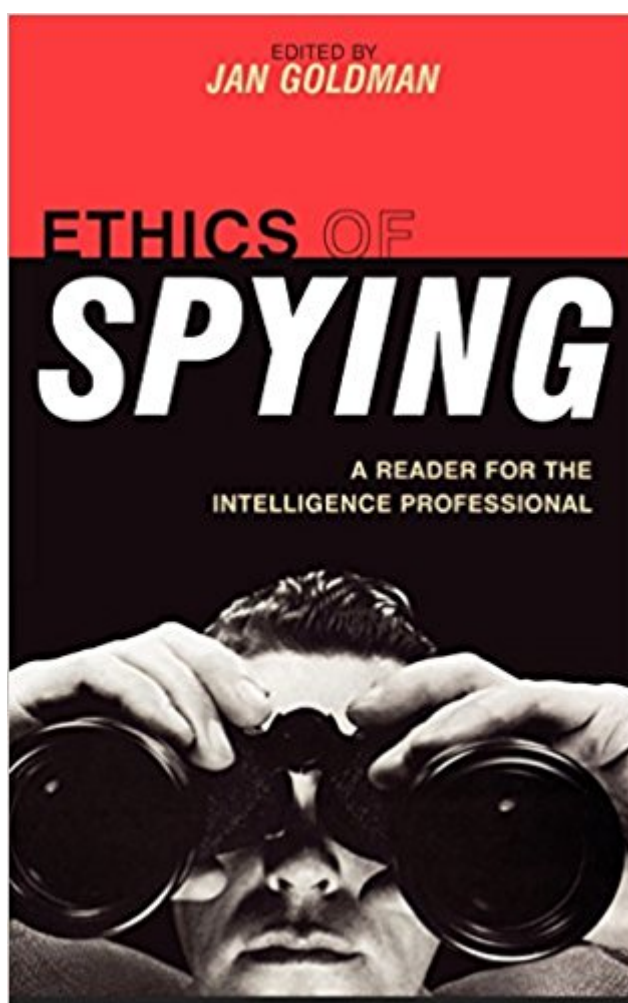


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# Ethics Of Spying: A Reader For The Intelligence Professional (Security And Professional Intelligence Education Series)



## Synopsis

Intelligence professionals are employees of the government working in a business that some would consider unethical—the business of spying. This book looks at the dilemmas that exist when one is asked to perform a civil service that is in conflict with what that individual believes to be 'ethical.' This is the first book to offer the best essays, articles, and speeches on ethics and intelligence that demonstrate the complex moral dilemmas in intelligence collection, analysis, and operations that confront government employees. Some are recently declassified and never before published, and all are written by authors whose backgrounds are as varied as their insights, including Robert M. Gates, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; John P. Langan, the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Professor of Catholic Social Thought at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University; and Loch K. Johnson, Regents Professor of Political Science at the University of Georgia and recipient of the Owens Award for contributions to the understanding of U.S. intelligence activities. To the intelligence professional, this is a valuable collection of literature for building an ethical code that is not dependent on any specific agency, department, or country. Managers, supervisors, and employees of all levels should read this book. Creating the foundation for the study of ethics and intelligence by filling in the gap between warfare and philosophy, *Ethics of Spying* makes the statement that the intelligence professional has ethics.

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...a definitive reference work on competitive intelligence ethics. Jan Goldman's selection and arrangement of content presented in this book is well thought out and certainly conveys the message that ethics in intelligence gathering is not an old joke or an oxymoron. (Intelligence Insights)...deftly edited by Jan Goldman...an incredibly elaborate and intriguing read. Ethics of Spying is very strongly recommended to all policy makers, managers, supervisors, and employees involved in intelligence operations as well as the non-specialists general reader with an interest in espionage and spy history, ethics and tactics. (Wisconsin Bookwatch) Ethics of Intelligence is a compilation of 23 essays by numerous authors....Some are profound and provoke thought...The lead essay, 'Ethics and Intelligence,' by J.E. Drexel Godfrey is excellent. (International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Vol. 20, No. 1) The complex moral dilemmas one faces in intelligence collection, analysis, and particularly in operations, are examined in recently declassified and never before published works by authors whose backgrounds are as varied as their insights... (Intelligencer)...this book serves as a central reference for intelligence professionals looking for guidance....those who read this book cannot help but benefit from it by becoming more morally aware of the issues that confront our intelligence professionals daily. (Defense Intelligence Journal, vol 15, no 1 (2006)) The Ethics of Spying asks whether the intelligence profession can be ethical and effective at the same time. The potential conflicts between truth, cover, and deception are considered in the contributions from 25 authors, many with experience in the profession. (Studies In Intelligence) With the multiple scandals surrounding the torture of detainees at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere, the so-called "extraordinary rendition" program, and National Security Agency warrantless surveillance in the news, the ethics (or lack thereof) of intelligence is probably under more public scrutiny than at any time since the Church Committee hearings of the 1970s. The 23 papers presented in this collection are considered by editor Goldman (ethics and intelligence, Joint Military Intelligence College) to form the beginnings of an effort to develop a standardized code of ethics for intelligence professionals so that "ethics and intelligence" will be taken seriously rather than relegated to jokes about oxymorons. A number of opening essays consider the broad issues of ethics and espionage. Remaining essays include an "ethical defense of torture in interrogation;" consideration of the politicization of intelligence; discussions of the ethics of covert actions; and explorations of the role of sociologists, anthropologists, and businessmen in intelligence activities. (Reference and Research Book News) Overall, Ethics of Spying is a significant contribution to the literature of intelligence....For intelligence practitioners who have from time-to-time wrestled with their inability to reconcile what they learned in their academic training with the expectations place on them by their industry (and those that will...), this is the book that will inspire. It is a "must read" for

every military, law enforcement and private sector intelligence professional. (Australian Defence Force Journal)

Jan Goldman teaches ethics and intelligence at the Joint Military Intelligence College in Washington, D.C., and is a lecturer at other government agencies and schools. He is the author and editor of numerous publications, including the recently declassified *Anticipating Surprise: Analysis for Strategic Warning*, and a field manual on counter-insurgency operations.

Exceptional review of the dilemma of ethics vs statecraft (tradecraft). It is all the more helpful to me as I used a lot from it in doing my Masters thesis.

Great book, but it's printed incorrectly. The book is completely upside-down and needs to be read right to left.

I would not have ordered this book if it wasn't required for an intelligence class this semester. I found that the book is well written and easy to read. This book talks about real life spy stuff and it turned out to be a great book.

I purchased this book for a graduate course. It's interesting, but not something I'd read on my own while on vacation.

Informal book

Bought it for school. Clearly for those specialized within this field.

*Ethics Of Spying: A Reader For The Intelligence Professional*, deftly edited by Jan Goldman (ethics and intelligence teacher at the Joint Military Intelligence College in Washington, D.C.) is a knowledgeably written collection of literature and military espionage that creates what may be understood as the ultimate guideline to ethical spying. *Ethics Of Spying* may act as an informative reference for identifying the proper tactics necessary to go about assessing a particular situation, aside from being an incredibly elaborate and intriguing read. *Ethics Of Spying* is very strongly recommended to all policy makers, managers, supervisors, and employees involved in intelligence operations as well as the non-specialist general reader with an interest in espionage and spy

history, ethics and tactics.

Jan Goldman has assembled a compendium of short articles which explore all aspects of the intelligence trade. The book is a definitely useful tool to anyone who wishes to understand the dilemmas which confront the intelligence professional as he plies his trade. Especially useful are the case studies which allow the reader to put himself in the place of an intelligence professional at a time of crisis and ponder how he or she might act in a similar situation.

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