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The Negative Impact of Conversion Therapy for LGBTQ+ Individuals

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Currently the Director of Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) and Professor of Psychology at John F. Kennedy University (APA Accredited) in Pleasant Hill, California, Dr. Haldeman is also a Trustee on the Board of the American Psychological Foundation, a Board Member of Rainbow Street (an LGBT refugee relief organization), and is the Past President of the California Psychological Association. He has previously been a member of the APA Council Leadership Team and the APA Board of Directors, a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington, and maintained an independent practice in counseling psychology in Seattle, Washington.

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