


Central Intelligence Agency

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The **Central Intelligence Agency**, established by the National Security Act of 1947, is an independent agency responsible to the President through the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (D/CIA), and accountable to the American people through the intelligence oversight committees of the US Congress.



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Mission

The CIA's mission is to support the President, the National Security Council, and all officials who make and execute US national security policy by:

- Providing accurate, comprehensive, and timely foreign intelligence on national security topics.
- Conducting counterintelligence activities, special activities, and other functions related to foreign intelligence and national security, as directed by the President.

To accomplish this mission, the Central Intelligence Agency works closely with the other organizations in the Intelligence Community to ensure that the intelligence consumer -- whether Washington policymaker or battlefield commander -- receives the best intelligence possible. As a separate agency, the CIA serves as an independent source of analysis on topics of concern to these consumers.

Collection Methods

The CIA collects foreign intelligence information through a variety of clandestine and overt means. The Agency also engages in research, development, and deployment of high-leverage technology for intelligence purposes and, in support of the DCI's role as the President's principal intelligence advisor, performs and reports all-source analysis on the full range of topics that affect national security. The Central Intelligence Agency is organized along functional lines to carry out these activities and to provide the flexible, responsive support necessary for its worldwide mission.

Intelligence Support

Throughout its history, but especially as new global realities have reordered the national security agenda, the CIA has emphasized adaptability to meet the needs of intelligence consumers. To assure that all of the Agency's capabilities are



brought to bear on those needs, the CIA has tailored its support for key policymakers and has established an on-site presence in the major military commands. Moreover, to meet multidimensional global challenges, a succession of directors has created special multidisciplinary centers to address high priority, long-standing issues. These include centers or special staffs for the following:

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1. Nonproliferation.
2. Counterterrorism.
3. Counterintelligence.
4. International organized crime and narcotics trafficking.
5. Environment.
6. Arms control intelligence.

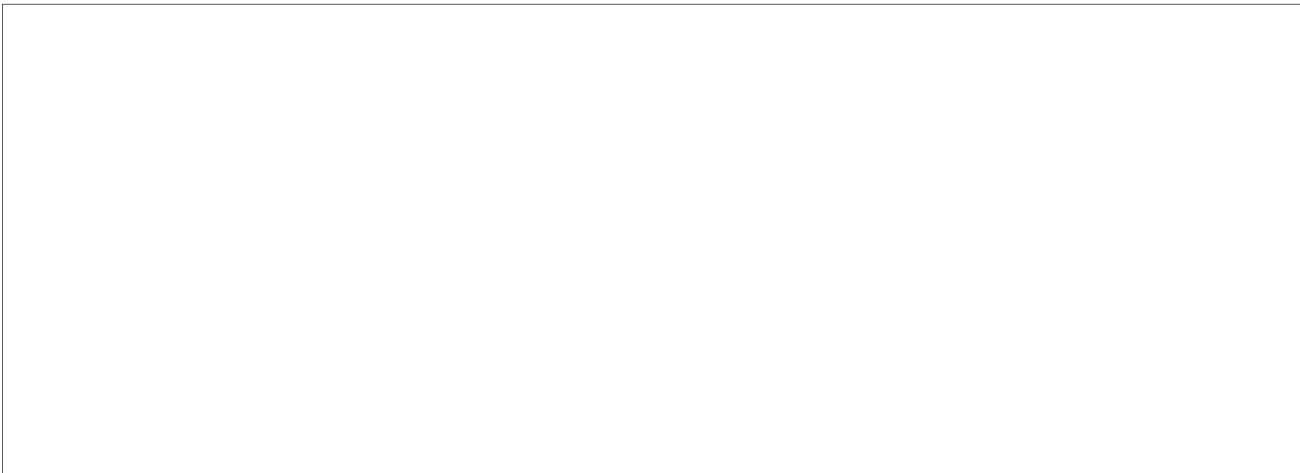
Using the demonstrated synergy and impact of these multidisciplinary centers as a model, the CIA is moving to further sharpen its effectiveness and efficiency by forging stronger partnerships between the several intelligence collection disciplines and all-source analysis.

In addition to these activities, the CIA contributes to the effectiveness of the overall Intelligence Community by managing services of common concern in imagery analysis and open source collection, and by participating in strategic partnerships with other intelligence agencies in the areas of research and development and technical collection. Finally, the CIA takes an active part in the Intelligence Community's analytical efforts and coordinates its analytical production schedule with appropriate agencies to ensure efficient coverage of key topics.

Directorates

There are three major directorates within the CIA: Directorate of Intelligence (DI), Directorate of Operations, and the Directorate of Science and Technology (DS&T). Until June of 2001, a fourth directorate, the Directorate of Administration (DA), existed within the CIA. Reorganization efforts resulted in the elimination of the DA, and its functions were centralized in five separate entities -- information technology, finance, security, global support, and human resources. From these entities, the Directorate of Support emerged.

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Services

US Army Red Team • Army Directed Studies Office • University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies (UFMCS)

Other Government Agencies

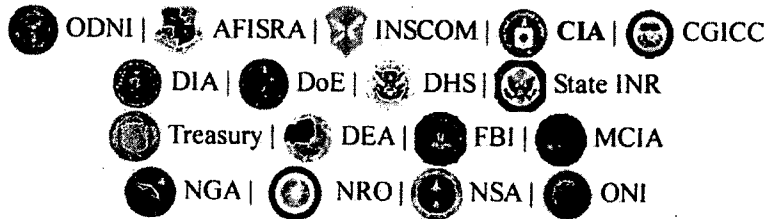
CIA Red Cell

Analytic Tradecraft

Working Group Terms Of Reference (PDF, 15K) • Socio-Cultural Dynamics • Structured Analytic Techniques

Community Contacts

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