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FOCUS AREAS

Geopolitical Risk Intelligence Counterterrorism

LOCATION

Houston, Texas

Mike Croissant is VP, Corporate Intelligence at Straife. An insight-driven, multi-faceted, analytical expert, Mike has a seasoned intelligence background and a proven track record of

successfully identifying trends, gaps, opportunities, and strategic insights in global intelligence data.

Prior to joining Straife, Mike worked as a CIA targeting officer in the Director of Operations (DO) at Langley's Counterterrorism Mission Center. A key member of the counterterrorism team, he drove the planning and execution of foreign intelligence collection, counterintelligence, and covert action operations to identify terrorist threats, illegal arms trade, and drug networks on a global scale. While at Langley, Mike leveraged advanced analytics skills and tools to strengthen the CIA's counterterrorism posture, identify new targets and

opportunities for DO activities, and support ongoing mission-critical operations.

He is an exceptional data analyst – highly skilled at identifying geopolitical risks, raising awareness of emerging issues, and enabling government stakeholders to understand the strategic, operational, security, and economic impact of global intelligence challenges on U.S. interests.

Career Highlights

- Served as a political analyst in the Directorate of
- Intelligence and as a targeting officer in the Directorate of Operations.
- Established multiple counterterrorism teams.
- Led a large-scale operation to successfully identify and uproot a network with terrorist connections.
- One of the first CIA analysts assigned to an overseas tour; contributed to the disruption of multiple terrorist
- operations.
- Authored a post-9/11 report to evaluate the trajectory of violent extremism in Central Asia, which was eventually
- used as a basis for the Muslim World Outreach Policy.
- Author of scholarly articles in Strategic Review, Comparative Strategy, Jane's Intelligence Review, and others.