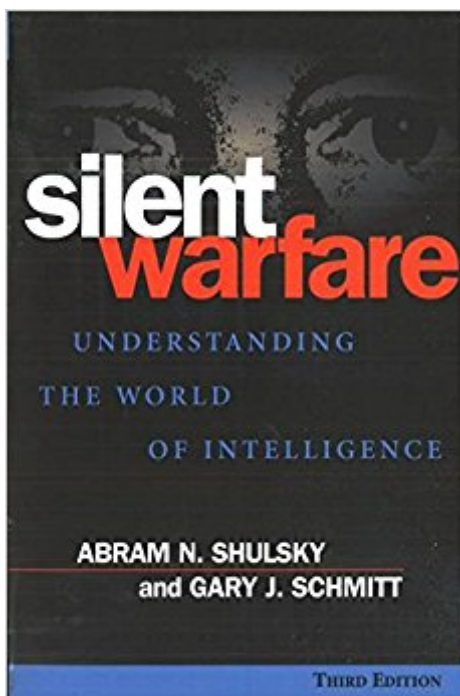


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# Silent Warfare: Understanding The World Of Intelligence



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A thoroughly updated revision of the first comprehensive overview of intelligence designed for both the student and the general reader, *Silent Warfare* is an insider's guide to a shadowy, often misunderstood world. Leading intelligence scholars Abram N. Shulsky and Gary J. Schmitt clearly explain such topics as the principles of collection, analysis, counterintelligence, and covert action, and their interrelationship with policymakers and democratic values. This new edition takes account of the expanding literature in the field of intelligence and deals with the consequences for intelligence of vast recent changes in telecommunication and computer technology the new information age. It also reflects the world's strategic changes since the end of the Cold War. This landmark book provides a valuable framework for understanding today's headlines, as well as the many developments likely to come in the real world of the spy.

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Shulsky, who points out that government intelligence is becoming a recognized area of academic study, here offers the first introductory textbook in the field, a codification that will be appreciated by serious students. The author assesses the three means by which raw intelligence data are gathered--from human sources, by technical means and open-source collection--and describes missions, methods of analysis and practical applications of the "product." Shulsky, a senior fellow at the National Strategy Information Center in Washington, D.C., reviews the wide variety of activities that come under the heading "covert intelligence" and defines counterintelligence. His approach is basically theoretical and refers almost exclusively to the Anglo-American experience. Copyright

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Intended as a textbook to contribute to the academic study of this specialized field, this work also aims to counter some of the more alarmist and anti-intelligence books available. In eight chapters it explains the concepts, philosophies, and procedures of intelligence-gathering analysis and management. It examines how intelligence was used in various historical situations to explain a government's actions. It shows the importance of an individual's personality at every step of the process, particularly when it comes to acting on available intelligence. This easy-to-read-and-understand book should be considered by academic and large public libraries and those collections that support courses in security studies.- Daniel K. Blewett, Loyola Univ. Lib., Chicago  
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I would say that this book would be a good first read for anyone interested in learning more about the intelligence community. It covers a wide variety of information without getting to in-depth into any one subject, so it feels like a pretty well-rounded experience. I also felt that the use of some historical examples really helped not only to make the book more interesting to read but to make some of the concepts easier to understand. My biggest problem with this book is that at points it reads like a college textbook, which isn't always a particularly good thing. I also found some of the sections that talked about the relations between policy and intelligence to be pretty dull. Overall this book is a pretty informative and a mostly enjoyable read.

great book a must have if you want to work in/for the government

I am still reading this book ( i read it on my breaks at work so i dont get alot of time to read it) but it is a very good read. Unlike many informative books that come out very dull this one manages to keep my interest. It starts by explaining exactly what the author intends to explain which helps later on when reading as it allows you to understand exactly what the author is trying to say without him needing to repeat himself. I very much enjoy this book.

This book was incredibly informative, concise, and written for those who want a good lesson on intelligence policy. It has a heavy academic slant and relies solely on open source information. Not

recommended for readers looking for answers on "how" intelligence is conducted. It focuses on intelligence policies, failures, and successes in communist and democratic nations. It was the perfect length (any longer would beat a dead horse).

Authors Abram Shulsky and Gary Schmitt have written an excellent book on the world of intelligence. Areas covered---covert action, counter-intelligence, double agents, propaganda and much more. You'll learn what official and nonofficial cover means, tradecraft, counterespionage and different ways our government collects intelligence. There may be other books on this subject, but for me it was a good place to start to learn about the world of intelligence. Easy to read and plenty of examples. Well done.

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