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[8.5] Countertransference Blind Spots

1. Operational Definition: The unconscious reaction of a security leader or analyst to the transference of others, leading to biased decision-making. For example, a team lead might develop undue favoritism or hostility towards an analyst based on the analyst's transferred feelings.

2. Main Metric & Algorithm:

- **Metric:** Decision Inconsistency Score (DIS). Formula: `DIS = StdDev(Decision_Outcomes_for_Subject_A` `compared to Baseline`.
- **Pseudocode:**

  python

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  def calculate_dis(team_lead_id, analyst_id, start_date, end_date):
      # 1. Query decisions made by the team lead that involve the specific analyst
      # (e.g., approval/rejection of time off, assignment of high-value tasks, performance r
      decisions_for_analyst = query_lead_decisions(team_lead_id, analyst_id, start_date, end
      outcomes_analyst = [d.score for d in decisions_for_analyst]  # Normalize outcomes to a

      # 2. Query the same type of decisions for other analysts (the baseline)
      all_decisions = query_lead_decisions(team_lead_id, None, start_date, end_date)
      outcomes_baseline = [d.score for d in all_decisions if d.analyst_id != analyst_id]

      # 3. Calculate the standard deviation of outcomes for the subject analyst vs. the base
      if len(outcomes_analyst) > 1 and len(outcomes_baseline) > 1:
          dis = abs(np.std(outcomes_analyst) - np.std(outcomes_baseline))
      else:
          dis = 0
      return dis
  ```

- **Alert Threshold:** `DIS > X` (Where X is a statistically significant deviation from the team lead's baseline behavior, e.g., 2 standard deviations).

3. Digital Data Sources (Algorithm Input):

- **HRIS/Ticketing System:** API access to data on task assignment (priority, value), vacation approval/rejection times, performance review scores (fields `decider`, `subject`, `decision`, `timestamp`).
- **Code Repositories:** Pull request approval/rejection rates and comments for a specific team member versus others.

4. Human-to-Human Audit Protocol: This requires a 360-degree review process managed by HR. Feedback is collected anonymously from the team lead's peers, superiors, and direct reports (including the analyst in question) on their perceived fairness and objectivity.

5. Recommended Mitigation Actions:

- **Technical/Digital Mitigation:** Implement blinding in review processes where possible (e.g., anonymized code reviews).
- **Human/Organizational Mitigation:** Mandate regular management training for security leads on identifying and managing personal biases. Encourage self-reflection and supervision for leaders.
- **Process Mitigation:** Establish a clear, multi-person review process for critical people decisions (promotions, firings, major task assignments) to counter individual bias.