Sexual Orientation and Personnel Security

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This interview covers constructs like ‘formations of sexuality’ and sexual orientation in the context of personnel security, especially within Cold War public discourse. As well, a discussion on war, militarism, and medical research. Worthy of further exploration in the context of security and intelligence activities and only briefly touched on is the academic area of the history of consciousness,