

## Inputs, Processes, and Outputs of the Intelligence Cycle

Inputs	Processes	Outputs
Policymaker and other stakeholder questions, requirements	<i>Direction</i>	Data collection requirements
Data collection requirements, assessment of available resources and capabilities	<i>Planning</i>	Task assignment, potential data sources, focus of analysis
Open-source data: foreign broadcasts, newspapers, periodicals, books; Classified data: case officer, diplomatic, and attaché reports, electronics, satellite photos	<i>Collection</i>	Potentially relevant data
Potentially relevant data	<i>Processing:</i> Reduction of data in a variety of formats to consistent pieces of usable data	Usable Data
Usable data	<i>Analysis:</i> Integration, evaluation, assessment of reliability, validity, and relevance of data	Findings
Analytic review	<i>Production:</i> Peer review, supervisory review	Written briefs, studies, long range assessments, short range assessments, oral briefs, national intelligence estimates
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