

Group Analysis Protocol

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Human groups, regardless of their orientation, have similar basic structures, elements, dynamics and dimensions which can be studied to determine the basis of group cohesion and functioning. The Group Analysis Protocol

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serves as a Community Relations officer, acts in an undercover capacity or performs any one of a myriad other functions, a law enforcement officer routinely interacts with diverse groups of people. The Group Analysis Protocol

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The Group Analysis Protocol was originally developed as the Group Profiler Protocol by Supervisory Special Agent [REDACTED] of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit. This version represents the latest evolution of SSA [REDACTED] original model. Given the constantly changing nature of society, it is designed to be a dynamic document. Law enforcement agencies should feel free to adapt the Protocol to meet their specific needs.

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Instructions

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Name of Analyst:

Name of Group:

Classification (Ethnic, Political, Criminal, etc.):

Other Descriptions (Commune, Gang, Secret Organization, etc.):

I. Group Analysis

A. Historical

1. Origin
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B. Current

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C. Institutional Features

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D. Demographic Information

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E. Philosophy/Ideology

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F. Group Values/Behavior

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G. Communication

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H. Societal Orientation

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I. Group Characteristics

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J. Prognostication for Criminal/Violent Activity

- 1. Short term
- 2. Long term

K. Narrative (Other characteristics, observations, etc.)

II. Evaluation of Possible Investigative Strategies

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.
- G.
- H.
- I. Other

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III. Possible Sources of Information/Liaison

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

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