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. | 3.58 (1.04)a | 3.02 (1.19)b | 3.39 (1.16)c |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 3.2 (1.19) | 3.41 (1.06) | 2.99 (1.16) |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.66 (0.99) | 3.05 (1.12) | 3.26 (1.14) |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.56 (1.05) | 3.01 (1.13) | 3.29 (1.15) |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 3.13 (1.22) | 3.25 (1.18) | 3.16 (1.22) |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.35 (1.18) | 3.48 (1.14) | 3.29 (1.15) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.84 (1.09) | 3.15 (1.25) | 3.46 (1.17) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 3.9 (1.15) | 3.14 (1.28) | 3.54 (1.18) |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 3.91 (1.13) | 3.11 (1.25) | 3.5 (1.18) |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.89 (1.1) | 3.16 (1.25) | 3.48 (1.12) |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.72 (1.03) | 3.31 (1.13) | 3.45 (1.11) |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.79 (1.04) | 3.36 (1.14) | 3.44 (1.15) |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.72 (0.99) | 3.32 (1.1) | 3.39 (1.11) |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.77 (1.03) | 3.38 (1.14) | 3.46 (1.12) |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.91 (1.14) | 3.08 (1.28) | 3.61 (1.13) |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.93 (1.18) | 3.13 (1.32) | 3.63 (1.2) |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 3.92 (1.2) | 3.1 (1.34) | 3.65 (1.18) |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.01 (1.25) | 3.18 (1.43) | 3.77 (1.24) |
| Scale: 1 = Not coercive at all; 5 = Extremely coercive | | | |
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