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My willingly selected population problem is HIV that if left untreated may lead the individual to acquire AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). It is referred to as an umbrella of symptoms originating from the development of compromised immune system. Estimations propound that approximately 3.6 million people are living with HIV-AIDS worldwide (CDC, 2019). For such massive public perpetuation, government takes this issue to undergo policy making following the agenda setting. Out of 45 USA presidents, the policy makings and practical efforts of only three presidents would be embraced thorough discussion in terms of administrative agenda, allocation of financial resources and particular approach to this issue; Donald Trump, Barack Obama, George W. Bush. Starting from the administrative agenda, Trump administration aims to develop advanced strategies driven by current technology in order to combat this epidemic (HIVG, 2019). It centralized its focus on the advancement of antiretroviral medications and other prevention strategies through focusing more on the utilization of research and laboratory testing. The Obama administration attempted to increase the number of people to avail healthcare facilities and education of the patients for self preventive and management activities (ONAIDSP, 2018). The president Bush developed President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in order to treat affected individuals, prevent newly born individuals from this menace and execute sufficient research to eradicate this issue (IAVIR, 2017). As far as the allocation of resources is concerned, the Trump administration surpassed the other two governments as evident from the amount allocated for HIV AIDS prevention and management; $291 million followed by the Barak and Bush administrations; $19.4 billion and $12 billion respectively (HIVG, 2019; ONAIDSP, 2018; IAVIR, 2017). Moving to the approach towards HIV AIDS, the trump administration focused more on the infected areas, research and advancement of technologies; president Obama emphasized the collaboration of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in order to develop effective treatment plans whereas Bush administration approached PEPFAR for addressing associated healthcare concerns (HIVG, 2019; ONAIDSP, 2018; IAVIR, 2017).

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