



## Case study: Collateral Damage Mapping

A certified GIS professional employed as a geospatial intelligence analyst by a national security agency is tasked to predict civilian casualties likely to be caused a missile attack on the suspected urban headquarters of an alleged insurgent leader in a foreign country. Her analysis indicates that dozens if not hundreds of non-combatants are likely to be injured or killed as a result of the pre-emptive attack. As a certified professional, what ethical obligations should the analyst consider and what should she do to honor those obligations?

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## Resources for educators

Suggested discussion points, relevant GISCI Rules of Conduct, and further resources related to this case study are available on request. Send request to David DiBiase ([dibiase@psu.edu](mailto:dibiase@psu.edu)) along with contact information (including your position and affiliation) and a brief description of how you plan to use the case.

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