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Director of National Intelligence

FACT SHEET: ODNI 2.0 LAUNCH

MISSION FOCUS: Maximize Efficiency, Eliminate Redundancy

Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard is transforming the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to eliminate redundant missions, functions and personnel, and bolster areas that need resources to support the President's national intelligence priorities.

- Over the last 20 years, ODNI has become bloated, radically expanded in size, and distracted by tasks and requirements that fall outside its mandate. ODNI and the IC are plagued with unauthorized intelligence leaks, politicization, and weaponization of intelligence. ODNI's ability to fulfill its core mission of protecting Americans against present and future threats has degraded.
- Part of this effort includes refocusing functions within the Foreign Malign Influence Center, the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center, and the Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center, and integrating core functions and expertise from those offices into ODNI's Mission Integration (MI) and the National Intelligence Council (NIC).
- DNI Gabbard is also eliminating the External Research Council and the Strategic Futures Group, both which operated as hubs for injecting partisan priorities into intelligence products.
- The combined efforts of DNI Gabbard's "ODNI 2.0" initiative will reduce bloat by nearly 50% and save taxpayers \$700+ million per year.

Foreign Malign Influence Center (FMIC)

- Elements within the National Intelligence Council and National Counterintelligence and Security Center already monitor efforts by foreign entities to influence the American public, making FMIC redundant.
- FMIC and its predecessor entities were used by the previous administration to justify the suppression of free speech and to censor political opposition.
- ODNI uncovered evidence of a multi-year relationship between FMIC and social media companies that was not based on scientific or objective metrics and may have been used to weaponize intelligence against Americans, undermining civil liberties.
 - For example, shortly before Twitter (now known as "X") removed the New York Post's October 2020 Hunter Biden laptop story from its platform, FMIC (then the Election Threats Executive) had coordinated with the company, and other Big Tech platforms like Facebook and Google, on their responses to the story — all under the guise of combating foreign influence activities.
- ODNI's hyper-focus on election-related work notably began in 2017, immediately following the publication of the manufactured Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA) falsely alleging Putin "aspired" to help President Trump win the 2016 election.
- FMIC's Congressionally mandated partner organization at the State Department — the Global Engagement Center, another former U.S. Government organization engaged in censorship activities — was shut down earlier this year by President Trump and Secretary Rubio, in conjunction with Congress.

National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center (NCBC)

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- Elements within the National Intelligence Council already monitor intelligence related to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, making NCBC redundant.
- NCBC originally began as the National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC) in 2005 to prevent and halt the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems and related materials and technologies. It was redesignated as the National Counterproliferation & Biosecurity Center (NCBC) during the COVID-19 pandemic, in a time of national emergency.
- Since that time, it has become apparent that taking action to address global health issues falls well outside of ODNI's core mission.

Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center (CTIIC)

- Elements within the NIC already monitor intelligence related to cyber threats, making CTIIC redundant.
- Additionally, numerous entities exist in the Executive Branch for the coordination of cyber issues.

National Intelligence University (NIU)

- The unique intelligence-related capability at NIU is narrow in scope and does not require a standalone university. Intelligence-related programs will be transferred to the National Defense University (NDU).
- DOD and ODNI will work with the NIU and NDU to transition current students to other institutions, including NDU, to allow them to complete their programs.

External Research Council (ERC)

- The ERC consisted of politically appointed partisans who brought their external biases and politics into the intelligence process from a senior advisor role.
- The ERC was created late in 2024 towards the end of the prior administration by partisan former NIC leadership, who have already been removed by DNI Gabbard for leaking classified information to reporters.

Strategic Futures Group (SFG)

- Originally intended to operate as the NIC's strategic and long-range forecasting arm, the SFG's main role was to produce a "global trends" report every four years. However, the SFG has neglected to fulfill the purpose it was created for.
- Instead, elements of the Intelligence Community's deep state used SFG to push a partisan political agenda.
 - A draft of the 2025 Global Trends Report was carefully reviewed by DNI Gabbard's team and found to violate professional analytic tradecraft standards in an effort to propagate a political agenda that ran counter to all of the current President's national security priorities.

Streamline Operations, Increase Oversight

- DNI Gabbard is closing ODNI's Reston Campus and moving the National Intelligence Council (NIC) to the main ODNI campus. Housing all essential ODNI intelligence functions

under one roof will enable savings, greater efficiency and oversight, and integration across the ODNI and IC.

Protect American Tax Dollars

DNI Gabbard will eliminate wasteful spending to ensure ODNI is a responsible steward of American tax dollars.

- DNI Gabbard is implementing reforms that will reduce the bloated size of ODNI by nearly 50% and save taxpayers at least \$700 million per year.
 - Since DNI Gabbard's first day, ODNI has already reduced its size by nearly 30%, with more than 500 staffers now off the books.
- Refocusing FMIC's mission will save American taxpayers at least \$7 million per year.
- Descoping NCBC will save taxpayers approximately \$29 million per year.
- Descoping CTIIC will save taxpayers an estimated \$10 million per year.
- Sunsetting NIU and merging with NDU will save taxpayers an estimated \$40 million annually.
- Additionally, ODNI is leading coordination across all 18 intelligence community elements to eliminate wasteful contracts and duplicative staff. These proposed reductions to the entire IC, totaling approximately \$1.3 billion in annual recurring costs, will be fully realized by the end of FY 2025.

Lead IC-Wide Reforms for Efficient, Effective Operations

DNI Gabbard issued guidance to accelerate the speed of mission-essential acquisitions, enabling the use of commercially available technology to improve the efficiency of information sharing.

- DNI Gabbard will issue guidance to create streamlined contracting authority for companies that pursue emerging technologies, and that are already approved for business with the IC to provide services quickly.
- DNI Gabbard is leading an IC-wide effort to rebalance and optimize its civilian and contractor workforce to reduce bloat, increase analytic capability, remove stovepipes, eradicate politicization and analytic bias, accelerate information sharing, and increase efficiency to ensure mission success.
- DNI Gabbard is leveraging cutting edge technological tools and public-private partnerships to increase innovation and ensure our nation's security.

Build and Maintain an Elite Workforce

DNI Gabbard has ended non-merit-based recruitment of IC professionals

- She is empowering a workforce of elite professionals, focused on excellence in fulfilling our core national security mission, grounded in the U.S. Constitution, and accountable to the President of the United States and to the American people.

Make Intelligence Actionable Again

DNI Gabbard is implementing operational changes to ensure intelligence is relevant, timely and unbiased to inform decisions and action – policy, diplomatic, economic, military, etc.

- DNI Gabbard directed the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) to identify and invest in actionable solutions to address near-term gaps and problems in the IC, rather than investing in long-term concepts that may or may not be relevant to IC mission demands.

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- The National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) is building capability to increase two-way information sharing between Federal, State, and local law enforcement to secure our borders and communities.
- The National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) will focus on security clearance reform, deterring counterintelligence threats, and oversee investigations and BDA of unauthorized leaks of classified information.

DNI Gabbard's ODNI 2.0 initiative will reestablish trust in the IC, expose politicization and weaponization of intelligence, protect American tax dollars, and keep ODNI mission focused on protecting the safety, security, and freedom of the American people.

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