

Expert Spotlight: Colorado Springs Shooting and Anti-LGBT Bias

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In light of the recent mass shooting in Colorado Springs at Club Q, Sophie Bjork-James is available to provide commentary and analysis to reporters covering the anti-LGBTQ bias that likely motivated the crime.

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Bjork-James has over ten years' experience researching both the US-based Religious Right and the white nationalist movements. She is the author of <u>The Divine Institution: White</u> <u>Evangelicalism's Politics of the Family</u> (Rutgers University Press, 2021) which provides an ethnographic account of how a theology of the family came to dominate a white evangelical tradition in the post-Civil Rights movement United States. Her work focuses on how opposing LGBTQ rights became a central component of evangelicalism.