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**(U) Selected CENTCOM Respondent Descriptions from the FY2015 AOPS**

(U) Background Information

(U//~~FOUO~~) The Analytic Objectivity and Process Survey (AOPS) has been administered annually since 2006. The FY2015 survey was conducted from August to October and tabulated results from approximately 4,000 analysts and managers who responded to the JWICS and SIPRNet hosted survey. The FY2015 survey was comprised of both closed- and open-ended (free text) questions. In the FY2015 survey, 125 CENTCOM analysts or managers of analysts participated. We received 71 free text responses to the first and second survey questions discussed below. [REDACTED] (b)(5)

(U) Breakdown of Common Themes in Responses to the First Question

Analytic or Editorial disagreement	Politicization	Not wanting to offend stakeholders	Protecting Agency Interests	Didn't match existing analytic line	Potential Tradecraft Rigor Issues	Decline to Answer
28	20	1	3	20	1	2
90%	65%	3%	10%	65%	3%	6%

(Table is UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~)

(U//~~FOUO~~) The AIS staff developed this breakdown by reviewing the CENTCOM respondent comments to the first question below and categorizing them. Comments could be categorized in more than one category (i.e., numbers add up to more than 31 responses and more than 100%).

(U) Free Text Responses

- (U) The descriptions below are comments placed in the free text portion of the AOPS survey. Data which could be used to attribute respondents has been replaced and is identified by bracketed text such as [non identifying data]. AIS did not correct the comments for grammar or punctuation. Respondent classification markings were reviewed and in some cases adjusted by ODNI Information Management Division's Classification Branch.

Classified By: [REDACTED] (b)(3) ODNI  
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**(U) First Question:**

Please provide a brief description of one of the incidents in the past year where someone attempted to distort or suppress analysis on which you were working in the face of persuasive evidence.

(U) CENTCOM Descriptions <sup>1</sup>	(U) Themes
<p>1) <del>(TS//NF)</del> (b)(1), (b)(5)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization</p>
<p>2) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization</p>
<p>3) <del>(S//NF)</del> (b)(1), (b)(5)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p><del>(S//NF)</del> (b)(1), (b)(5)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization</p>
<p>4) <del>(S//NF)</del> (b)(1), (b)(5)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	<p>Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line</p>

<sup>1</sup> (U) Descriptions presented in no particular order.

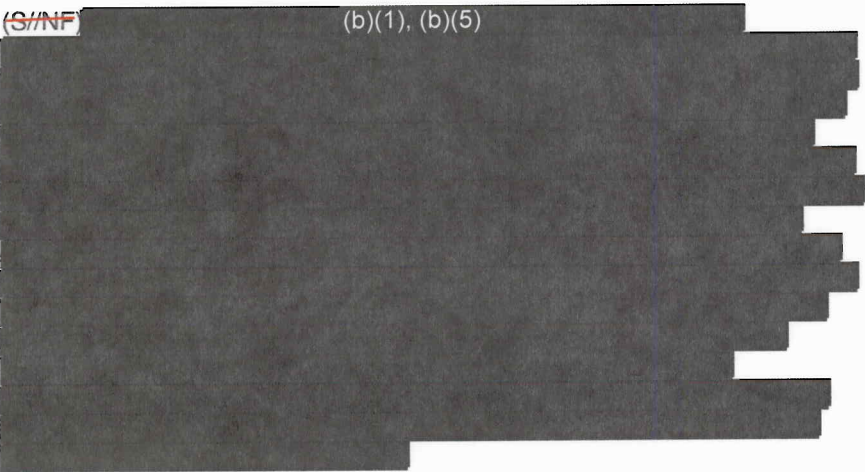
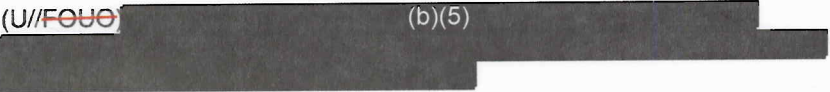
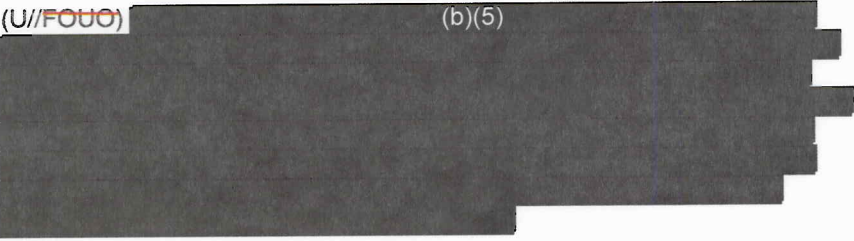
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5)	<p>(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization
6)	<p>(S//NF) (b)(1), (b)(5) [REDACTED]</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Politicization
7)	<p>(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Politicization
8)	<p>(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line
9)	<p>(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization
10)	<p>(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line

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11)	<p>(S//NF) (b)(1), (b)(5)</p> 	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization
12)	<p>(U//FOUO) (b)(5)</p> 	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Politicization
13)	<p>(U//FOUO) (b)(5)</p> 	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization - Protecting Agency Interests

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14)	<p>(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization
15)	<p>(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)</p>	Decline to answer
16)	<p>(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Politicization
17)	<p>(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)</p>	Analytic/Editorial disagreement

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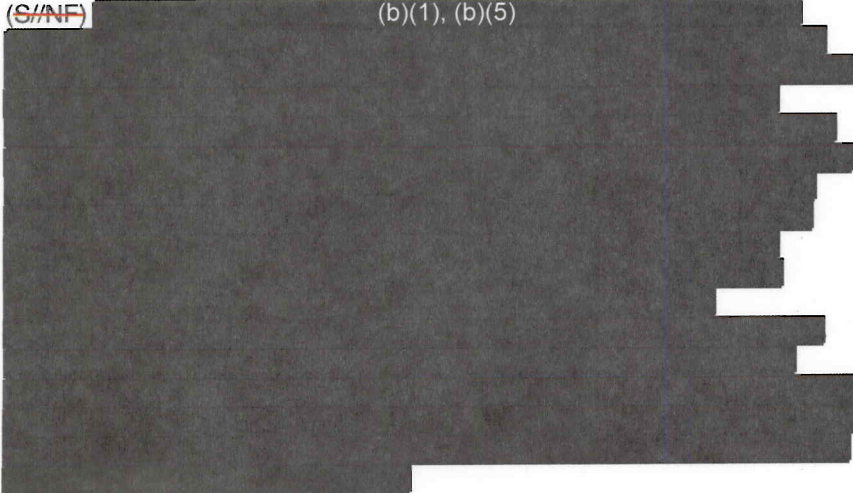
18) (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Decline to provide input
■ (S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization
20) (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization
■ (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line
■ (S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)	Politicization - Protecting Agency Interests

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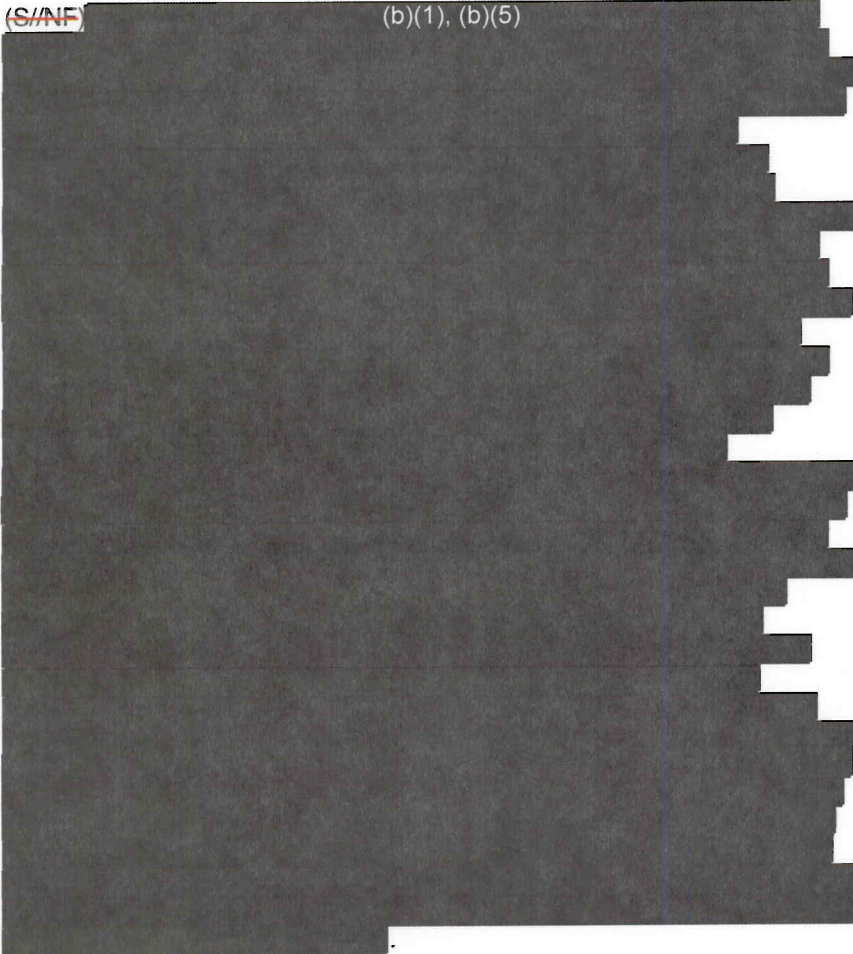
(b)(1), (b)(5)



Analytic/Editorial  
disagreement; Didn't  
match existing  
analytic line;  
Politicization

(S//NF)

(b)(1), (b)(5)



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25)	(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement
26)	(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement with IC partners; Didn't match existing analytic line; Potential Tradecraft Rigor Issues
27)	(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization - Protecting Agency Interests
28)	(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line
29)	(S//NF) [REDACTED] (b)(1), (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Didn't match existing analytic line; Politicization

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30)	(U// <del>FOUO</del> ) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Timeliness
31)	(U// <del>FOUO</del> ) [REDACTED] (b)(5)	Analytic/Editorial disagreement; Politicization; Not wanting to offend stakeholders

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(U) **Second Question.** AIS also asked a second question which focused on structural or procedural aspects affecting objectivity. These responses are more general, so AIS did not develop themes. Again, identifying data has been sanitized and replaced by [non identifying data].

(U) Describe briefly the procedures, processes, practices, etc. that hinder your ability to produce objective analytic products.

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4)	(U//FOUO) [REDACTED] (b)(5)
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10) [REDACTED]

11) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)

12) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)

13) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)

14) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)

15) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)

16) (U//FOUO) (b)(5)

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17) (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(5) [Redacted]

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19) (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(5) [Redacted]

20) (U//~~FOUO~~) (b)(5) [Redacted]

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