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The comedian Sarah Silverman peppers her stand-up act and Comedy Central series with AIDS jokes. Her gags, which may scorn to teeter on the edge of shock jockdom, give HIV/AIDS some major mainstream attention—when other, supposedly daring comics just won't go there. But is Silverman cleverly lampooning stigma and clueless advocacy (in a faux public service announcement, she advises “Get tested, be safe and buy a T-shirt!”) or is she merely distasteful? Check out some of her more notorious jokes below, and decide for yourself. Let Comedy Central hear from you too:

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What do you think?

Here are a few of Silverman's AIDS jokes. Take a look & post your comments in the tridd forums, at <http://tridd.freeforums.org/viewtopic.php?p=1336#1336>

“I have AIDS ... tons of them.”

“AIDS is real - It doesn't only exist in award-winning films and TV shows”

“When God gives you AIDS—and God does give you AIDS, by the way—make lemon AIDS.”

“If we can put a man on the moon -- we can put a man with AIDS on the moon -- And then someday we can put everyone with AIDS on the moon!”

“(To her dog) It's wrong to judge people based on whether or not they have AIDS. I mean, you don't have AIDS and I love you just as much as if you did. More, even.”