To perform their national security mission, intelligence officers must keep pace with an ever-changing environment of new technological capabilities, evolving threats, and a rapidly shifting global landscape. They must do so while remaining true to their oaths to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and while exemplifying America’s values.

The Intelligence Community (IC) must be accountable to the American people in carrying out its national security mission in a way that upholds the country’s values. The core principles of protecting privacy and civil liberties in our work and of providing appropriate transparency about our work, both internally and to the public, must be integrated into the IC’s programs and activities. Doing so is necessary to earn and retain public trust in the IC, which directly impacts IC authorities, capabilities, and resources.

Mission success depends on the IC’s commitment to these core principles.

This Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency IC Enterprise Strategy lays out, through 2024, the roadmap for enhancing the IC’s framework for protecting privacy and civil liberties and for practicing appropriate transparency in close alignment with the National Intelligence Strategy.

All organizations in the IC share responsibility to protect privacy and civil liberties and implement appropriate transparency. The ODNI’s Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Transparency will collaborate across the IC to implement this strategy, recognizing the important roles, responsibilities, and authorities of all those involved in protecting privacy and civil liberties and promoting transparency.

VISION

The IC achieves its mission in a manner that protects privacy and civil liberties and earns and retains the trust of the American people.

MISSION

Safeguard privacy and civil liberties and practice appropriate transparency to enhance accountability and public trust in all we do.
GOALS

*Safeguard privacy and civil liberties* to enhance the IC’s ability to support mission needs and achieve national security advantage, and to ensure the lawful application of intelligence capabilities commensurate with American values and public accountability.

*Institutionalize an intelligence transparency framework* that aligns the Principles of Intelligence Transparency with appropriate IC roles, resources, processes, and policies to ensure an increasingly agile and effective transparency capability supports public trust in the IC.

OBJECTIVES

*Incorporate privacy and civil liberties requirements into IC policy and programs to ensure that national values inform the intelligence mission.*

To realize its commitment to democratic values, the IC must continue to integrate privacy and civil liberties into its work. IC offices responsible for protecting privacy and civil liberties will provide subject matter expertise, guidance, and oversight for their respective IC elements in the design and implementation of safeguards for civil liberties and information privacy. IC elements will collaborate to identify and address shared privacy and civil liberties issues. The ODNI will provide leadership and coordination in developing IC-wide policy with respect to privacy and civil liberties.

*Engage proactively with oversight institutions and our partners to enhance public understanding and trust in the IC.*

The IC will continue to conduct comprehensive oversight, including extensively reporting to oversight entities on programs, activities and processes, to demonstrate compliance with federal law and policy. When appropriate, and as consistent with applicable law or policy, the IC will make such reporting available to the public. Further, the IC will ensure that its engagements with partners (government and private sector, foreign and domestic) are guided by the highest principles of integrity and reflect America’s values.

*Practice and promote appropriate transparency in the IC to make information publicly available without jeopardizing national security.*

The IC recognizes that practicing appropriate transparency enhances public trust and support of its activities and authorities. To engender more effective transparency, the IC must enhance public understanding of the IC’s mission, the rules it follows, and its oversight framework to include its interactions with the Executive Branch, Congress, and the Judiciary. Concurrently, the IC is committed to fostering a culture within the IC that respects the role of appropriate transparency as a key reflection of the nation’s values.