

**THE OBTAINING INFORMATION
FROM OPEN AND ANONYMOUS SOURCES**

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Abstract: *The article has examined the current trends related to the use by the special services of the opportunities provided by open sources of information such as – newspapers, magazines, Internet and orders to obtain reliable information. The main approaches and methods that can be used in this activity have been analyzed with priority attention paid on the so-called “Content analysis”. In a purely practical plan, related to the asymmetric risks and threats, the methods for analysis and disclosure of anonymous sources, who prepared and sent materials without using their real names, have been indicated.*

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