INTERROGATION TIPS FOR NERDS LIKE ME
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(NOT THE FAMOUS JOHN SWARTZ)
My Confession

- Watching TV at my house
- Daniel in the Lion’s Den
- The (almost unanimous) Ballot
- SONG (Gangsta Rap – Ridin’ Dirty)
You Can Do It!!

- I want to instill CONFIDENCE in you!
- REVENGE OF THE NERDS!!!
- Einstein/Used Car Salesman Phenomenon
This Is How You Can Do It

- Brisentine’s Management Philosophy
- Read Trivia – Longitudinal Study (ink pen)
- You can always talk to examinee about something
- Since you and I aren’t naturally good at interrogation – Let the examinee Interrogate Himself!
- Determine what motivates the examinee
INTERNAL PRESSURE

- Be mindful that Internal Pressure is **Always Present in the Examinee**
- **Psychological** Pressure
- Parental Upbringing (Your punishment will be twice as harsh if you lie to me Johnny!)
- Religious Upbringing (7th Commandment)
- The Cookie Jar (Maybe the single-most-important reason we get confessions)
INTERNAL PRESSURE

- Physiological Pressure
- Life-Changing Moment
- (The examinee is experiencing the same physiological pressure in your exam room)
EXTERNAL PRESSURE

- Family Pressure – Spouse, kids, parents, neighbors
- Pressure at Work – Boss & co-workers
- Police Pressure – Examinee has been interviewed/interrogated before you ever meet them
PRESSURE BUILDUP/RELEASE

- Examinee will always seek relief from these various pressures – Homeostasis
- **YOU** – The examiner, hold the key to the pressure valve
- Remember – ALL OF THESE PRESSURES ARE ALWAYS PRESENT IN THE EXAM ROOM, AND ARE WORKING FOR YOU - CONFIDENCE
Who Are You Testing?

- FBI Agents
- United States Attorneys
- DEA, ATF, some other Fed
- Inmates with Life Sentence
- Terrorists
- Have CONFIDENCE! – They will confess
Overcoming Objections

- Do it in the pretest
- Nervous
- Your Machine is wrong
- False Positive
- Cuff Pressure
- Sick
- I wouldn’t have come if I was lying
Comparisons Are Important

- Laying foundation for controls – find out what makes them tick
- Tell them a story
Keep On Keepin’ On

- Don’t quit – buy ‘em a burger
- Every test is of equal importance
- Every little tip adds a fraction of a percent
- Manure Salesman
Do The Unexpected

- Not a routine approach (use sparingly)
- When you have “the feeling” they won’t confess
- When you believe they’ve read antipolygraph.org
- Remember Einstein (They don’t know the test is over)
THE MOTIVATION

- We all wanna Be Like Mike (The Best!)
- The Nerd approach to success:
  - Great in physiology
  - The best in Test Question Construction
  - Psychology was easy (survivor of women)
  - Pretest Interview was really fun!
  - Instrumentation and Chart Markings (I had no equal)
ONLY 2 WEAK SUBJECTS!

- (Mr. Decker, and others, might say very weak)
- 1. Chart Interpretation (Test Data Analysis)
- (But guess who was even worse than me!)
- 2. Post-Test Interrogation
Chart Interpretation (TDA)

- You don’t have to be good if the charts speak for themselves
- STIM/Acquaintance Test (Calibration)
- A dozen charts
I guess you’ve figured out this class is really about the pretest.

Other “Silver-Tongued-Devils” can teach you about interrogation.
The Real Motivation
If Nothing Else Works

- Backster Zone Comparison Test (ZCT)
- Reid Modified General Question Test (MGQT)
- Keeler Relevant/Irrelevant Test (R&I)
- Searching Peak Of Tension (SPOT)
- Utah Zone (U-Zone)
- Schwartz’ Helpful Interrogation Test
If Nothing Else Works

Regarding the reason you failed this test, was it because you were

1. Nervous?
2. Tired?
3. Sick?
4. Lying?
5. Frightened?
6. False Positive?
That Silver-Tongued-Devil