

## Mandela's Way

virus and AIDS and refused to allow the universal distribution of antiretroviral drugs to South African AIDS patients.

Finally, in 2002, Mandela told the Johannesburg *Sunday Times*, "This is a war. It has killed more people than has been the case in all previous wars and in all previous natural disasters. We must not continue to be debating, to be arguing, when people are dying." Mbeki wasn't happy about what Mandela had said, but it was the right thing to do. Sometimes leading from the front is admitting you have been wrong—even when no one else is accusing you of being wrong. Mandela realized he had been slow to see the light, and he could not help but try to correct the record.

Even from the sidelines, Mandela was leading from the front.

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Lead from the Back

