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Title: The Experiences of Counselors Working with Mixed-Orientation Couples

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Brief Synopsis: Mixed-orientation couples are relationships where one or both partners have a mixed-sexual orientation, specifically this study focused on gay/bi men married to straight women. There is a significant lack of understanding and little research on how counselors work with mixed-orientation couples in therapy. This qualitative study utilized Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) to interview 6 independently licensed mental health providers who have worked with at least one mixed-orientation couple in couple therapy. The purpose of this study is to understand the experiences of counselors working with couples who present with issues of mixed-sexual orientation in therapy.

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