### The "Black Budget" - How intelligence agencies spend $52 billion

#### Data collection

- **In-situ sensors**
- **Satellite sensors**
- **Ground sensors**
- **Sensors on ships**
- **Sensors on aircraft**

#### Data processing and exploitation

- **Open source and social media analysis**
- **Geospatial intelligence, pattern recognition**

#### Data analysis

- **Sources**
- **Satellite data analysis**

#### Enabling the intelligence cycle

1. **Management and support**
2. **Data collection**
3. **Data processing and exploitation**
4. **Data analysis**

The details of the U.S. intelligence budget have been secret for a long time, affecting the morale and effectiveness of many agencies. The intelligence cycle is complex, involving gathering, analyzing, and disseminating information to make strategic decisions. The budget's allocation plays a crucial role in this process, with each component receiving specific funding to support its operations.

The release of the budget provides a snapshot of the government's priorities, reflecting the shifting landscape of global threats and the evolving nature of intelligence operations.