

CIA INTERRIGATION ETHICS

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LISTING THE TEN METHODS OF INTERROGATION

1. ATTENTION GRASP- GRABBING THE INDIVIDUAL QUICKLY BY BOTH SIDES OF THEIR COLLAR TO DRAW THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE INTERROGATOR.
2. WALLING- INDIVIDUAL HAS HEELS AGAINST A FLEXIBLE WALL IN WHICH THEY ARE BROUGHT FORWARD THEN PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE WALL TO CREATE A LOUD SOUND AND FRIGHTEN THE INDIVIDUAL. THE NECK SHOULD HAVE SUPPORT TO PREVENT WHIPLASH.
3. FACIAL HOLD- GRABBING THE INDIVIDUALS FACE. SPEAKING DIRECTLY IN THEIR EYES. IMMOBILIZING.
4. FACIAL SLAP- OPEN HAND SLAP ON THE CHEEK. NOT INDENTED TO INFLECT PHYSICAL HARM, BUT TO BE SURPRISING AND HUMILIATING.
5. CRAMPED CONFINEMENT- INDIVIDUAL IS LEFT IN CONFINED AREA RESTRICTING MOVEMENT FOR UP TO TWO HOURS. IN THE SLIGHTLY LARGER AREA WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL CAN STAND AND SIT, THE TIME IS EIGHTEEN HOURS. USUALLY A DARK ROOM.

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6. WALL STANDING- INTENDED TO CAUSE MUSCLE FATIGUE. INDIVIDUAL STANDS AROUND THREE FEET FROM A WALL THEY ARE FACING IN WHICH THEY WILL BE SUPPORTING THEIR OWN BODY WEIGHT BY ONLY THEIR FINGERS. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE.
7. STRESS POSITIONS- INTENDED TO CAUSE MUSCLE FATIGUE.
 1. INDIVIDUAL SITS ON THE FLOOR WITH LEGS EXTENDED FORWARD AND ARMS RAISED ABOVE HEAD.
 2. INDIVIDUAL KNEES ON THE FLOOR AND LEANS BACK AT 45 DEGREES.
8. SLEEP DEPRIVATION- INTENDED TO WORSEN THE INDIVIDUALS ABILITY TO THINK ON THE SPOT. MOTIVATION TO COOPERATE. SLEEP CAN BE LIMITED FOR UP TO ELEVEN STRAIGHT DAYS, UP TO 72 HOURS AT ONCE.
9. INSECT PLACED IN CONFINEMENT BOX- TELL INDIVIDUAL THAT IT IS A STINGING INSECT, ALTHOUGH ONLY A CATERPILLAR. INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION DURING INTERROGATION WAS SAID TO HAVE A SPECIFIC FEAR OF INSECTS.
10. WATERBOARD- INDIVIDUAL IS BOUND TO AN INCLINED BENCH WITH THEIR FEET SLIGHTLY ELEVATED. WATER IS DRIPPED ON A TOWEL OVER THE INDIVIDUALS FACE DURING A 20-40 SECOND PERIOD. SIMULATES DROWNING FEELING. SHOULD NOT EXCEED 20 MINUTES.

APPLICATION OF THE TEN METHODS

- INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES APPLIED TO 26,829 STUDENTS OF THE AIR FORCE SERE PROGRAM FROM 1992-2001. 2 STUDENTS DROPPED OUT AND DID NOT COMPLETE THE PROGRAM. SOME STUDENTS HAD TO POSTPONE THEIR TRAINING AND RECEIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING TO FINISH, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLAIMED THAT THE METHODS HAD NO LASTING EFFECT ON THEIR MENTAL HEALTH.
- 4.3% OF THE 26,829 STUDENTS RECEIVED PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT. 0.14% OF STUDENTS CLAIMED TO LEAVE THE PROGRAM DUE TO PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES.



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- ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO DID NOT COMPLETE THE PROGRAM HAD A TWO HOUR MENTAL BREAKDOWN FROM WATERBOARDING. ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLAIMED THAT AFTER THIS TWO HOUR PERIOD, ALL SYMPTOMS WENT AWAY.
- ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL CLAIMED TO HAVE LONG LASTING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS FROM THESE METHODS AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM 20 YEARS AGO. THEY WERE DISMISSED BY THE AIR FORCE AS CERTAINLY MINIMAL.

THE LEGALITY OF TORTURE AND DEFINING IT

- SECTION 2340A- TORTURE OUTSIDE OF USA IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.
 - DEFINED TORTURE AS- “AN ACT COMMITTED BY A PERSON ACTING UNDER THE COLOR OF LAW SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO INFLECT SEVERE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PAIN OR SUFFERING (OTHER THAN PAIN OR SUFFERING INCIDENTAL TO LAWFUL SANCTIONS) UPON ANOTHER PERSON WITHIN HIS CUSTODY OF PHYSICAL CONTROL.”
- INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE MALICE INTENT TO INFLECT SEVER PAIN OR SUFFERING TO VIOLATE SECTION 2340A.
- DETAILS THAT TORTURE IS ONLY TORTURE WHEN IT INFLECTS SEVERE PAIN OR SUFFERING.

WHAT CONSTITUTES MENTAL PAIN

- MENTAL PAIN OR SUFFERING- THE PROLONGED MENTAL HARM CAUSED BY ONE OF THE FOUR PREDICATES BELOW.
 1. INTENT OR THREAT TO INFLECT SEVERE PHYSICAL PAIN OR SUFFERING.
 2. TO APPLY OR THREATEN TO APPLY MIND ALTERING SUBSTANCES OR PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO DISTURB PERSONALITY.
 3. THREAT OF IMMINENT DEATH.
 4. THREAT THAT METHODS WILL BE APPLIED TO OTHERS.

WHICH OF THE TEN METHODS DO NOT QUITE FOLLOW THESE FOUR PREDICATES ?

- CRAMPED CONFINEMENT- WITHOUT LIGHT, THIS ISOLATION COULD BE SAID TO IMPACT PERSONALITY AND SENSE OF SELF. CLAIMED TO NOT BE EXTREME ENOUGH. THE PLANTED INSECT DOES NOT MEET THE PREDICATE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS INFORMED THAT THE INSECT DOES NOT HAVE A STING THAT WOULD CAUSE SEVERE PAIN OR DEATH.
- WATERBOARDING- THE DROWNING FEELING COULD FEEL LIKE THREAT OF AN IMMINENT DEATH. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS JUSTIFIED BY THE DROWNING FEELING BEING SAID TO GO AWAY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE CLOTH IS REMOVED, THEREFORE NOT CAUSING PROLONGED MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.
- CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS NO MALICE INTENT IN PRACTICE.

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