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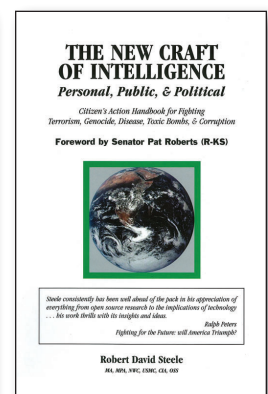
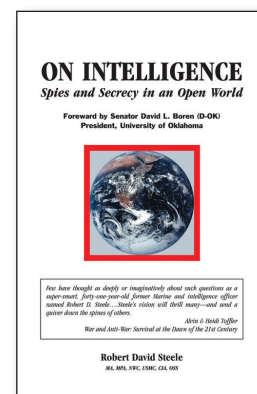
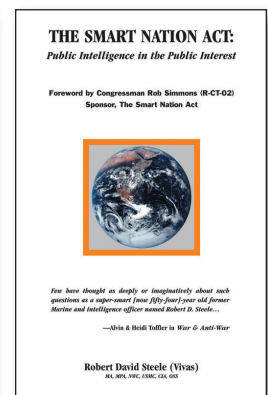
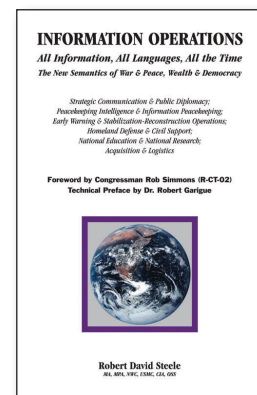
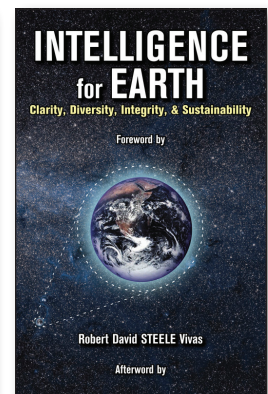
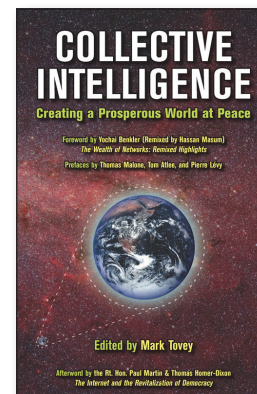
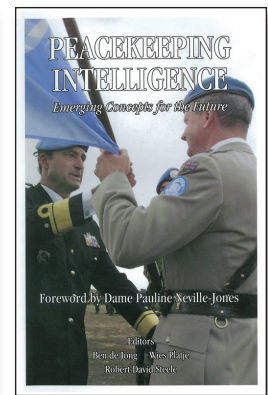
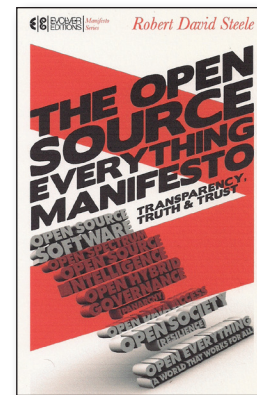


Robert David STEELE Vivas is the most persistent published proponent for intelligence (decision-support) reform. He challenges conformist thinking and entrenched biases (or worse, willful ignorance) divorced from reality and therefore inimical to the public interest. He is the father of the third era of national intelligence, the era of the Smart Nation, in which every citizen must be a collector, producer, and consumer of ethical evidence-based decision-

support. Steele, himself a former spy, believes that nations must learn to harness all sources of information—90% or more openly available—across eight “tribes” of sense-making: academic, civil society, commerce, government, law enforcement, media, military, and non-government/non-profit. A proponent of multinational, multiagency, multidisciplinary, and multidomain information-sharing and sense-making (M4IS2)—the human solution—as well as Open Source Everything (OSE)—the technical solution, he teaches the practice of intelligence (decision-support) using holistic analytics and true cost economics to support strategy, policy, acquisition, and operations in relation to all threats, across all policies, in relation to all players.

Steele’s official career since 1976 has included service as a Marine Corps infantry, intelligence, and S-1/Adjutant (personnel/security) officer. Transferring to the Central Intelligence Agency in 1979 he completed three consecutive overseas tours as a clandestine service operations officer under deep cover; and three tours at the national level in offensive counterintelligence, advanced satellite technical collection programming, and advanced information technology. In 1988 he returned to the Marine Corps to serve as co-creator of the Marine Corps Intelligence Center, at the time the USA’s newest national intelligence analysis capability. In 1993 he resigned from the US Government to create OSS.Net and become the leading global advocate for Open Source Intelligence (OSINT), ultimately helping over 66 governments (and 7,500 officers individually) consider faster, better, and least expensive ways of achieving ethical evidence-based decision-support. He has been featured in *The Year in Computers*, been twice-named to the *Microtimes* 100 (“industry leaders and unsung heroes who... helped shaped the future”), and served as the inspiration for and central character in Alvin and Heidi Toffler’s chapter on “The Future of the Spy” in *War and Anti-War: Survival at the Dawn of the 21st Century*.

For decades he has worked to appreciate the thoughts of others—he is the #1 Amazon reviewer for non-fiction, reading in 98 categories (all easily accessed via the [Books](#) page at Phi Beta the Public Intelligence Blog). As CEO (*pro bono*) of Earth Intelligence Network, an accredited non-profit (501c3) he has led a team of 23 others in designing a practical architecture for a World Brain and Global Game. He promotes transparent truthful networks of trust for public policy making and budget decisions at all levels. His work in progress is entitled *INTELLIGENCE with INTEGRITY: Enabling Hybrid Public Governance with Open-Source Decision-Support*.



Prior Praise for the Work of Robert David STEELE Vivas

Robert Steele is unusual for an American...he is clearly internationalist in his orientation. He has written a book that can bring us together in facing our greatest enemies: ignorance, poverty, and mistrust.

**Rear Admiral Hamit Gulemre Aybars,
Turkish Navy (Retired)**

Robert Steele's vision for the future of intelligence is clearly "internationalist" in nature. It focuses on regional partnerships...and on the value of open source intelligence collection.

**Rear Admiral Dr. Sigurd Hess, DE N(Ret),
Former Chief of Staff,
Allied Command Baltic Approaches**

Constantly committed to truth and honesty, [his work] demonstrates his ability to grasp the real issues and to take into account the views and concerns of men of good will from all nations and all cultures.

**Admiral Pierre Lacoste, French Navy (Ret),
Former Director of Foreign Intelligence (DSGE)**

Robert Steele goes well beyond the original visions of the best of the Directors of Central Intelligence, and has crafted a brilliant, sensible, and honorable future for the intelligence profession.

**Major General Oleg Kalugin, KGB (Ret),
Former Elected Deputy to the Russian Parliament**

Over a broad canvas reflecting the changing nature of information and information technologies, Robert Steele lays the foundation for the future of e-intelligence.

**Commodore Patrick Tyrrell, OBE,
Royal Navy, United Kingdom**

Few have thought as deeply or imaginatively about such questions as a super-smart [now fifty-seven]-year old former Marine and intelligence officer named Robert D. Steele...

**Alvin & Heidi Toffler, *War & Anti-War:
Survival at the Dawn of the 21st Century***

Steele consistently has been well ahead of the pack in his appreciation for everything from open source research to the implications of technology...his work thrills with its insights and ideas.

**Ralph Peters, *Fighting for the Future:
Will America Triumph?***

Robert Steele is about 100 times as smart and 10,000 times as dangerous as the best of the hackers, for he is successfully hacking the most challenging of bureaucracies...for the right reasons.

**Bruce Sterling in *Hacker Crackdown:
Law and Order on the Electronic Frontier***

Steele's concept is simple: Empower the citizen and private sector to gather and analyze intelligence so that we can make informed decisions [using] Open Source Intelligence gathering [that] is faster, smarter, cheaper...

**Robert Young Pelton,
author, *World's Most Dangerous Places*,
producer, *Come Back Alive***

Robert Steele deserves our admiration and our focused attention for bringing the idea of open source information to the fore. His passion to serve the nation by developing this new approach...is exemplary.

**Lieutenant General Patrick Hughes,
U.S. Army (Retired),
Former Director, Defense Intelligence Agency**

Robert Steele storms into the core of intelligence issues without fear. The scope of his work is impressive and whether you agree with him or not, you cannot ignore what he says.

**The Honorable Richard Kerr,
Former Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**