Table 1. Perceived Coerciveness of Interrogation Tactics

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
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| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.58 | 1.04 | 496 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 3.20 | 1.19 | 496 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.66 | 0.99 | 496 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.56 | 1.05 | 496 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 3.13 | 1.22 | 496 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.35 | 1.18 | 496 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 3.84 | 1.09 | 496 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 3.90 | 1.15 | 496 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 3.91 | 1.13 | 496 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.89 | 1.10 | 496 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.72 | 1.03 | 496 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 3.79 | 1.04 | 496 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.72 | 0.99 | 496 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.77 | 1.03 | 496 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.91 | 1.14 | 496 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 3.93 | 1.18 | 496 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 3.92 | 1.20 | 496 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.01 | 1.25 | 496 |
| Scale: 1 = Not coercive at all; 5 = Extremely coercive | | | |