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. | 3.39(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 | | | |
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