

# OPERATIONS SECURITY

A dark purple dragon with large, bat-like wings is perched on a rocky outcrop. The dragon's head is turned to the right, and its tail is curled. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, heavy clouds and a bright, golden light source, possibly the sun, breaking through the clouds on the right side. The overall mood is mysterious and powerful.

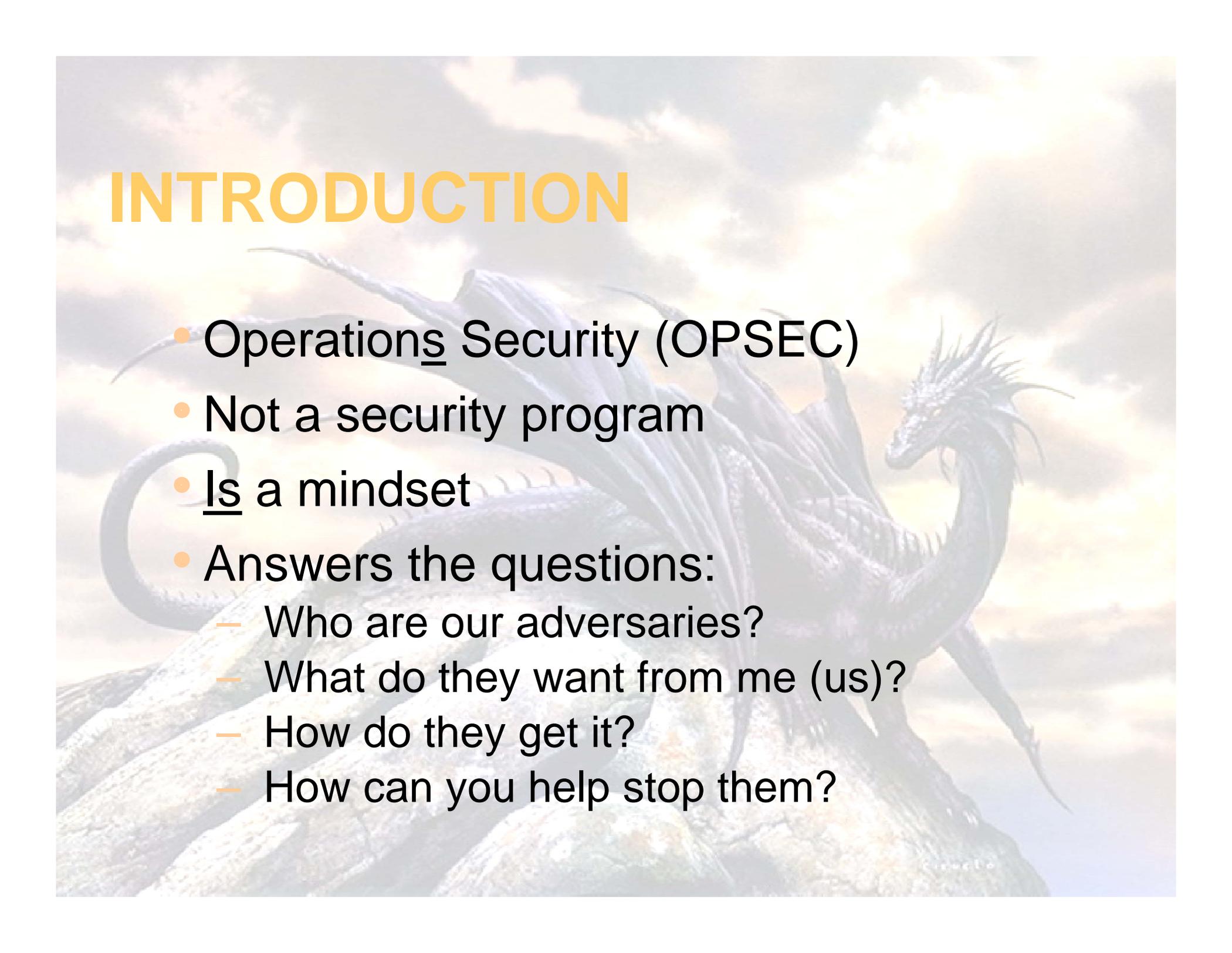
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# HISTORY

- *Purple Dragon*
- *NSDD 298 signed in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan*



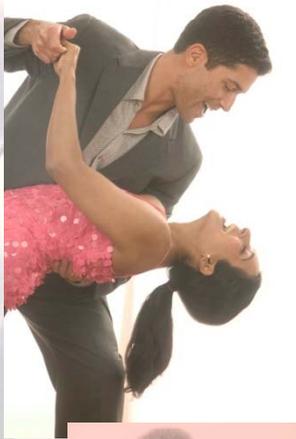
# INTRODUCTION

A large, detailed dragon with dark scales and spiky horns is perched on a rocky outcrop. The dragon is looking towards the right. The background is a bright, cloudy sky with sunlight breaking through the clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat ethereal atmosphere. The dragon's wings are partially spread, and its tail is curled.

- Operations Security (OPSEC)
- Not a security program
- Is a mindset
- Answers the questions:
  - Who are our adversaries?
  - What do they want from me (us)?
  - How do they get it?
  - How can you help stop them?

# WHO IS THE ADVERSARY?

- Enemies
- Competitors
- Terrorists
- Criminals
- Insiders



Intent & Capability = "THREAT"

# What do they want from us?

## “Critical Information”

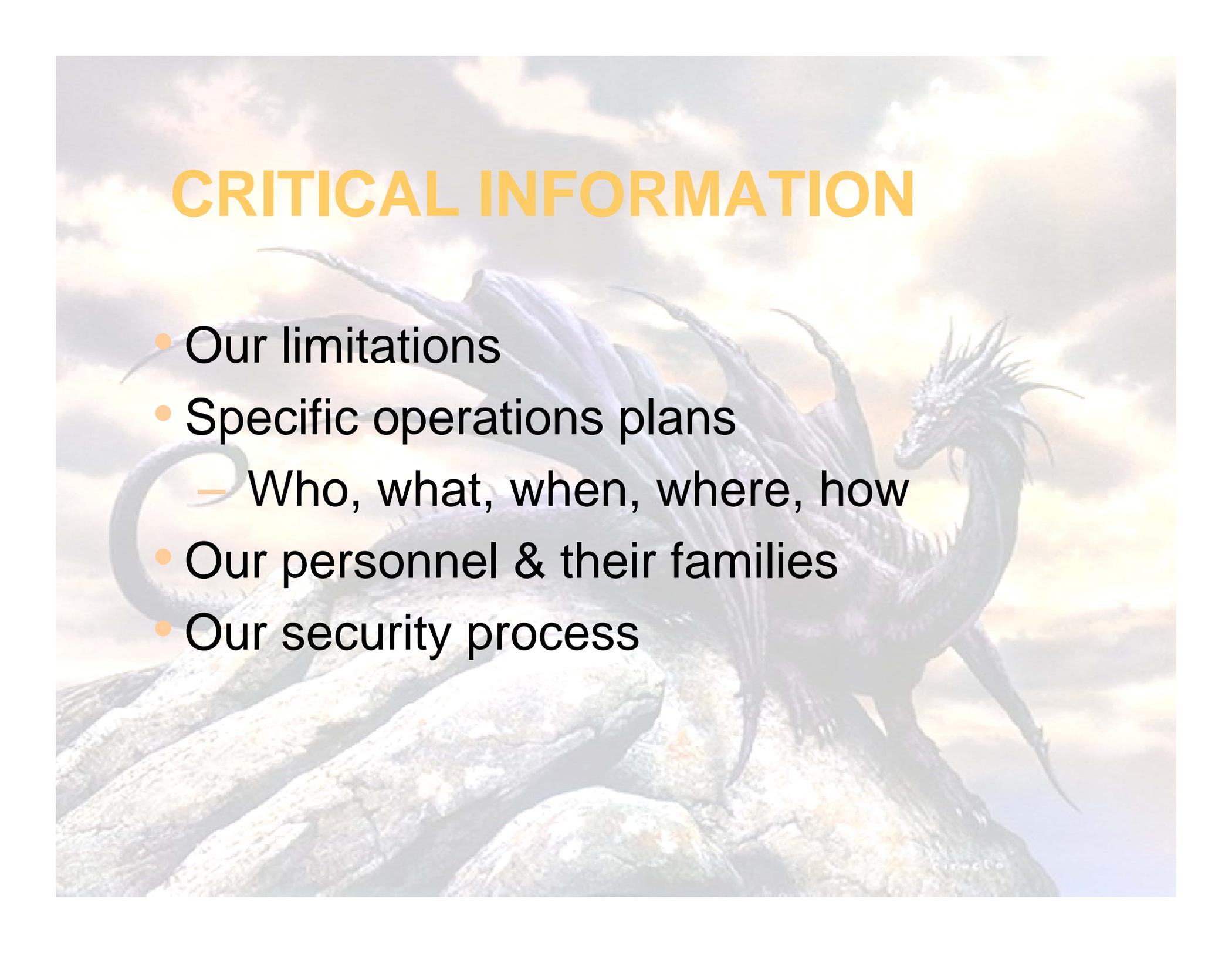
- Information the adversary needs to *prevent* our success.



- Information we must protect to *ensure* success.



# CRITICAL INFORMATION

A large, dark dragon with spiky scales and long, thin wings is perched on a jagged rock formation. The dragon is looking towards the right. The background is a bright, cloudy sky with a sunburst effect in the upper right corner. The overall image has a semi-transparent overlay for the text.

- Our limitations
- Specific operations plans
  - Who, what, when, where, how
- Our personnel & their families
- Our security process

# *Gathering Critical Information*

## **Adversary collection methods:**

- (IMGIN) Pictures
- (SIGINT) Communications Intercept
- (OSINT) Internet Web pages
  - Blogs
  - Email
  - Sharing too much with strangers

# What You Can Do?

- “Countermeasures”
  - Know your unit’s EEFI
  - **Web page policies**
  - Be alert
  - Be suspicious
  - Be aware
  - Protected communications



# COUNTERMEASURES

- Consider the threat when you:
  - Use the phone
  - Answer stranger's questions
  - Discuss work in public places
  - Send emails to family and friends
- Practice good security
- Shred all paper





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