THE CHINESE WALL SECURITY POLICY

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Background

- Coined in 1929 following the Wall Street crash
- Chinese Wall policies are already in use
  - Not necessarily digital
  - Can have authority of law
- Other terms, as some find the original offensive
  - "Screen", "firewall", "cone of silence", and "ethical wall"

Relevance

- Up and till 1989, most CS security policies were military
  - E.g. Bell-LaPadula (more about this later)
- Need of something provable, so that it can hold up in court

Questions?

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