Case 1

Student George Bono writes a term paper on AIDS for a Sociology class that begins:

AIDS: Should the United States be Doing More?

By George Bono

By now everyone knows that AIDS is a significant problem throughout the world. In fact, some 5 million individuals contract AIDS annually, contributing to an overall rate of about 37 million adults and 2.5 million children. It should be noted also that these figures are twice as high as those projected by the WHO more than 10 years ago.

After handing in the paper, George’s instructor searches the internet and finds the following web site, which was not cited by George:

People living with HIV

According to estimates from the Joint United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Health Organization (WHO), 37 million adults* and 2.5 million children were living with HIV at the end of 2003. This is more than 50% higher than the figures projected by WHO in 1991 on the basis of the data then available.

Number of people infected during 2003, and the number of deaths

During 2003, some 5 million people became infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS.

The year also saw 3 million deaths from HIV/AIDS – a high global total, despite antiretroviral therapy, which reduced AIDS and AIDS-related deaths in the richer countries. Deaths among