



OFFICE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES, PRIVACY & TRANSPARENCY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

CLPT FACT SHEET

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CLPT OVERVIEW

The Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy and Transparency (CLPT) leads the integration of civil liberties and privacy protections into the policies, procedures, programs and activities of the Intelligence Community (IC). Its overarching goal is to ensure that the IC operates within the full scope of its authorities in a manner that protects civil liberties and privacy, provides appropriate transparency, and earns and retains the trust of the American people.

CLPT PURPOSE

Public trust is essential to the IC's mission. It enables the IC to act within the full scope of its authorities, obtain new authorities as appropriate, and earn the cooperation of key partners.

CLPT helps ensure that the IC conducts itself in a manner that gives the American people confidence that it is pursuing its vital security mission in a manner that exemplifies American values. The IC must protect civil liberties and privacy while providing appropriate transparency.

CLPT RESPONSIBILITIES

CLPT is led by the Civil Liberties Protection Officer, a position established by the Intelligence Reform and Prevention Act of 2004. The Act provides that the Civil Liberties Protection Officer reports directly to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), and sets forth his duties, which include ensuring that privacy and civil liberties protections are appropriately addressed in the policies and procedures of intelligence agencies; overseeing compliance by the ODNI with privacy and civil liberties in programs and operations administered by the ODNI; and ensuring that the use of technology sustains, and does not erode, privacy.

CLPT AND TRANSPARENCY

The Civil Liberties Protection Officer also serves as the ODNI's Chief Transparency Officer. In that capacity, he is responsible for leading implementation of the Principles of Intelligence Transparency for the IC. The Principles guide how the IC should make information publicly available while protecting classified information, when disclosure would harm national security.

In addition, CLPT champions the Principles of Professional Ethics for the IC: Mission, Truth, Lawfulness, Integrity, Stewardship, Excellence and Diversity. These are the fundamental ethical principles that unite professionals across agencies and functions. These principles also distinguish the intelligence profession from others.

CLPT HIGHLIGHTS

- Helps the IC carry out its duties in a way that protects civil liberties and privacy
- Reviews complaints regarding possible abuses of civil liberties and privacy
- Leads the IC's transparency efforts, promoting the community-wide adoption of the Principles of Intelligence Transparency for the Intelligence Community