Table X. Mean scores and standard deviations for interrogation tactics on coerciveness and likelihood of eliciting true or false confessions.

|  | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) |
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| Interrogation Tactic | Coerciveness | Likelihood of Eliciting a True Confession | Likelihood of Eliciting a False Confession |
| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.52 (1.05)a | 2.96 (1.18)b | 3.39 (1.16)c |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 3.11 (1.19) | 3.43 (1.08) | 2.99 (1.16) |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.62 (1) | 2.99 (1.12) | 3.26 (1.14) |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.49 (1.07) | 2.92 (1.13) | 3.29 (1.15) |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 2.97 (1.25) | 3.25 (1.18) | 3.16 (1.22) |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.26 (1.26) | 3.56 (1.12) | 3.29 (1.15) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.92 (1.11) | 3.06 (1.29) | 3.46 (1.17) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 4.02 (1.13) | 3.07 (1.33) | 3.54 (1.18) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 4.01 (1.12) | 3.04 (1.31) | 3.5 (1.18) |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.96 (1.08) | 3.05 (1.29) | 3.48 (1.12) |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.72 (1.02) | 3.31 (1.13) | 3.45 (1.11) |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.87 (1.04) | 3.4 (1.16) | 3.44 (1.15) |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.76 (0.98) | 3.33 (1.11) | 3.39 (1.11) |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.85 (1.04) | 3.39 (1.17) | 3.46 (1.12) |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.98 (1.13) | 2.97 (1.34) | 3.61 (1.13) |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.05 (1.17) | 3.01 (1.4) | 3.63 (1.2) |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 4.04 (1.18) | 2.98 (1.41) | 3.65 (1.18) |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.14 (1.24) | 3.04 (1.53) | 3.77 (1.24) |
| Scale: 1 = Not coercive at all; 5 = Extremely coercive | | | |
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