Title of Article: Cultural Practices and the Spread of AIDS in Nigeria.
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Abstract: The paper seeks to highlight several cultural ways that facilitate the spread of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria and the need for government to take action towards its control and prevention. The paper gives global and African overview including Nigeria’s situation. The paper enumerated the various socio-cultural practices which accelerate the pace or spread of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria such as female genital mutilation, male dominance, anti women customary laws, use of contaminated instruments, economic dependency on men and poverty. And finally the paper urges strong government involvement, provision of funds and utilization of the state machinery to mobilize and sensitization the population in addition to poverty reduction and socio-economic empowerment of women.
Key words: HIV/AIDS, culture, dominance, economic dependency, poverty