Limbaugh Rewriting AIDS History

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Media Matter has posted a recent bout of verbal diarrhea suffered by Rush Limbaugh, a chronic sufferer of TOAS (Talking Out of Ass Syndrome). Last week, Limbaugh stuck up for Ronald Reagan's blind-eye approach to the emerging AIDS epidemic in the 1980's...

On Democrats regarding HIV and then-president Reagan, he said:

"*These people blamed AIDS on Reagan. Sound familiar? They blamed homelessness on Reagan -- you know why they blamed AIDS on Reagan? Because he didn't care. Because he never delivered a speech about it. And because of that, AIDS was spread.* They actually wanted us to believe that Reagan had the disease, was sneaking into gay people's houses at night, and impregnating them with the disease and running out. *And when he left their houses he went over to Grant Park, or wherever it was, Lafayette Park and stole the pork and beans of the homeless and took them*

back to the White House and fixed them up and ate them. That's the kind of stuff they were saying about Reagan."

Pretty disgusting words in defense of Saint Reagan.

In 1990, two years after his presidency was over, Reagan apologized for his mishandling of the crisis. To read some excerpts from Michael Bronski's book, *The Truth About Reagan and AIDS*, and to hear an audio clip of how Reagan viewed HIV as a morality test, click here.

Now, who stole my pork and beans?

Positively Yours,
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