

CHAPTER 1: An Overview of Intelligence

Chapter Objectives

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the many definitions and uses of the term “intelligence.”
2. Understand how intelligence enhances national security.
3. Summarize the relationship between the intelligence community and policymakers/decision-makers.
4. Recognize how the “reality” of intelligence work often differs from common perceptions and myths perpetuated in the popular media.
5. Understand the importance of “decision advantage” and how it can be achieved.
6. Demonstrate an initial understanding of the delicate balance between intelligence gathering and the rights of citizens.
7. List and explain the five functions of intelligence agencies.

Multiple Choice/Matching

1. What is information in terms of intelligence collection?
 - a. Unprocessed material of every description that can be used to produce intelligence
 - b. Raw Data
 - c. Perishable
 - d. **All of the above**
2. What is the main mission of intelligence?
 - a. **Production of knowledge**

- b. Covert activities
 - c. Collection of information
 - d. Analysis
 - e. Counterintelligence
3. Intelligence can be defined as:
- a. The product resulting from the collecting and processing of information concerning actual and potential situations and conditions relating to domestic and foreign activities and to domestic and foreign or U.S. and enemy-held
 - b. Information that has been analyzed and refined so that it is useful to policymakers in making decisions—specifically, decisions about potential threats to our national security
 - c. The product resulting from the collection, processing, integration, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation of available information concerning foreign nations, hostile or potentially hostile forces or elements, or areas of actual or potential operations
 - d. **All of the above**
4. Which of the following is NOT a type of intelligence specifically described in the text?
- a. Tactical
 - b. **International**
 - c. Operational
 - d. Foreign
5. Which of the following is NOT an example of an intelligence function?
- a. Using satellite imagery to photograph troop movements in Iran
 - b. Concluding that Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction
 - c. **Purging excessive amounts of outdated information and intelligence from files to make room for new actionable intelligence**