Table 1. Perceived Coerciveness of Interrogation Tactics

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.39 | 1.06 | 198 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 2.88 | 1.18 | 198 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.52 | 1.00 | 198 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.31 | 1.08 | 198 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 2.56 | 1.24 | 198 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.02 | 1.41 | 198 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 4.13 | 1.11 | 198 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 4.33 | 1.04 | 198 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 4.27 | 1.04 | 198 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 4.13 | 1.00 | 198 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.73 | 0.99 | 198 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 4.07 | 1.00 | 198 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.84 | 0.96 | 198 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 4.06 | 1.05 | 198 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.15 | 1.09 | 198 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.36 | 1.08 | 198 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 4.34 | 1.09 | 198 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.44 | 1.16 | 198 |
| Scale: 1 = Not coercive at all; 5 = Extremely coercive | | | |

Table 2. Perceived Likelihood of Techniques Leading to True Confessions

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 2.79 | 1.13 | 197 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 3.48 | 1.11 | 197 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 2.87 | 1.09 | 197 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 2.71 | 1.10 | 197 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 3.23 | 1.18 | 197 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.77 | 1.06 | 197 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 2.84 | 1.38 | 197 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 2.91 | 1.43 | 197 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 2.86 | 1.42 | 197 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 2.79 | 1.36 | 197 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.33 | 1.12 | 197 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.51 | 1.20 | 197 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.36 | 1.12 | 197 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.42 | 1.24 | 197 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 2.70 | 1.45 | 197 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 2.72 | 1.53 | 197 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 2.70 | 1.55 | 197 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 2.69 | 1.70 | 197 |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |

Table 3. Perceived Likelihood of Techniques Leading to False Confessions

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.41 | 1.20 | 195 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 2.52 | 1.18 | 195 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.36 | 1.13 | 195 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.31 | 1.17 | 195 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 2.56 | 1.15 | 195 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.03 | 1.29 | 195 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.91 | 1.16 | 195 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 3.98 | 1.11 | 195 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 3.99 | 1.13 | 195 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.86 | 1.09 | 195 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.55 | 1.16 | 195 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.77 | 1.15 | 195 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.51 | 1.14 | 195 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.75 | 1.17 | 195 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.95 | 1.13 | 195 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.18 | 1.14 | 195 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 4.24 | 1.10 | 195 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.33 | 1.19 | 195 |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |

Table X. Mean scores and standard deviations for interrogation tactics on the coerciveness and likelihood of a true or false confession

|  | Mean(SD) | Mean(SD) | Mean(SD) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Interrogation Tactic | Coerciveness | Likelihood of Eliciting a True Confession | Likelihood of Eliciting a False Confession |
| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.39(1.06)a | 2.79(1.13)b | 3.41(1.2)c |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 2.88(1.18) | 3.48(1.11) | 2.52(1.18) |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.52(1) | 2.87(1.09) | 3.36(1.13) |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.31(1.08) | 2.71(1.1) | 3.31(1.17) |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 2.56(1.24) | 3.23(1.18) | 2.56(1.15) |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.02(1.41) | 3.77(1.06) | 3.03(1.29) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 4.13(1.11) | 2.84(1.38) | 3.91(1.16) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 4.33(1.04) | 2.91(1.43) | 3.98(1.11) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 4.27(1.04) | 2.86(1.42) | 3.99(1.13) |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 4.13(1) | 2.79(1.36) | 3.86(1.09) |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.73(0.99) | 3.33(1.12) | 3.55(1.16) |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 4.07(1) | 3.51(1.2) | 3.77(1.15) |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.84(0.96) | 3.36(1.12) | 3.51(1.14) |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 4.06(1.05) | 3.42(1.24) | 3.75(1.17) |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.15(1.09) | 2.7(1.45) | 3.95(1.13) |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.36(1.08) | 2.72(1.53) | 4.18(1.14) |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 4.34(1.09) | 2.7(1.55) | 4.24(1.1) |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.44(1.16) | 2.69(1.7) | 4.33(1.19) |
| Scale: 1 = Not coercive at all; 5 = Extremely coercive | | | |
| Scale: 1 = Not at all likely; 5 = Extremely likely | | | |
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