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