Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Post 9/11 investigations proposed sweeping change in the Intelligence Community (IC) that resulted in Congressional passage of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. President George W. Bush signed the act on December 17, 2004, which amended the National Security Act of 1947 and created the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). The ODNI commenced operations April 22, 2005 to oversee a 17-organization IC and improve information sharing, promote a strategic, unified direction, and ensure integration across all agencies.

Integration in Practice

The DNI established 17 National Intelligence Managers (NIMs) drawing from across the IC workforce to cover areas ranging from counterterrorism to cyber. These NIMs integrate the efforts of the IC to respond to intel consumer needs from the foxhole to the White House.
Our Role

The ODNI is led by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. As the leader of the IC, the DNI:

- Serves as the President’s principal intelligence advisor;
- Oversees the National Intelligence Program budget;
- Establishes IC priorities with clear and measurable goals and objectives;
- Sets direction through policies and budgets;
- Ensures integration of IC personnel, expertise, and capabilities;
- Provides leadership on IC cross-cutting issues; and
- Monitors IC agency and leadership performance.

The DNI works closely with the Principal Deputy DNI to ensure that the IC integrates foreign, military, and domestic intelligence in defense of the homeland and in support of United States national security interests at home and abroad.

Integration in Practice

The ODNI National Intelligence Council (NIC) serves as a bridge between the intelligence and policy communities, a source of deep substantive expertise on intelligence issues, and a facilitator of IC collaboration and outreach.
Our Mission

The core mission of the ODNI is to lead the IC in Intelligence Integration, by forging a community that delivers the most insightful intelligence possible.

Since its creation, the ODNI has made considerable progress toward breaking down the information-sharing, technical, and cultural barriers across the IC that were recognized in the wake of the 9/11 attacks. The ODNI continues to build upon IC successes in preventing and minimizing threats, increasing information sharing and integration across the community, and improving intelligence capabilities to prepare for tomorrow’s challenges while performing today’s mission.

Integration in Practice

The ODNI, along with the Department of Defense, enabled the close coordination, cooperation and information sharing across the IC to take down Osama bin Laden. It was an event that showed the rest of the world the unyielding determination and resilience of the United States. It was one of the most successful intelligence operations and a victory for our nation.
Our Organization

ODNI includes several Assistant Directors of National Intelligence and oversight elements. The ODNI workforce is made up of cadre personnel and employees on rotation or detail assignment from organizations across the IC. These employees bring a wealth of combined knowledge and a true representation of the IC to ODNI.

Several statutory components are also part of the ODNI, including the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, the National Counterproliferation Center, and the National Counterterrorism Center.

For information on ODNI’s complete organizational structure, please visit www.dni.gov/index.php/about/organization.
The Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive (ONCIX)

ONCIX provides leadership and support to the counterintelligence and security activities of the United States IC, government, and private sector entities that are at risk of intelligence exploitation or attack by foreign adversaries.

The National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC)

NCPC is the primary organization within the IC responsible for managing, coordinating, and integrating activities relating to weapons of mass destruction, associated delivery systems, materials and technologies, and for providing intelligence support to United States Government efforts and policies to counter such proliferation.

The National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)

NCTC leads the nation’s effort to combat terrorism at home and abroad by analyzing the threat, sharing information with our partners, and integrating all instruments of national power to ensure unity of effort.
The ODNI is transforming how the IC operates through:

**Integrating intelligence**
ODNI’s **Deputy Directorate for Intelligence Integration (DDII)** provides oversight to collection and analysis activities across the IC to ensure the community delivers the best intelligence and counterintelligence possible. National Intelligence Managers develop Unifying Intelligence Strategies to align the IC’s efforts in their country, region, or issue mission area. The National Intelligence Council and the President’s Daily Briefing staff are also part of this directorate.

**Funding research opportunities**
ODNI’s research arm – **Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA)** invests in high-risk/high-payoff research programs that have the potential to provide our nation with intelligence advantage over future adversaries. IARPA tackles some of the most difficult challenges across the intelligence agencies and scientific disciplines. Results from its programs are expected to transition to its IC customers.

**Responsible information sharing**
ODNI’s **IC Information Sharing Executive (IC ISE)** leads the development and execution of an IC plan to improve responsible and secure information sharing across the community and with external partners and customers. The IC ISE provides strategic guidance and oversight for all ODNI and IC information sharing efforts. Efforts to optimize the sharing of information are enabled by maximizing and integrating sharing and protection capabilities, strengthening the governance framework to address legal, policy, technical and other challenges, and promoting a culture of responsible information sharing.
Integration in Practice

The ODNI developed the IC Information Technology Enterprise Strategy to transform the way the community plans, develops, and operates IT. The IC will transition to a new, more secure architecture, one that through shared services creates a single strategic IT platform for innovation and enhances the IC’s ability to share and safeguard intelligence information.