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We start out the new year with a [long interview](#) with H-Socialisms reviewer [Dr. Gary Roth](#) and reviewer [Dr. Robert Barsky](#) about Bob's review of *The Open Mind: Cold War Politics and the Sciences of Human Nature* by Jaime Nace Cohen-Cole. When Bob was working on his review last spring, he found that the "open mind" program that Cohen-Cole describes in his book, a program "promoted to address the threat posed by Communism and ... the rise of social conformity, homogeneity, and mass consumption in America," had a lot of resonance with Barsky's own research on Zionist student organizers between the World Wars, as well as his role as a faculty head of house at Vanderbilt University. Bob ended up writing a long review that considers the issues in Cohen-Cole's book in the context of larger debates about politics and education in mid-twentieth-century America and again today. We discussed some of these questions, and the role of H-Net as a platform for promoting some of the same "open" values online. The review that we discuss in the interview is:

- Robert F. Barsky. Review of Cohen-Cole, Jamie Nace, *The Open Mind: Cold War Politics and the Sciences of Human Nature*. H-Socialisms, H-Net Reviews. June, 2015.
  - [Link](#) to the review in the Commons.

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