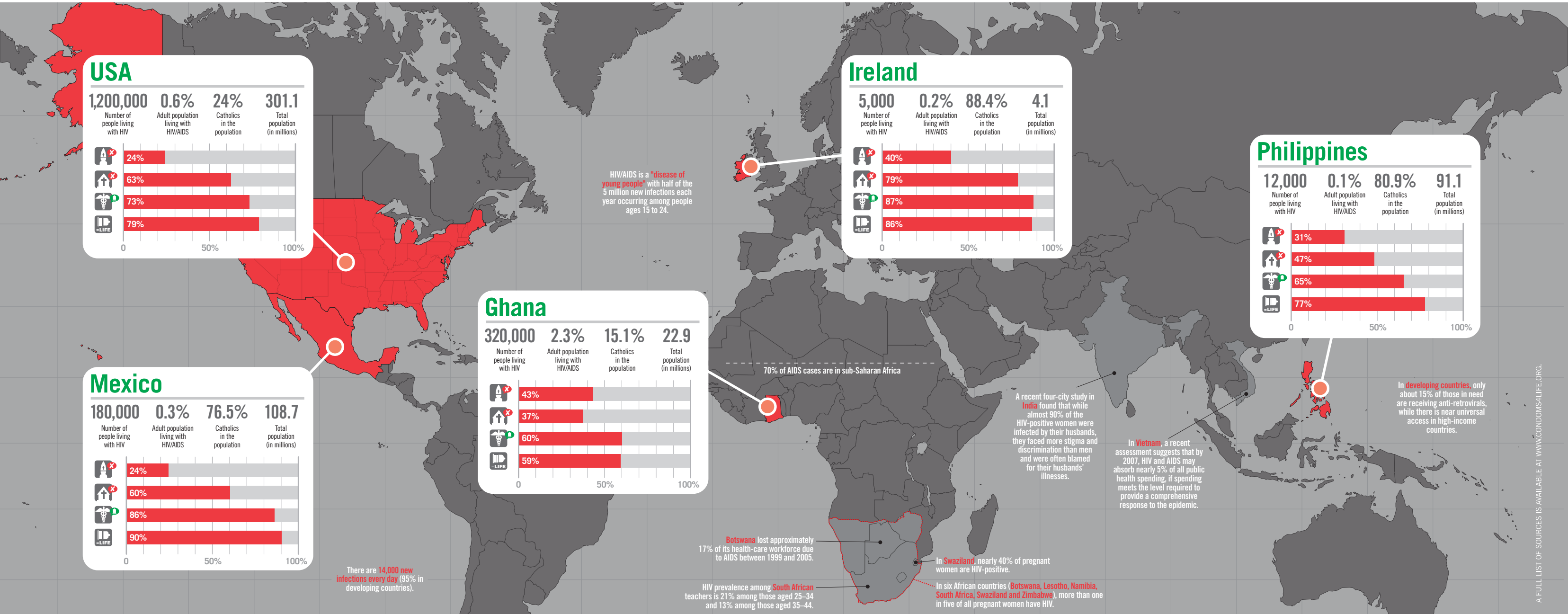


# Catholics around the World Support the Use of Condoms to Prevent HIV/AIDS

While it is well known that the Catholic hierarchy preaches and lobbies against the use of condoms to prevent HIV and AIDS—even when a husband or wife is infected and wants to prevent transmission to their partner—that is not the whole story on Catholics and safer sex.

Catholics for Choice conducted an international poll in five countries on four continents to determine what Catholics think about the church hierarchy's teaching. The facts on this poster tell the story: Catholics around the world overwhelmingly believe that the decision to use

condoms is prolife and that Catholic hospitals should be required to provide them. Catholic people live in the real world. It is now time for the hierarchy to lift the ban on condoms.



The questions we asked Catholics over 18 in Ghana, Ireland, Mexico, the Philippines, and the United States were as follows:



Have you ever heard a Catholic priest or bishop speak in a sermon, in the media, or some other way against the use of condoms?

The percentage in the answer represents the number of people who heard church leaders speak against the use of condoms.



The Catholic church prohibits Catholics from using condoms for any reason, including preventing HIV and AIDS. Do you agree more that: The church position on condoms is the right one and should not be changed; or that the church position on condoms is wrong and should be changed?

The percentage in the answer represents the number of people who think the church should change its policy on condoms.



Do you think Catholic hospitals and clinics that the government funds should be required to include condoms as part of AIDS prevention?

The percentage in the answer represents the number of people who think Catholic hospitals should provide condoms.



Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Using condoms is prolife because it helps save lives by preventing the spread of AIDS.

The percentage in the answer represents the number of people who think condom use is pro-life.

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