George Stephanopoulos: I want to show some of the claims they identified in the [abstinence] curricula. One of them was one of the programs taught “The actual ability of condoms to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS, even if the product is intact, is not definitively known.” Another, “The popular claim that condoms help prevent the spread of STDs is not supported by the data.” A third suggested that tears and sweat could transmit HIV and AIDS. Now, you’re a doctor. Do you believe that tears and sweat can transmit HIV?

Senator Bill Frist: I don’t know. I can tell you...

Stephanopoulos: Well, wait, let me stop you, you don’t know that, you believe that tears and sweat might be able to transmit AIDS?

Frist: Yeah, no, I can tell you that HIV is not very transmissible as an element like, compared to smallpox, compared to the flu.

Stephanopoulos: ...let me just clear this up, though. Do you or do you not believe that tears and sweat can transmit HIV?

Frist: It would be very hard. It would be very hard for tears and sweat, I mean, you can get the virus in tears and sweat but in terms of the degree of infecting somebody, it would be very hard.