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The twenty-first-century world has its own dynamics. Every nation-state in the modern international system maintains its security by synchronizing different needs of society. In this context, it is important to develop a perfect relationship among intelligence agencies, political and public spheres. This is important for the security of the state. It is necessary that public and political institutions are taken on board to maintain democracy and safety in society.

This mutual understanding among intelligence agencies, political and public spheres is much necessary for a sense that it integrates the society and makes it unified in its purpose. Mutual understanding is necessary for successful military adventures. The global war on terrorism[[1]](#footnote-1) is an example where everyone in America and even beyond this continent extended their support. People supported the CIA and FBI in their security designs which cemented national security. Whereas, when there was no connection between intelligence agencies and public such as the as Vietnam war[[2]](#footnote-2) then it resulted in a huge negative sentiment among the public.

Furthermore, the proper ethical policy for national security is utmost necessary in order to maintain the democratic credentials of the country. It has to seek a perfect harmony among security agencies, public and political spheres. This was entirely wrong in 2005 when erstwhile US president authorized eavesdropping and tapping of calls in the name of national security[[3]](#footnote-3). This misuse of intelligence agencies does not go along with democratic societies as that of America where people are much progressive.

Thus, it is necessary that all significant stakeholders are taken on board while maintaining national security both internally and externally. The modern world has changed and so is the case with security threats. A more pragmatic and well-comprehensive security relationship among public and law enforcement agencies is the need of the hour which should be ethical in character as well.

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