



## Ethical Tug-of-War: Secrecy vs Transparency

Aditya Patel, an accomplished Indian Foreign Services (IFS) officer, is assigned to a covert intelligence unit responsible for gathering critical information to safeguard India's national security.

During an operation, Aditya discovers classified intelligence that implicates a high-ranking official from a friendly nation, who is known for supporting India's strategic interests. The official is involved in illegal arms trafficking, jeopardising regional stability and India's national security interests.

Aditya, prioritising the preservation of the delicate diplomatic relationship between India and the friendly nation, could choose to withhold the information. By doing so, he can avoid potential diplomatic fallout and maintain access to valuable intelligence in the future. However, this approach would compromise his commitment to justice and the rule of law.

In another option, Aditya could prioritise the greater good over diplomatic considerations and choose to expose the official's involvement in illegal arms trafficking to the public, ensuring transparency, accountability, and justice. However, this option risks severe diplomatic repercussions, strained relationships, and potential security risks due to the loss of valuable intelligence partnerships.

What do you think Aditya should do in such a quagmire - safeguard national security and interests or uphold justice and integrity?

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