The Stanford Prison Experiment.

This experiment was held in 1971, because to know how strong human nature is. This was the study of prison life. These boys divided into two groups by a flip of the coin. Half were randomly assigned to be guards, the other to be prisoners. It is important to remember that at the beginning of experiment there were no differences between boys assigned to be a prisoner and boys assigned to be a guard. To closely simulate the prison they build a prison environment and among them was a former prisoner who were in prison approximately seventeen years. A system allowed them to secretly bug the cells to monitor what the prisoners discussed, and also to make public announcements to the prisoners. There were no windows or clocks to judge the passage of time, which later resulted in some time-distorting experiences. Somehow there was some kind of hierarchy between researchers, guards and prisoners.

The phenomenon of guards and prisoners is very cruel. At first, it was like a game but after that the environment affected on students. The guards forced prisoners to sleep on the floor and they woke up in prisoners the fear of being alive. They were the victims of experiment. There was unbelievable mental and physical violence. The more dangerous and tensed the situation is, the more interesting is it for researchers. Their only interest is to satisfy their needs and interests to fulfill their experiment. As with real prisoners, our prisoners expected some harassment, to have their privacy and some of their other civil rights violated while they were in prison.

To come from my perspective, they want to destroy prisoner’s psyche. It’s the experiment which shows us what happens with good people in an evil place. How they are changing their selves. There is a question – what will happen after this? Will evil triumph or don’t? unfortunately the environment and situation affects on people the most. The guards became sadistic and prisoners nervous and depressed after only few days being there. It’s the human nature, that’s why the environment plays a huge role in human being. Especially depressed and tensed situation. Prisoners couldn’t face the challenges which they had in fake prison. That’s why they were too close to mental breakdown. It’s all about of humans psychical weakness. The most of people can’t handle with it. Finally, what was the most interesting was that the researches who were actually the heads of experiment they became the part of experiment and also what we should mention is that this experiment is for real prisoners, who should be punished and not for young students who are innocent.