INTERROGATION TIPS FOR NERDS LIKE ME

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My Confession

- Watching TV at my house
- Daniel in the Lion's Den
- The (almost unanimous) Ballot
- SONG (Gangsta Rap Ridin' Dirty)





- 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-mostimportant 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 <u>ALWAYS</u> 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



 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 <u>very</u> weak)
- 1.Chart Interpretation (Test Data Analysis)
- But guess who was even worse than me!)
- 2.Post-Test Interrogation

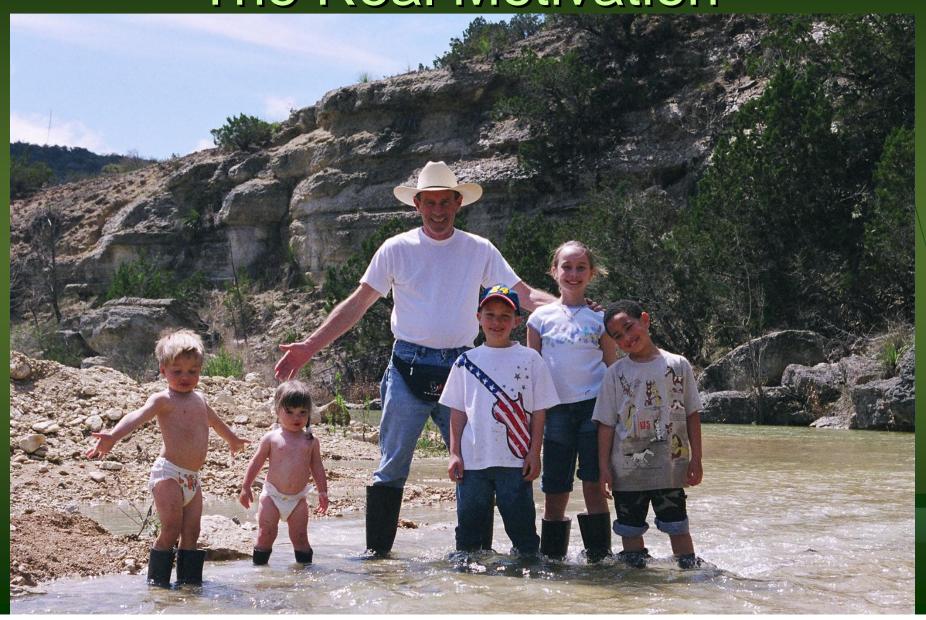
Chart Interpretation (TDA)

- You don't have to be good if the charts speak for themselves
- STIM/Acquaintance Test (Calibration)
- A dozen charts

Post-Test Interrogation

- 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



