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Almost half were convinced that spies, saboteurs, dupes, and rumor-

mongers lurked in their own neighborhoods and work-p