The Psychology of Government Secrecy
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A series of high-profile information leaks, coupled with a vastly expanded government secrecy bureaucracy, have brought issues regarding secrecy in government to the fore of public discourse. How should the United States balance the virtues of government transparency against the competing interests of secrecy? Answering this question entails, among other things, an understanding of the psychology of government secrecy. In this talk, I examine government secrecy from a distinctly psychological perspective and make suggestions about how this perspective can inform the current debate surrounding secrecy in government.