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ACT UP/Boston reaches people with HIV infection/AIDS, people directly affected by AIDS, communities concerned about AIDS, medical researchers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and bureaucrats who make policies affecting PWAs. Our chief means of reaching these different groups is through public demonstrations. These demonstrations have proven to be ACT UP's most effective way of initiating change and educating the targeted group and the general public about the issues involved. Demonstrations make the targets aware of ACT UP's concerns, while media coverage, enhanced by ACT UP's own media group, informs the larger public. ACT UP/Boston's membership is comprised both of people with AIDS and those concerned about AIDS. With the visibility ACT UP has attained and as the crisis has affected more and more people, our membership has grown to include workers from the health care, medical research, pharmaceutical manufacturing, housing, and government sectors. There are currently 200 members, about 70 of whom come regularly to our Tuesday night meetings. Approximately 40-50 people actively participate in the working groups.