

Analysing the Obligation of Strategic Intelligence in Preserving National Security

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Professor Jeffrey Burds from North-eastern University has stated that espionage or what is known as the collection of information by the government using spies, is the second oldest profession in the world. “The product resulting from the collection, processing, integration, evaluation, analysis, and interpretation” of accumulated information, obtained from various means and sources, is considered strategic intelligence, according to the Joint Intelligence (JP 2-0) which was published in 2007 in the United States of America (USA). However, there is limited knowledge in understanding the connectivity of the Theory of Social Contract which defines the mutual agreement between the state and the citizen, with strategic intelligence and how that affects to the preservation of national security. Hence, this research is conducted to 1) understand how intelligence has become the core of national security and 2) analyse the importance of the Theory of Social Contract in strategic intelligence and preservation of national security in the contemporary security atmosphere. 3) understand the how Theory of Social Contract is applicable in Strategic Intelligence and for the enhancement of National Security. This research will be based on primary and secondary data. Primary data will be collected through interviews and questionnaires while secondary data will be accumulated from books, reports, journal articles, statements, videos etc. Case studies are also being utilized to analyse and emphasise concepts and circumstances. Qualitative tools of data analysis will be utilized to evaluate the collected information.

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