Bisexuality is one of the foundational concepts of Freud's psychoanalytic theory, but unlike his other foundational concepts related to gender and sexuality, and despite the increasing visibility of bisexual lifestyles in contemporary society, it has received little critical attention within the psychoanalytic community.

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