



AFRICA ACTION'S
MOST WANTED...

COLIN POWELL

**...FOR FUELING THE
FIRE OF AIDS**

In 2000, after more than 30 years as a soldier, **Gen. Colin Powell** became the Secretary of State and the highest-ranking black official in the U.S. Powell visited Africa in May 2001, September 2002 and July 2003, where he witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS crisis. Despite his repeated comments on the severity of the pandemic, Powell has not pushed for policy changes or increased funding from the Bush Administration. As the most senior Black official in the U.S. and the most visible leader in U.S. foreign policy, Powell's complacency in dealing with the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and its disproportionate impact on Black people globally has been shocking and disgraceful.

WANTED for Complacency

Criminal Profile:

Powell has described the HIV/AIDS pandemic as **"The biggest problem we have on the face of the earth today"** (Speaking at a dinner honoring UN Secretary General Kofi Annan on November 13, 2002). But he has not made it the top foreign policy priority of this Administration or in his own State Department.

Powell has acknowledged that, **"AIDS is more devastating than any terrorist attack, any conflict or any weapon of mass destruction."** (Address to UN General Assembly, September 22, 2003). But this strong rhetoric has not been matched by a real commitment by Secretary Powell to making this a top foreign policy priority, and to increasing funding to fight AIDS globally.

Powell visited Africa 3 times, where he witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS crisis. But he did not push for policy changes or increased funding from the Bush Administration upon his return.

Opportunities for Citizens Arrest:

Former Chairman of "America's Promise", an organization that challenges Americans to scale up their investment in youth, and committed to making America's youth a national priority.

Former Member of the Board of Howard University, the United Negro College Fund, The Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and the Children's Health Fund.

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