. I'm disappointed that, in political speak, "forward-thinking" and "no-hoper" are synonyms. I'm upset that the Democratic Party is rallying around the biggest hawk on their squad. I'm embarrassed that two families will have dominated American politics for over two decades, and am also afraid because I know I live in a country that will not be able to elect a black man or a white woman in the year 2008.

In my lifetime, I'm more likely to live to see China- the human rights capitol of the world- become the dominant power of the world than I am to see a cure for hemophilia, or any other illness I am currently living with.

In the last seven years as an HIV/AIDS educator, I've noticed a decline in the knowledge of how HIV is spread. YouTube is funny, but read those comments. The anonymity of internet has awakened us to the sad fact that racism and homophobia are simply part of our cultural DNA. We cast votes as a nation, sheep-like, to deny the right for two people to express their love. And, God forbid, visit one another in the hospital should one fall ill.

My body is healthy. I love my country, and the fact that I have access to medications that have prolonged my life. But my mind is sick, at least it is whenever I think about politics and that there is no accountability in our government. That closeted gay men are passing anti-gay legislation.

Naughty, naughty boys.

The problems fall on both sides of the political spectrum, but it was the Republican party that pushed the current administration to the top, and it was the Democratic party that refused to caution the American people about whether or not we really want to elect a recent President's son in a country where we tell our schoolchildren that anyone can grow up to be president.

I don't know about you, but I think the daughter of a Clinton or a Bush has a much better shot than the thinblooded son of Pam and Buddy Decker.

Just some thoughts. I feel better now.

Positively Yours,
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