

**AFRICA ACTION'S
MOST WANTED...
HANK MCKINNELL
...FOR FUELING THE
FIRE OF AIDS**



Concerned more with keeping the pharmaceutical industry the most profitable in the world than preventing needless deaths, **Hank McKinnell** and the Bush Administration have blocked developing countries from producing and purchasing generic versions of life-saving drugs. Hank McKinnell is CEO of the Pfizer drug company. He is also chair of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), the pharmaceutical lobbying group. It's two full-time lobbyists for every member of Congress exerts unreasonable influence for the industry and encourages Congress to put the needs of profits over people's lives. This same man, who is driven by profit and greed, is also a prominent member of the President's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) where he advises President Bush on the critical policy questions of treatment access. It is no wonder the Bush Administration has continued to block poor countries' access to affordable life-saving

WANTED for Drug Racketeering

Criminal Profile:

According to the Center for Responsible Politics (2000), Pfizer became the second largest campaign contributor to the U.S. Presidential Election in 2000. It spent \$2.3 million, 86% of which went to the Republican party. According to Public Citizen, **between 1997 and 2002, Pfizer was the drug company that spent most money on political contributions and lobbying** – \$33.4 million.

McKinnell masquerades as a philanthropist, citing donations of Pfizer's anti-fungal medicine, Diflucan as a step towards treating the 30 million people who are infected with HIV/AIDS in Africa. However, in 2002, Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) reported that Diflucan was being priced at \$10.50 per unit in Kenya, which is 90% above production cost.

As MSF has emphasized, donations of Diflucan are not enough; **there needs to be a sustainable and systematic approach to making medicines accessible to people in the world's poorest countries.** The issue must be how to make drugs affordable for people. But Pfizer refuses to concede any adjustment to current trade rules.

McKinnell hides behind the socio-economic problems of Africa, citing the position that, "Drug patents and drug prices are issues of little consequence in the face of withering poverty, inadequate health care funding and a lack of political will to address the pandemic head on." Nevertheless, the corporate-governmental machine that he leads (Pfizer, PhARMA, PACHA) perpetuates those problems.

Opportunities for Citizen Arrest

McKinnell has two degrees from Stanford University.

McKinnell is a member of a wide variety of corporate and community boards including Moody's Corporation, ExxonMobil Corporation, John Wiley & Sons Inc., and the Business Round Table.

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