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1 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Edward B. Van Arsdale Banned](#)
on: Yesterday at 10:48pm

Started by Administrator | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Thanks for your reasonable viewpoint, Evan S.

The real problem for George and some of his followers on this website is that when experienced polygraphers point out their lack of any credibility, i.e. experience, training or qualifications, there is really no defense. It's one thing to hit the badminton birdie back and forth with someone who only points out opposing lab studies. It's quite another to argue with an experienced person who isn't buying the canned second-hand responses, and who exposes your true, indefensible weakness.

If this forum weren't so full of people who, without any credibility, claim as if they actually know that the polygraph is a "pseudoscience," a "fraud," or simply an interrogation tool, it would be a much more civil environment. But you must understand that actual experts in a field don't take lightly to having their experience belittled by those who have none. I get a bit irritated myself and may at times get just a little bit offensive, but when I do, I have good reason.

2 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Yesterday at 9:19pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

So, which relevant questions did you actually lie to when you used your countermeasures, billson? Studies show that countermeasures do nothing to help the innocent pass an exam, so I assume that you were guilty to the relevant issues. Otherwise, you're about as believable as the guy who says his lucky rabbit's foot helps him avoid sexually transmitted diseases.

3 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / A Little "Pro" Amidst All the "Anti-"](#)
on: Yesterday at 9:17pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Here is a good article about the polygraph for those who wish to read something besides all the unsupported "anti-" ranting on this website.

4 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Edward B. Van Arsdale Banned](#)
on: Yesterday at 8:47pm

Started by Administrator | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Ok, I can buy the "common courtesy" bit. Sure, if a website administrator bans you for what he/she feels is mean-spirited, non-pertinent, unsupportable banter, it could be viewed as discourteous to return. However, in George's case there is more to it than that. Van Arsdale/JPW/whatever justifiably rubbed George's nose in cow dung, and George was getting tired of the smell. But that doesn't change the fact that JPW/etc. is much more of an expert in polygraphy than George can even pretend to be, and his posts on this biased website have been a great counterbalance to most of the unsupportable crap spewed here by George et. al regarding a subject with which they have no practical experience.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Yesterday at 8:40pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Your reasoning is faulty, Sergeant. If you were to go to a "pro-" polygraph site, you would still be unqualified to express any firm opinion other than something you got second-hand. I don't really have a problem with someone like you saying that they don't like the polygraph, that they don't think the process was fair to them, or that there are lab studies that support what they feel. What I do oppose is someone like you calling polygraph a "pseudoscience," a "sham" or a "fraud" when you have no experience or training in the subject. It's one thing to point out what recognized experts in the field have to say and to tell others that you agree with those experts. It's quite another thing to act as though George Maschke and other equally unqualified people are experts in the field simply because they have a website.

Were you to go to a "pro-" polygraph website and contually point out that polygraphers might have a vested interest in keeping the polygraph going, in ADDITION to their experience and belief in the process, which is a possible cause for bias, there's nothing wrong with that. If you kept at it, you'd sure be a boring non-expert, and you might get some polygraphers riled up, but nothing you claimed as fact about the polygraph itself could be taken seriously because you have no foundation to support your claims. Maybe you would be banned and maybe not. You might be banned simply because you couldn't come up with anything better than the factual statement that polygraphers might be biased in favor of the polygraph because its their job to conduct polygraph exams, and you might be viewed as just taking up space on a subject expressed ad nauseum in your hundreds of posts. Anything more than that would be viewed as an amateur among experts.

Here on this forum, things are quite different, though. Only the polygraphers who occasionally come here because it's an entertaining, well-designed website really have a leg to stand on in making solid claims about polygraphy. Everyone else is, like George, a non-expert due to no practical experience or training in the subject, a polygraph failure with a grudge, or simply a concerned future examinee who mistakenly stumbles on this website because it's the first one that comes up when he/she types the word polygraph in the web browser.

So, when George bans polygraph experts from this website, claiming that they are only here to attack characters and "troll," it is not really justified, but rather "chicken shit."

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Yesterday at 7:05pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George sure allows a lot of scum to float here on his little pond. Which makes it all the more cowardly and feeble-minded to ban those who actually have some experience in polygraphy. I guess the name of this website does say it all, just as Sergeant has pointed out: *AntPolygraph.org*. Not a place for serious discussion unless you happen to share George's inexperienced, unqualified views.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: Edward B. Van Arsdale Banned](#)
on: Yesterday at 6:55pm

Started by Administrator | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Sergeant1107 wrote **on Yesterday at 5:16pm:**

It is unethical to return to a message board after being banned. That he did so multiple times does not speak well for Mr. Van Arsdale's character.

There is NOT anything unethical about returning to a message board after being banned. What makes it unethical? There are much more unethical actions and justifications going on with this website than people returning after they've displeased King George or called into question his supreme wisdom. For example, what's more unethical than telling future polygraph examinees that they should try to "beat" a polygraph exam through countermeasures that you've never successfully tried yourself, when there is no recognized research to show that the countermeasures you advocate will do anything but harm an examinee's chances on a polygraph, and when you have absolutely no experience, training or certification to portray yourself as an expert on the subject?

JPW, Van Arsdale, Sancho, AnonymousToo, and whatever else the guy may have called himself, he is obviously an expert on the subject of polygraphy, and every time he's appeared on this forum he's had all of you phonies running around with your squirt guns trying to put out forest fires. It was obviously too much for George, so he's understandably eager to get rid of such an outstanding, intelligent opposing voice.

8 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Edward B. Van Arsdale Banned](#)
on: Yesterday at 1:20pm

Started by Administrator | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Cowardice on your part, George. Whether or not this Van Arsdale was using multiple aliases on this website, he sure got the best of you, and you are chicken droppings for your actions.

9 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Yesterday at 1:17pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George, you might as well ban me too, since it is apparent that JPW was getting the best of you and the other phonies on this website, and you don't want any serious opposition making you appear foolish. He correctly pointed out that you, Gino Scalabrini and Drew Richardson each lack any practical experience in the field of polygraphy, and that you are not the experts you portray yourselves to be. Call his accurate descriptions of you an attack on characters and motives if you will, but that's just a poor excuse for your own cowardice in facing someone with actual experience and credentials when you have none of your own.

Also, how do you know that JPW, Van Arsdale, and this "Sancho" character are the same guy? Is it your common practice to troll for IP addresses, or what? Does it really make any difference whether someone posts under different names, as long as the two names aren't simultaneously playing off each other for support? You've got Cullen using two names, and I'm sure there are other "anti-" posters who are also using multiple names on this website.

10 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Yesterday at 10:44am

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Interesting information, JPW. I have previously pointed out that Dr. Richardson is a phony with no practical experience in polygraphy, but this latest information does shed some light on his motivations.

11 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasures and Screwed Yourself? Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: Yesterday at 12:38am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Fine, G. Then you must have lied to every relevant question, right? Because that's the only other plausible explanation for failing every relevant question when we discount your naive speculation of examiner misconduct and unorthodox scoring methods.

12 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)
on: Yesterday at 12:32am

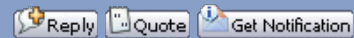
Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Cullen, you sure come across as a dimwit sometimes. As I said earlier, TLBTLD is a good little information booklet with some information taken directly from polygraph manuals, with a few lab studies selected according to George's bias. Where it really goes off track is when it states as though it were a proven fact that countermeasures work, and suggests that countermeasures should be used to ensure that one passes the test. Nothing could be further from the truth, and there is no research to back up this claim. Furthermore, neither of the authors has experienced passing a polygraph by using the countermeasures they advocate. Rather, they give very dubious advice to people who would do much better to ignore advice from those with no experience or qualifications to give it. As I stated in another post, you are like shooting fish in a barrel, Cullen, and hardly worth my or JPW's time and effort. George has no credibility, and you have less than zero. Since you can't come up with anything of value in these discussions, I will choose to ignore your "rants."

13 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasurs and Screwed Yourself? Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 12th, 2009, 11:02pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Evan S, finally someone of superior intelligence on the "anti-" side comes on this forum with something truly excellent.

I enjoyed reading the articles. The Washington Post article really was disturbing. I've never heard of this type of abuse at the federal polygraph level. There is supposed to be quality control, not just in each individual polygraph exam, but also in the oversight conducted by DODPI (now DACA) in annual inspections of all federal polygraph programs.

Unfortunately, the rivalries that exist between federal agencies in general might carry over into the polygraph arena. The problem is not so much with the examiners themselves, but with managers. There is supposed to be uniformity and consistency from one federal agency to another in the polygraph process, especially since all receive their training and certification from DACA, and annual inspections and required yearly refresher training are designed to ensure that this is so. However, at the management level, which usually consists of big egos who aren't polygraph examiners but rather administrators trying to get promoted, there are sometimes outside forces that can affect a program in a negative manner.

I'm more familiar with the FBI program than that of the "spooks" at CIA. I do know that NSA conducts periodical CI exams of its employees, and I've never agreed with this procedure. Once someone is proven (to the best ability of an agency) to be a qualified applicant with no known skeletons in his closet, he should not be subject to polygraph exams every year or, God forbid, several times a year. You say that "Better background investigations and ongoing security education is the solution, and not polygraphs." I absolutely agree with you.

While the polygraph is a good screening tool at the entry level, I don't agree with its continued, periodical use with proven employees, and there has been some research regarding the utility of repeated polygraph exams.

The second article is a bit more dubious, since we aren't privy to the background of the former manager's story except from his own point of view. Retaliation? Maybe and maybe not. But it's ironic, certainly.

Interesting that you would advocate "behavioral countermeasures" while not recommending mental or physical countermeasures. Again, I agree. If someone is truly one of the tiny minority who is a "false positive," I've stated before that you must defend your own integrity.

Thank you for posting something interesting, informative, and without portraying yourself as an expert in the polygraph process. Your opinion is valued, and I respect that. If only some of the more ignorant and vocal regulars on this forum could be more like you.

14 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)
on: May 12th, 2009, 7:20pm

Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

T.M. Cullen wrote on May 12th, 2009, 6:27pm:

www.geocities.com/mattreigns/General/gunnyhigh.jpg

"With all due respect, sir, you're beginning to bore the hell out of me!"

Gunny Highway

That's the best he can come up with, JPW. And you're right about something: If George and Gino aren't credible because they lack any experience, training or credentials to render opinions regarding the polygraph process, why do we waste our time on Cullen and Sergeant? Why do we enjoy shooting fish in a barrel?

15 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasurs and Screwed Yourself? Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 12th, 2009, 6:58pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Nice try, George, but those are not likely possible explanations. I can assure you that I am well aware of the FBI's scoring criteria since the early 90s, and nothing with regard to test data analysis would explain how you could fail EVERY relevant question on the FBI screening exam. Believe me or not, I can state this for a fact.

Examiner error. Well, perhaps if the examiner were a private examiner who didn't know what he was doing and hadn't been trained and certified to strict standards as required for all federal polygraph examiners. But even assuming that the FBI's all-time most incompetent examiner conducted your exam, polygraphs at the federal level require a quality control review of each and every exam. The quality control examiners at the federal level are the best polygraph examiners in their agencies, and surely they would have caught the outlandish examiner error that it would have taken to err on every relevant question. And honestly, do you really think this happened in your case? Despite what you might wish to be fact, and despite what your small group of "anti-" supporters on this website wish to believe, can you honestly say that your examiner came across as incompetent, stupid, or inexperienced? No, I didn't think so.


Examiner misconduct. That's a very, very strong accusation, George. What would motivate a federal polygraph examiner, who has a cushy position in a renowned government agency, to pick you out of hundreds or even thousands of applicants as the one person to screw with--especially on EVERY relevant question. After all, it only takes failure on one relevant question to fail an examinee. From what I can gather, you were a well-qualified applicant with special skills--not someone to take lightly or to throw away. If someone with your qualifications came into my polygraph room, I would do everything I could to get you through the polygraph unless you were actually deceptive or you didn't follow instructions.

I believe that somehow--whether you want to call it countermeasures or not--you screwed with the exam process, and you paid for it, thus costing yourself a good career and costing the government an excellent asset. There's no other plausible explanation for it, George, unless we are to believe that, like the immaculate conception, your polygraph failure on every relevant question was a miracle.

To the unsuspecting reader of this forum, just passing by because you're worried about taking a polygraph in the near future, I once again counsel you to avoid the "snake oil" George is selling when he tells you that you must mess around with the polygraph process in order to pass the exam. Most people pass the exam, and those who don't are often the ones who don't follow instructions and think they have to engage in unsupportable actions with no basis in research. George Maschke seems like a nice guy, and I think his intentions may actually be honorable. However, he is extremely misguided, and you listen to an inexperienced man's advice at your own peril.

16 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasurs and Screwed Yourself? Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 12th, 2009, 11:19am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George wrote:

Yesterday you stated this as conjecture. Today you state it as if it were a fact. You're wrong. I did not use countermeasures of any kind on my FBI pre-employment polygraph examination. I followed the polygrapher's instructions and answered all questions truthfully.

George, as you should know, the FBI screening exam contains at least SIX relevant issues. When an examinee fails the exam, it is almost ALWAYS on one or perhaps two relevant questions. One is the norm, with two being the exception. Three might occur (and this is my educated and experienced guess) less than once in 1000 exams. But SIX? I've never even heard of it happening except in your case. It just doesn't happen to an examinee who is honest and not messing around during the exam. The reason it doesn't happen is that when an examinee has an issue or two of great concern to him/her, that is where his/her focus is concentrated on the exam. This focus dampens any minor concern that the examinee might have on other relevant issues.

Now, as I said before, I believe you engaged in spontaneous countermeasures, which you know as well as I do--and research supports this--can cause an examinee to appear more deceptive. Why do I state it as fact rather than conjecture? Because it's the only reasonable explanation, since the only other possibilities are, first, that you actually lied on ALL of the relevant questions, which I don't believe despite not knowing you personally. I don't think that any well-qualified, intelligent person, which I assume you to be, has that many skeletons in his closet.

The second possibility for you having failed every relevant question is that for whatever reason--faulty pre-test research on your part or simply assumptions that you were bright enough to figure out--you made those questions more relevant for yourself than they should have been, and you tried to calm yourself whenever a relevant question came up, which backfired on you because you made the relevant questions even stronger. But of course, this possibility can also be viewed as spontaneous countermeasures, just not to the control questions as would normally be the case in someone attempting countermeasures.

You can sit there and claim that it was the polygraph that was at fault, and you can blame the examiner. However, no one fails every relevant question on a screening exam without bearing most of the blame himself.

Now, Sergeant, for your silly reasoning. You state:

For that to make any sense whatsoever you would have to be able to prove that had the examinee not taken George's advice they would have passed the polygraph.

This makes more sense than your, George's and other "anti-" forum regulars' assumption that an innocent person needs to attempt countermeasures to ensure that he/she passes the polygraph exam. Assuming that an innocent examinee (innocent with regard to the relevant issues) is somehow able to effectively control his/her physiology and avoid detection, how can you prove that he/she wouldn't have passed the exam anyhow? You can't, plain and simple. And as I keep reminding you, the NAS, which you use to support yourself since you have no experience or training of your own, states that countermeasures can cause an examinee to appear more, not less, deceptive.

The innocent examinee increases his or her chances of passing the polygraph by simply following the examiner's instructions and avoiding countermeasure attempts which have no evidence of being effective at all with an innocent examinee.

Which leads us to the question I keep asking, and to which George gave his unsupportable conjecture rather than a cogent answer:

Where are all the GUILTY examinees (guilty with regard to the relevant issues) who used the countermeasures cited in George's little book, *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector*, to pass the exam while lying to the relevant issues? That's right, we never hear from them, do we? Not even on an anonymous forum. And George's claim that behind the scenes there are people who have provided "private feedback" that supports TLBTLD is a cop-out.

As an experienced polygraph examiner, I repeat to the reader who might come to this website: The information you obtain from these people, all of whom have absolutely no experience with the polygraph other than having failed one or more polygraphs, is faulty, and you use it at your own peril. They tell you there's no poisonous snake in the box and to shove your hand in there, yet they won't even put their own hand in the box. They don't practice what they preach, and they can't support their claims.

17 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasures and Screwed Yourself?](#)
[Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 11th, 2009, 10:55pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Cullen, I don't need to go through a point-by-point critique of TLBTLD. Some of it is taken directly from polygraph manuals used by polygraph examiners, and some of it references questionable lab studies that can't be applied to the field, although they are actual studies by reputable researchers. I've already stated that the little book contains some truth and some good information.

However, George takes a good little information booklet and then dives off a cliff with it. Because of his personal vendetta against the polygraph, due to his having failed every relevant question on an FBI exam, he takes that dive by claiming that he knows how to "beat" the polygraph, and then he hits rock bottom when he counsels others how to do so, despite his own lack of experience, training or qualifications.

Seriously, Cullen, look at it this way:

Is any intelligent person who has nothing to hide going to come to a website like this and take the advice of people who only FAILED a polygraph--or in your case multiple polygraphs--and who have never passed a polygraph by using the countermeasures they advocate? If I tell you that you can survive a plane crash by jumping up in the air just a split second before the plane hits the ground, are you going to try it? Are you going to put your hand in a box with a large snake you haven't identified just because someone you don't know tells you that the snake is not poisonous, especially when they won't put their own hand in the box? It's easy to tell others what they should do when you don't have to suffer the consequences yourself.

Which brings us back to a question I've asked multiple times on this forum: Where are all the people who read TLBTLD, lie to the relevant questions, and pass the polygraph by using the countermeasures advocated by George, Gino, and all of you sycophants who follow them around? We never hear from those people, do we? You can say, "Well, they don't post that information here because they might get caught." That's a lame excuse, especially since this is a very anonymous forum--I'm proof of that anonymity myself.

George failed every relevant question on his FBI exam because he attempted spontaneous countermeasures and it backfired on him. In all my experience, I can think of only one other reason why someone with no experience would fail EVERY relevant question, since that is unheard of--and that is that the person actually lied to every relevant question. I don't believe that George was lying to every relevant question--no one is THAT involved in nefarious behavior. Studies show that spontaneous countermeasures can increase a person's appearance of deceptiveness. In short, George screwed himself, and now he is unwittingly screwing others, and I've seen it firsthand in the polygraph room.

Since there are no studies and no evidence that countermeasures work, and no witnesses to attest that they do, isn't it completely ignorant for you and others like you to claim, as if you are experts in the matter, that they work?

TLBTLD contains no curriculum vitae, no indemnity clause, and no warning from its authors that the advice they give may cause serious harm. Add to that dearth of credibility George's own statement that the information is not infallible, and you end up with the "snake oil" you love so much.

I know you can't back down from your ridiculous, ignorant claims because you, like George, have invested too much of your time and effort into the anti-polygraph "cause," that to admit your ignorance and desist in your faulty advice would just about kill you. As far as wasted time invested in this forum, I'm a fine one to talk, since I have recently spent too much time here talking to people like you who don't have a leg to stand on simply for the sake of my own entertainment and to counsel gullible readers who might actually swallow what you're all shoveling here.

18 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasures and Screwed Yourself?](#)
[Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 11th, 2009, 8:56pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

No lawyer portrayal here, Cullen. But if I were an polygraph examinee foolish enough to have read TLBTLD and attempted its advice only to end up failing as a direct result, I'd consider suing George. As I said, the United States is a country where people can file a lawsuit about anything. And they often win.

19 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Tried Countermeasurs and Screwed Yourself? Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 11th, 2009, 8:10pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George, there is no evidence and no research to show that the countermeasures you advocate in your little book work as you claim, nor is there any reason to doubt the NAS' statement that countermeasures may actually increase an examinee's appearance of being deceptive.

All it would take for an examinee to sue you for making false claims regarding the polygraph and countermeasures is for them to be accused of countermeasures by an examiner and then an admission that they were doing what you told them would work. You see, when it is determined that an examinee attempted countermeasures on a polygraph exam, it is an integrity issue for any department or agency of which I am aware, and the examinee is often summarily disqualified and dismissed from the job application process.

Remember, we live in a country where people can file a lawsuit over just about anything; filing a lawsuit against someone like yourself who portrays himself as an expert in the polygraph process, despite no formal training or certification in the subject, and who distributes a book full of misinformation (mixed in with some truth) with no disclaimer, no indemnity statement, no curriculum vitae, and no warning regarding the possible (I say probable) adverse consequences of using that information, should be quite easy for a determined person to do. I'm surprised that no one has successfully sued Doug Williams as well, especially since he actually SELLS his little manual of misinformation.

Sergeant, when a person takes a polygraph exam, he/she signs a consent form. The polygraph is a required part of the job application process in most police departments and federal agencies. There is no recourse for someone who, like yourself, failed multiple polygraph exams in a job application process. I'm sure you signed consent forms for each of your polygraphs, correct? Also, unlike you, George, Gino, and others on this website who make claims you have no business making regarding a process in which you have no actual experience, polygraph examiners are trained and certified in the process, so they are qualified to conduct exams and render professional opinions and advice.

20 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Tried Countermeasurs and Screwed Yourself? Sue Maschke and Scalabrini](#)
on: May 11th, 2009, 11:07am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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As an experienced polygraph examiner, I've seen firsthand what often happens when an examinee takes the poor advice in George Maschke's and Gino Scalabrini's little book, *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector*. If your career dreams have been ruined because you took George's and Gino's faulty advice, perhaps you should consider suing the authors. Maschke and Scalabrini have no actual experience, training or qualifications to offer advice on how to pass a polygraph exam, and their little book contains no warning or indemnity statement for unsuspecting readers. Here's what the National Academy of Science said regarding *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector*'s advice regarding countermeasures:

Authors such as Maschke and Williams suggest that effective countermeasure strategies can be easily learned and that a small amount of practice is enough to give examinees an excellent chance of "beating" the polygraph. Because the effective application of mental or physical countermeasures on the part of examinees would require skill in distinguishing between relevant and comparison questions, skill in regulating physiological response, and skill in concealing countermeasures from trained examiners, claims that it is easy to train examinees to "beat" both the polygraph and trained examiners require scientific supporting evidence to be credible.

However, we are not aware of any such research. There is also evidence that innocent examinees using some countermeasures in an effort to increase the probability that they will "pass" the exam produce physiological reactions that have the opposite effect, either because their countermeasures are detected or because their responses appear more rather than less deceptive. The available evidence does not allow us to determine whether innocent examinees can increase their chances of achieving nondeceptive outcomes by using countermeasures.

The only experience Maschke has with the polygraph is that he failed EVERY relevant question on an FBI screening exam, which is, in my experience, unheard of. Would any right-minded person put their trust in someone with no polygraph experience or training other than having failed the polygraph? If you think so, you're a fool.

If you've failed a polygraph due to your attempts to implement the faulty advice found in *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector* and on this website, you have legal recourse. Take it.

21 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)
on: May 11th, 2009, 1:14am

Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Wow! We finally agree on something, Cullen. Your "Probably true" is an overdue concession. There's hope for you yet.

22 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)
on: May 10th, 2009, 10:18pm

Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Sergeant, maybe you need to actually pay attention when someone like JPW explains things to you, because it's obvious that you were either not sufficiently intelligent to understand the term "ad populum," or you habitually pass over any facts that don't fit into your very narrow frame of reference. Here, let me make it simpler:

Just because you and a few people on this site claim to have failed multiple polygraph exams through no fault of your own doesn't mean that you are in a majority. In fact, you are in a tiny minority, yet you expect others to believe that just because you had a particular experience they will too. It doesn't work that way, and in my experience (there's that word again--the thing that you lack) most people pass the polygraph IF they simply follow instructions and don't screw with the exam.

Readers, take the poor advice that some people on this forum give you at your own peril. I don't enjoy failing people in a polygraph exam, and I counsel you here so that maybe you can avoid being one of them like the good but ignorant Sergeant here.

23 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures,](#)

but I have a question..
on: May 10th, 2009, 10:05pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Funny how you would say that my posting on this forum subtracts from my credibility, when you have absolutely no credibility yourself, Sergeant.

I'm big enough to apologize if my strong, experienced opinion comes across as "flaming." However, when you say that "Choosing to address what you perceive to be a poster's lack of experience or qualifications is, by definition, an ad hominem attack," you give yourself more credit than is due. I don't "perceive" you to lack experience or qualifications at all; it is without question that you have none of either, and I sometimes become impatient with ignorant (and that's not a "flame" or an ad hominem attack, but simply the truth) people who make statements as if they are fact, when those people have absolutely no training or experience to make such statements.

My reasons for coming to this forum are:

1. For entertainment. It is quite entertaining, at least for a little while, to ruffle the parrots' feathers on this forum. Sometimes the spiteful side of me enjoys baiting and hooking little fish who want to be big fish.
2. I sincerely wish to educate ignorant, naive, gullible--but sincerely concerned--future polygraph examinees so that maybe they won't screw themselves when they come to take a polygraph. You see, I don't enjoy warning people before they take a polygraph that they should simply follow my instructions and they'll do fine, and then watching them fall into the trap they set for themselves.
3. I enjoy exchanges with intelligent, experienced people who also come here for entertainment and to enlighten others.

But you are right about something: I will grow weary of my time on this forum after a little while longer, and then I'll leave for a few days, weeks, or even months. Then you won't have to deal with trying to put out my fires each day, and you, George et. al can go back to patting each other on the back and giving future polygraph examinees poor, ignorant advice.

Perhaps I can save a few people, but I'm not going to make it my mission to save them all. Unlike George, I've got better things to do with my life than sit all day on a forum in an obscure website such as this. If you don't think it's obscure, and that it's readership is going down, check out the following link:

<http://www.quantcast.com/antipolygraph.org>

Half of the posts are by regulars like you and, yes, like me. Kind of puts things into perspective, which I think you lack.

24 **[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)**
on: May 10th, 2009, 4:27pm

Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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T.Cullen wrote on **May 10th, 2009, 3:02pm:**

The only thing incredible is that you, proclaiming to be so experienced and sure of his position, would resort to doing hack "cut and paste" jobs from a publication to make a point. As GM said, that would be grounds for disciplinary action in academia! Consider that an ad hominy attack. And well deserved i might ad!

I fail to see the relevance of this ad "hominy" accusation. Read the report yourself if you want to read it word-for-word in its entirety. I quoted what the NAS said, even if I did not take up several pages quoting all of Chapter 5. Quoting particular sections while not quoting every section is wrong when I do it, but not wrong when George et. al do exactly the same thing? There's no argument that the NAS stated that, despite Maschke's and Scalabrini's claims that examinees can easily learn to effectively implement countermeasures to pass a polygraph exam, there is no research to back up this claim AND examinees who use countermeasures are more likely to increase their appearance of being deceptive. Is that too difficult to understand? Sure, they state that Maschke and Scalabrini SUGGEST that countermeasures can be easily learned and effectively implemented, but nowhere do they say that either of these authors of TLBTLD have any training or practical experience, nor have they conducted any studies themselves.

"Anti-" people claim that the polygraph is not accurate because a few people on this forum claim that it isn't. The overwhelming majority of examinees pass the exam. Of those who don't, more than half make admissions that prove they lied. Of those that remain, it's reasonable to expect that many of them, although they admitted nothing, were in fact lying and were detected. This leaves a very small percentage who, like yourself, Cullen, claim to be "false positives." How many of those "false positives" attempted countermeasures and screwed themselves? We'll never know, but it's reasonable to believe that some of them did. I believe that if you and Sergeant1107 were honest, you'd have to admit that you tried to influence at least one, if not several of your failed exams, and it backfired on you. In fact, although I can't prove it because I wasn't there and I didn't see the data, I would be extremely surprised if it weren't so. While I've admitted that a "false positive" is a very slight possibility, it's unbelievable that it would happen three out of four times to both of you without your having a part in it. But of course you won't admit that because you would look even more foolish than you do now.

Here's what I believe caused George Maschke to fail not just one, but EVERY relevant question on his FBI exam: He attempted spontaneous countermeasures and screwed himself. I'm 99.9% sure of it because I've never EVER seen an examinee fail EVERY relevant question on a screening exam.

Now, with regard to countermeasures, I'm not going to help you by discussing the tell-tale patterns and increasingly well-known signs of countermeasures that we in polygraph use to detect them. You will of course say that if I had any such knowledge, why can't I talk about it or prove it? The answer is that I don't need to, nor do I want to in order to satisfy a few skeptical people on an obscure website. I will simply say that countermeasures are not as difficult to detect as you on this website claim, nor are they learned or implemented easily as suggested by Maschke and Scalabrini, who, remember, have had absolutely no training or practical experience with the polygraph.

25 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)
on: May 10th, 2009, 12:31pm

Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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So, what you are saying is that, like Cullen, you failed several polygraph exams, and yet you expect readers, or worse, experts like myself, to believe that it is the polygraph process, not you, who is at fault? Incredible.

26 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 10th, 2009, 12:28pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sergeant1107 wrote **on May 10th, 2009, 9:58am:**

People arguing from a position of strength generally need not engage in ad hominem attacks, and they have no need to disparage the credentials or qualifications of anyone posting their opinion on an Internet message board.

JPW already explained what an actual ad hominem attack is, so if you don't understand it, why do you keep using the term? It is not an ad hominem attack to disparage the credentials or qualifications of people who have none. A spade is a spade. An ignoramus is an ignoramus. When you make statements about something with which you have no experience, as if your opinion is factual, then you are indeed an ignoramus, and you should be disparaged.

27 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Challenge to Dr. George W. Maschke, PhD and/or Gino J. Scalabrini](#)
on: May 9th, 2009, 4:29pm

Started by JPW | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Excellent challenge, JPW. However, all you will get, essentially, is "We failed a polygraph exam. We then read a lot of stuff, we picked what we liked, and we have some like-minded friends who agree with us."

Citing Dr. Drew Richardson as any kind of "expert" on the polygraph process is ridiculous. Read Dr. Richardson's silly "Countermeasures Challenge" thread if you wish to know more.

To readers, I would like to quote what George Maschke, author of *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector*, just said: "We make no claims of infallibility." This statement should immediately be placed in the little book, along with a statement of indemnity such as, "WARNING: We have no actual training or experience with the polygraph. Use this information at your own risk. The authors are not responsible for any adverse consequences caused by following our advice because we have had no training or experience with the polygraph process other than having failed it."

I have personally witnessed the adverse consequences when naive, frightened, gullible readers of this website attempt to put the advice in *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector* to use. Therefore, despite the fact that you will never get such a warning from the authors, I must warn you that you follow their advice at your peril.

The fact remains that George Maschke, Gino Scalabrini, and their small cadre of sycophants on this "anti-polygraph" website are completely without any qualifications to make statements regarding the polygraph process.

28 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 8th, 2009, 10:50pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Cullen, you've just revealed the fourth favorite defense that you and the "anti-" group on this website use when you're losing an argument: you throw out a meaningless post in an effort to quickly put some distance between an opponent's successful argument so that astute, perceptive readers might not go back and look at it and see what a fool you are. In this case, JPW blew you fools out of the water, so you hope to throw up a smoke screen so that readers might not notice.

(Hint for readers: go back and read JPW's last couple of posts, and you'll find Cullen's latest idiotic attempts very amusing.)

Now, I've already stated many times that it would be foolish to take the advice posted on this website to try to "beat" the polygraph. And I also stated that perhaps anyone who takes such advice deserves what they get when they sit in the polygraph chair and screw themselves. However, I never EVER said that I don't care if given applicants are hired or not. While any good polygrapher should go into the exam room with an impartial mind, not caring whether the examinee passes the exam or not, as I stated before, I always want the examinee to pass because it makes everyone happy, a good person cleared another hurdle toward getting a job he or she wants, and it makes my job easier and my day brighter. But if an examinee chooses to ignore my instructions and attempts to implement faulty advice he or she read on a website such as this, full of ignorant, inexperienced, self-portrayed experts, THEN I definitely would NOT want such a naive, dishonest person working for my employer, and I would indeed be satisfied to thwart such a person's goal.

Of course, YOU will probably come back putting more words in my mouth because you have absolutely no knowledge, training or experience that would qualify you to make any claim whatsoever about the polygraph process.

29 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 8th, 2009, 9:34pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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JPW,

Yes, I feel the same as you when it comes to spending more than a few days posting on this forum. As I said in a previous post, I enjoy coming here from time to time and ruffling these parrots' feathers, but then I become bored and move on to some other entertainment. Perhaps we polygraphers shouldn't abandon naive readers to these self-portrayed experts; however, perhaps anyone who can't distinguish between actual experience and wishful thinking deserves what they get when they sit in that polygraph chair and screw themselves. If I asked 1000 polygraph examiners whether they've seen an increase in failed polygraphs due to attempted countermeasures, I think at least 800 of them would answer in the affirmative.

I would like to once again clarify what the NAS had to say about countermeasures, which is the exact opposite of what George Maschke is saying on this website. And they mention George by name, and they are clearly NOT referring to only spontaneous countermeasures, but rather ANY countermeasures. Could it be any clearer than this?

Authors such as Maschke and Williams suggest that effective countermeasure strategies can be easily learned and that a small amount of practice is enough to give examinees an excellent chance of "beating" the polygraph. Because the effective application of mental or physical countermeasures on the part of examinees would require skill in distinguishing between relevant and comparison questions, skill in regulating physiological response, and skill in concealing countermeasures from trained examiners, claims that it is easy to train examinees to "beat" both the polygraph and trained examiners require scientific supporting evidence to be credible.

However, we are not aware of any such research. There is also evidence that innocent examinees using some countermeasures in an effort to increase the probability that they will "pass" the exam produce physiological reactions that have the opposite effect, either because their countermeasures are detected or because their responses appear more rather than less deceptive. The available evidence does not allow us to determine whether innocent examinees can increase their chances of achieving nondeceptive outcomes by using countermeasures.

What part of that don't you understand, George? I know that one of the main pillars of this website is that anyone can easily learn to beat the polygraph simply by reading *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector*, and putting its lessons into practice. In fact, one of the first links people find when they look up the word polygraph on the internet proclaims "Learn how to pass (or beat) a polygraph test." Another advises people to "download our little book" (*The Lie Behind the Lie Detector*) and learn how to beat a polygraph test. However, the truth, as those of us with actual experience know (and as the NAS, even without actual experience with the polygraph process, has figured out), is that the real lie is your claim, George. Sure, there's some truth in your little book, and there's some good information, but there is also a lot of faulty information, poor advice, and outright lies.




My mom used to say (and I'm paraphrasing), "The Devil is a liar, but he doesn't get anyone to follow him through lies alone. He sprinkles his lies with a little truth, so if someone's not careful, they'll swallow it whole." *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector* appears like a well-written instruction manual, and it contains just enough good information that the unsuspecting, the frightened, and the foolish will indeed swallow it whole. And I've personally seen these people come to a polygraph exam and choke on what they swallowed. Often it's glaringly obvious, which of course falls in line with what the NAS has said.

You're peddling lies, George. Years ago, you didn't get hired by the FBI because you failed every relevant question on a polygraph exam, and now you're responsible, whether you can accept it or not, of causing others to do the same.

JPW, what has never ceased to amaze me since I first visited this website is how someone like George, not to mention these ignorant fools who keep him regular company on this forum and treat him like an expert, could waste so much time and effort in a worthless cause, especially when we polygraphers regularly see the damage caused when examinees take his advice. Seriously, what a pathetic loser! George is the perfect example of someone investing so much of his time in a worthless endeavor, that he is no longer capable of seeing how worthless it is, and he just can't give it up because he's invested so much of himself and his time that quitting would be admitting that so much of his life was wasted.

30 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 7th, 2009, 9:20pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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JPW, I sincerely regret even inserting something here after you just authored another excellent post. The sayings "a tough act to follow" and "pale by comparison" come to mind. I can't say anything better than what you just did, and even though I support everything you said, your intellect when compared to most posters on this forum is, frankly, a bit intimidating. Intelligent people are a bit intimidated when confronted by someone of probably even higher intellect. In short, I appreciate your comments, and I'll step aside for now, sit back in my chair, and enjoy the show. Very, very impressive.

31 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 6th, 2009, 6:26pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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I am extremely impressed, JPW. That's one of the best explanations--about anything--that I remember reading.

32 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 5th, 2009, 8:51pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Although I have allowed this thread to once again get off-topic, which again I must point out is one of the "anti-" crowd's favorite defensive tactics when it is losing an argument, I will indulge you one more time, Cullen.

As I stated before, polygraph is not a perfect process. A "false positive" is a slight possibility. Also, proponents of the polygraph, i.e. polygraphers and administrators of most state and federal law enforcement agencies, use laboratory studies that support not only our opinion, but our experience in what we see played out on a daily basis with real, live people, not disinterested lab subjects. As I also stated before, I respect the NAS's opinion, and I quoted it twice on this forum when it stated that countermeasures are more likely to backfire on examinees and that there is no evidence or research to even suggest otherwise. But even such a respectable body as the NAS is limited in its ability to apply a few lab studies to the field, and it has stated this, which you will find if you read the full report. In my experienced opinion, which carries much more weight than your ignorant parroting of this website's rhetoric, the polygraph process, although perhaps not as accurate as the most favorable studies, which list it as 97-98% accurate, is still much better than chance, even in the area of screening exams, which I believe this forum most opposes. Thus, you don't see me on this forum ever claiming that the polygraph is accurate in the high 90-percentile, but experience shows me that the studies putting the polygraph between 85-90% appear to be right on target. Now, you belittle experience as if it has no meaning because experience doesn't fall in line with your biased view. You've failed three out of four polygraphs, as you previously stated. Although I am not here to judge you since I didn't conduct your exams and I haven't seen the data, I would be more inclined to believe that YOU, not the polygraph process, are more apt to be at fault.

And you still haven't revealed whether you attempted countermeasures in at least one of your failures, perhaps because that would support the possibility that you screwed yourself.

Cullen, you, like Sergeant1107, make yourself out to be an expert in the polygraph when you claim that my experienced opinion is "jibberish" when you have none of your own. I believe that would, in a reasonable person's opinion, make your claims that polygraph is a "pseudoscience" about as intelligent-sounding as a screeching baboon.

There, I've compared you to both a parrot and a baboon. Now, I believe it's time to hear some more about "ad hominem" attacks.

33 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 4th, 2009, 11:11pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sergeant1107 wrote on May 4th, 2009, 9:31am:

"I don't ever present myself as an expert and I certainly did not in any of my posts in this thread.

Sergeant, by calling polygraph a "pseudoscience," repeating unsupportable rhetoric from this website as if you have some inside knowledge about the subject, and then belittling someone who, unlike yourself, has actual experience with the process sure makes it appear that you think yourself to be an expert in the subject. It appears from this last post of yours that you acknowledge that you are not an expert in polygraph. Therefore, it would make you appear much less foolish if you didn't make statements as though you actually knew what you are talking about.

It's not an "ad hominem" attack to point out another's true ignorance, especially when that person has no practical knowledge or experience.

34 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Took my poly for local law enforcement employment.](#)
on: May 4th, 2009, 12:12am

Started by Rail | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Cullen, you sound about as confident as a canary who sings after the cat leaves the room. I know you pretenders are much happier when people with actual experience go away and leave you to your mutual admiration society with no one to address but future polygraph examinees naive enough to come on this website for the first time and address you as experts.

You still haven't answered my question about why you post under two different variations of the same name. I assume that you do that so you won't look as foolish when you write to me as a "new user" as you do when you write to me as an "especially senior user?"

Oh, and it's simply hilarious how you ended your post with the word "pseudo-science." There's not an original or experienced thought about polygraph in your head, is there? 😊

35 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Took my poly for local law enforcement employment.](#)
on: May 3rd, 2009, 10:33pm

Started by Rail | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Perhaps when a little arrogance is warranted. Unlike the two of you, Sergeant and Cullen, who speak arrogantly as though you have any practical knowledge at all about the polygraph. Go ahead and mock those with actual experience, but you look like fools because you have none of your own.

"Ad hominem." Oh, yes, I've read those unoriginal words many times on this forum. "Ad hominem" seems to be as much of a catch phrase among the ignorant on this forum as the word "pseudoscience." Come up with at least an original thought about the subject of polygraph rather than simply parroting George. His only experience with the polygraph was failing ALL of the relevant questions on his FBI exam, and now he's invested so much of his time and life in this comical little forum that he can't just move on. Sad, really, but funny sad.

No one here in the "anti-" crowd has any experience whatsoever, yet you've each failed a polygraph exam and expect others to believe it's the process and not you that is the problem.

Don't worry, boys. You'll get the last word because you don't know when to admit your ignorance and go away. I will of course tire of this forum as I have before. I come around every now and then to ruffle your feathers and laugh at you, and then I find other entertainment. I haven't met any "anti-" person on this board who has any business at all talking about the polygraph, and I don't expect that to change.

36 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Took my poly for local law enforcement employment.](#)
on: May 3rd, 2009, 5:27pm

Started by Rail | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

And your credentials for making claims about polygraph are . . .

That's right, you have none. You've failed three out of four polygraph exams, and yet we're supposed to believe that was a failure of the polygraph process. You also have absolutely no experience conducting polygraph exams, yet here you are posing as something who knows what he's talking about.

Only on a forum like this with a few like-minded polygraph failures can you pose as an "expert" on the polygraph process, Mr. Cullen. Anywhere else you'd be laughed off the stage. Well, I can laugh at you even on this one.



37 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Took my poly for local law enforcement employment.](#)
on: May 3rd, 2009, 2:26pm

Started by Rail | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Rail wrote on Apr 30th, 2009, 1:47pm:

I of course made no admissions to the questions or to the use of countermeasures so I don't think the test will come back as DI. I think the best I can hope for is an inconclusive result.

A very insightful comment, Rail. The best you can hope for is most likely an inconclusive result. Did you use countermeasures, and if so which relevant questions did you lie about? Oh, so you didn't lie to any of the relevant questions? Then, assuming that you followed TLBTLD's advice, it appears that you screwed yourself. If you used countermeasures, it appears that the examiner caught you, despite no admissions on your part. If you didn't use countermeasures, perhaps it is that examiner's M.O. to routinely go on a fishing expedition following every exam, which I, as an experienced polygraph examiner, never need or desire to do if an examinee passed the exam. The polygraph examiner's comment that he will have another examiner look at the exam is probably a death sentence for you, since the examiner didn't like what he saw, confronted you about it, and will undoubtedly bring it to the attention of "quality control," who will almost certainly be confirmative. Your only hope is that the examiner gave you the benefit of the doubt, and therefore an "inconclusive" on the exam, but I wouldn't bet on it.

Whatever happened, you took faulty advice from self-portrayed "experts" on this website. They have no practical experience conducting polygraph exams, and most of them have failed a polygraph. They cite second-hand, unsupportable rhetoric as if they know what they are talking about, and you appear to be a possible victim. A good lesson for other readers.

38 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 3rd, 2009, 1:44pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



No, Sergeant, I did not agree with you that research into the successful use of countermeasures is likely to be flawed. In fact, there is no research that shows countermeasures to be successful. Because you obviously didn't read a little further back in this thread, or you chose to ignore it, here again is what the NAS has to say about countermeasures and research into the same:

Authors such as Maschke and Williams suggest that effective countermeasure strategies can be easily learned and that a small amount of practice is enough to give examinees an excellent chance of "beating" the polygraph. Because the effective application of mental or physical countermeasures on the part of examinees would require skill in distinguishing between relevant and comparison questions, skill in regulating physiological response, and skill in concealing countermeasures from trained examiners, claims that it is easy to train examinees to "beat" both the polygraph and trained examiners require scientific supporting evidence to be credible.

However, we are not aware of any such research. There is also evidence that innocent examinees using some countermeasures in an effort to increase the probability that they will "pass" the exam produce physiological reactions that have the opposite effect, either because their countermeasures are detected or because their responses appear more rather than less deceptive. The available evidence does not allow us to determine whether innocent examinees can increase their chances of achieving nondeceptive outcomes by using countermeasures.

The claims by Maschke and others on this website that countermeasures work and can be successfully implemented have absolutely no basis.

Again, if a person is "innocent," there's no research to show that countermeasures will help ensure that he/she will pass the polygraph exam; in fact, studies show exactly the opposite to be more likely. So, no one who really didn't lie to the relevant issues and who passed the exam without detection using countermeasures can prove that he/she wouldn't have passed it anyhow. And where are all the people who lie on the relevant questions, but who pass the polygraph by using countermeasures? That's right, we never hear from those people, do we? Not even on an anonymous forum.

Sergeant, you are just like the rest of the self-portrayed experts on this website who have no practical experience conducting polygraph exams, but who try to convince scared people that you know what you are talking about. Give it up because your ignorance is glaringly obvious, and you don't have a leg to stand on.

I, on the other hand, can point out my favorite polygraph studies just like you, Maschke, and all the other pretenders on this website, but unlike you I have a wealth of experience to back me up.

Ok, next pretender, please.

39 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 3rd, 2009, 1:40am

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Sergeant1107 wrote on May 2nd, 2009, 7:17pm:

Research into such a topic would logically be impeded by the simple fact that people who pass a polygraph using countermeasures are highly unlikely to admit to doing so.

Glad you said that, Sergeant1107. It helps confirm my point. Where *are* all the people who passed the polygraph with countermeasures while lying to the relevant questions? That's right, we never hear from them.

Not even on an anonymous forum like this one. Studies show that countermeasures don't help the innocent, and the NAS says that countermeasures may very well work the other way, making an examinee appear more deceptive. Furthermore, someone who does *not* lie on the relevant questions and passes the exam, even assuming that they escape detection, can't prove that they wouldn't have passed the exam anyhow.

40 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: 60% CT State Police Polygraph Failure Rate!](#)
on: May 2nd, 2009, 6:10pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

polyfool wrote **on Nov 30th, 2005, 1:11am:**

Just in the nine months or so that I have been aware of the site, I've noticed the number of guests and registered users growing--a very good sign, indeed. That means more and more people are becoming aware of the polygraph's shortcomings.

Actually, it more likely means that polygraph use is increasing, and as a result there are more people coming on this website and others like it, where they receive poor advice from self-portrayed "experts" who have never had any practical experience whatsoever in conducting polygraph exams. The "anti-" crew on this website consists of a few people who failed the polygraph and then came on this website where they found like-minded individuals, all of whom also have no experience whatsoever. That's the more likely story.

41 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Can FBI polygraph failure ruin your career in law enforcement?](#)
on: May 2nd, 2009, 5:39pm

Started by cbob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Actually, I meant to say that there is no good time to attempt countermeasures because they won't help you, and it's not worth the risk. However, I've read that contracting your anal sphincter is a good exercise to improve sexual performance, so use it if you need it.

The question, as I've posed on this forum before is, Do you feel lucky? If you've really got nothing to hide, studies show that innocent examinees have nothing to gain from attempting countermeasures. There is also great risk. Here's what the NAS has to say about it:

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42 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 2nd, 2009, 12:29pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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The polygraph is an imperfect process. We have no argument there. I base what I've said on studies we polygraphers believe are correct due to experience that backs them up.

Sergeant1107, I don't know why you've failed three out of four polygraph exams. I didn't conduct those exams, and I haven't seen the data. I'd love to see your charts and question lists. I can't judge your integrity or lack thereof. But I would never claim that one person's negative outcomes--even if they are true "false positives"--or even those of a handful of self-potrayed experts on this forum show that the process doesn't work, especially when I've seen hundreds or even thousands of times that it has. This is obviously a forum comprised almost entirely of people who failed the polygraph exam and those who will soon be taking a polygraph exam and are falsely led to believe that there's a good chance they will fail too. In other words, it's the blind leading the blind. People who pass the polygraph exam have no need to come on this website and complain about the process--it's over for them and they move on. And experience has shown me that the vast majority do pass the exam.

Now, I've stated before that countermeasures just aren't worth the risk. At the very least they may cause you to come up "inconclusive" on the exam, and at the very worst, which I've seen too many times, they lead to failure on the exam. Since you are an "Especially Senior User" on this forum, and you've taken *four* polygraphs, three of which you *failed*, you might be in a better position to tell all of us whether your countermeasure attempts were successful. If you really believe in countermeasures, surely you've attempted them. If so, you've obviously screwed yourself, which simply confirms what I and the NAS have said.

I must also assume that, like George Maschke and Mr. Cullen, you have no actual experience conducting polygraph exams, so why are you on this forum portraying yourself as having any idea what you are talking about?

43 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Can FBI polygraph failure ruin your career in law enforcement?](#)
on: May 1st, 2009, 10:18pm

Started by cbob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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T.Cullen wrote on May 1st, 2009, 8:52pm:

Send a PM to George as he is the expert on cm usage.

Expert on CM usage? LMAO. 😄

I agree with this part of Mr. Cullen's post though: "Using CMs at the wrong time and in the wrong manner can indeed backfire on you."

44 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 1st, 2009, 7:01pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Well, Mr. Cullen, at least you didn't try to defend your lack of experience. Any defense would have been ridiculous, so I commend you for not opening yourself up for easy ridicule. So, what we are left with in your latest post is yet another detour from the subject. As for the NAS, I obviously respect it because I quoted it with regard to countermeasures, which of course *is* the subject of this thread. I accept that it has come to its own conclusions with regard to polygraph utility and validity based on a few laboratory studies, and I have read the report in its entirety several times. As an actual polygrapher, though, the most credible laboratory studies are those that I can see confirmed every day in real life experience, which I believe does count for something.

Otherwise, I would be doing the same as you, which is simply going by the studies that support your own biased, inexperienced opinion. Now, can you return to the subject of this thread, or must you continue to spout the usual second-hand rhetoric found either as the subject or the deviation of almost every thread on this forum? From personal experience (gee, we keep coming back to that word, don't we?) I predict that you will return once again with something about how the polygraph is a "pseudoscience," blah, blah, blah, when you really have no business pretending that you have any personal knowledge whatsoever.

Oh, just one more thing. Why do you use two different but similar user names on the forum? How am I to differentiate between one ignoramus and the other? Or is that the whole point?

45 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 1st, 2009, 3:34pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Mr. Cullen, if you or other readers wish to read my opinion regarding the nonsense you just posted, look for my posts in Drew Richardson's silly "Countermeasures Challenge" thread.

As for the rest of what you stated regarding "the machine," you really have no business commenting on a subject you know very little about other than what you've read on this forum and questionable lab studies. And really, must I point out once again that you STILL have absolutely no experience? You've sat in a polygraph chair, and I assume you've failed a polygraph exam, but that doesn't mean you've "walked the walk," as the saying goes. 😏

46 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: May 1st, 2009, 10:23am

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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examiner wrote on Apr 30th, 2009, 10:13pm:

By your statement, it is clear we are not on the same side of the public's interests and that you have your own agenda.

"Examiner," by stating that I have caught examinees attempting countermeasures, which effectively ended their career goals with my employer, I don't claim or imply that I am the deciding factor in the employment process. I simply report the data. Believe it or not, there are well-known criteria for countermeasures, and they often stand out so well that even a beginning student of polygraphy can easily see them. As the NAS report I quoted pointed out, there is no evidence and no supportable studies to show that, despite George Maschke's claims to the contrary, a person can quickly, easily and effectively learn to "beat" a polygraph exam through the use of countermeasures. My personal experience has confirmed that this is correct.

You say that I have an agenda--that I want to have some control over people's lives. Nothing could be further from the truth, and for you to assume that about me is either naive or intentionally provocative. When I conduct a polygraph exam, as I explained previously, I must go into the exam with an impartial frame of mind. I really have to not care one way or the other whether the examinee passes or fails the exam. However, I must confess my weakness in this area, because it is actually my hope before every polygraph exam that the examinee will pass the exam. I don't want to have to confront someone in his or her lies. I don't want to have the polygraph be one of the judgment criteria that my employer will use to disqualify a job applicant and take away his or her opportunity. Besides, it makes my job much easier and my day much brighter when someone passes the exam. I am not like a snake in the brush just waiting to strike, but rather like a porcupine that has the potential to "quill" someone. If an examinee chooses to use countermeasures, it's his or her choice. But again I say, it's just not worth the risk.

Furthermore, "Examiner," I didn't conduct your polygraph exam in which you claim to have been a "false positive." I haven't seen the data. I'd love to see your polygraph charts and question list, though. When someone fails a polygraph exam, there is almost always a very good reason why, but in your case perhaps you were indeed the victim of an imperfect process. I am happy to hear that you now have a good job with another agency, and you have my best wishes for a long and successful career in law enforcement.

As for Mr. Cullen, didn't you pay attention to my last post? If so, you wouldn't have wasted your time with any more off-the-subject tired rhetoric about polygraph validity. Remember, you admitted that you have no experience--which is absolutely correct--yet here you are again making claims you really know nothing about.

47 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Apr 30th, 2009, 11:07am

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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First, let me apologize to readers for allowing myself to get off subject. The subject of this thread was Onthefence's consideration of countermeasures. But I fell into one of George's and the "anti-" crowd's three favorite ways to defend against a good argument. I went along with their first defensive tactic: (1) Change the subject when you are losing. The other "anti-" defensive tactics are: (2) Piecemeal your opponent's argument, breaking it down into individual sentences and throwing psychobabble at each one so that your opponent will grow weary with the prospect of so much tedious answering and go away; and (3) Banish your opponent from the forum.


What the "anti-" crowd can't defend is its lack of any practical experience whatsoever with the polygraph process. As I said before, you, the reader, have two choices. You can either listen to someone with no experience, or you can listen to someone who has it. Without experience, all you are left with are two people citing questionable laboratory case studies. At least with the experienced polygrapher, he/she can back up his/her questionable case studies with real-life field experience, while the other individuals have only their experience of having failed a polygraph exam. We don't know why they failed because we weren't there and we didn't see the data. But does it really matter? These failures are such a tiny minority of all the people who take a polygraph, yet they come on this forum and portray themselves as experts when they have never sat on the other side of the table in a polygraph room and engaged in the process of conducting exams with real, live people.

Because this thread has strayed so far from its topic, perhaps it has reached a practical end. Therefore, I will repeat what I said with regard to countermeasures: It's not worth the risk. If you are a person of high integrity and you haven't committed or engaged in any serious crimes or integrity issues, your chances of passing the exam are extremely high. Countermeasures won't help you, and they may hurt you. If you are a person of low integrity, what are you doing sitting in that polygraph chair trying to fool people into thinking you are something that you are not?

Finally, a challenge. If you have doubts about what I say, go ahead and attempt your countermeasures. Do you feel lucky? Then, come back here and tell us all about it. Tell us how you were guilty with regard to the relevant issues on the exam, and how your countermeasures saved you. I dare you. But don't expect us to believe that an innocent person, by using countermeasures, avoided failing the polygraph exam, because you have no way of proving that you wouldn't have passed it on your own. And turnabout is fair play, as they say. Therefore, when you are caught in your countermeasures and you fail the exam, even if you don't admit anything to your polygrapher after the exam, come back here and tell us how your countermeasure attempt backfired on you.

48 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Apr 29th, 2009, 9:17pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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We went over this question before, but if you insist on being redundant, I'll indulge you.

We use the words "deception indicated" or "significant response" because it sounds better than "ninety percent chance that the subject is lying" (or choose whatever percentage floats your boat, according to the study you prefer--the studies we prefer are approximately 90%). The polygraph process sn't perfect, much like many other types of diagnostic tests in medicine, psychology, or even your local auto mechanic's engine diagnostic machine. But it's pretty darned good, so we feel comfortable using these descriptions of our diagnosis, especially since we can't say something like "deception without a doubt" or "deception guaranteed."

49 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Apr 29th, 2009, 11:03am

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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You sure are a tiresome fellow, Mr. Cullen. It would be so much wasted time for me to take each sentence you write, quote it, and respond to it. Of course, you and George know that, so your usual M.O. is to take a valid argument and then break it down into individual sentences and throw out unsupportable statements after each one in, I believe, an effort to fill your posts with so much psychobabble that almost no one would want to take all day to respond.

Your only defense is to spout second-hand rhetoric based on questionable studies that are often polar opposites of studies I would use to support my own arguments. Thus, we are left, as I said before, with two options for readers of this forum: Listen to someone with absolutely no experience with the polygraph make claims based on questionable studies; or listen to someone with a wealth of experience make claims based on questionable studies *and* experience. I think that's an easy choice.

The fact remains that fearful readers of this website have to take a polygraph if they want to have or keep a job. No one else has to take a polygraph--no criminal defendant is ever forced to take a polygraph exam. Therefore, it would behoove these potential examinees to do what you advocate at the end of your tiresome post: Be truthful during the polygraph exam, and, I would add, follow instructions and don't engage in any kind of countermeasure attempts because it's just not worth the risk. Your chances of passing the polygraph exam--if you haven't been engaged in any really serious crimes or integrity issues--are very, very good. And should you actually fall into that tiny, tiny percentage who are actually "false positives," defend your own integrity.

50 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Apr 28th, 2009, 6:34pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Mr. Cullen,

Since I don't think you're really as naive as that question sounds, but that you are instead being facetious despite the glaring admission that you are in fact without experience, I'll answer your question for the benefit of other readers.

If the conclusion, based on the data, is "Deception Indicated," I will of course want to know why. Nine times out of 10, there is a very good reason, and it comes out because the examinee realizes that he/she has been caught in a lie and doesn't want to leave those cards on the table, especially when he/she wants a job. Of course, there are other possibilities for the one out of 10. The examinee may have failed the exam because he/she decided to take the poor advice of this or another website and screw around during the exam, even though he/she really had nothing to hide with regard to the relevant issues; or the examinee failed and knows why but won't talk about it; or the examinee is truly being truthful but is a "false positive." The third of these possibilities (the false positive) in my experience, is quite rare, but since the polygraph examination is not a perfect process, I will concede that it could happen.

What I won't concede, though, is the erroneous assumptions that you and others on this forum hold that false positives are common, or that anyone can easily be taught to effectively use the countermeasures you advocate. Therefore, my experienced advice to potential examinees is, don't risk your career goals on the assumptions of those whose only experience with the polygraph is having failed it.

51 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Apr 28th, 2009, 2:59pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



George,

If I'm using a PLC format (probable lie comparison), I would most likely switch to a DLC format (directed lie comparison). At least that way I'm not introducing the comparison questions with a "wink wink" at the examinee, as though we're both in on a little secret. Even though his/her knowledge of polygraph is almost nil, I don't want to make the examinee assume anything. However, that switch from PLC to DLC would be more for the sake of appearances rather than utility because either PLC or DLC should work equally well, as I've discovered through testing conducted by my employer on myself. You see, even though I know all the "secrets" of the polygraph and have had years of training and experience, I still react much more strongly to PLCs and DLCs than I do to the relevant questions. And that's with no attempted countermeasures on my part. I believe this is due to my never having committed or been involved with any of the relevant issues.

52 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)
on: Apr 28th, 2009, 1:29pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George, about Onthefence's three omissions, I agree with you. Onthefence, I really don't think you are cut out to be in law enforcement, especially considering that four years ago you "invested" a large sum of money for someone else to buy drugs to be sold. *Four years ago?* And you are supposedly older and wiser now? Perhaps you have changed, but engaging in criminal behavior, especially so recently, would be an immediate disqualifier, at least with my employer.

George, you asked what my employer would do should someone use the "honesty" approach before taking a polygraph exam, as outlined in TLBTLD. Since the polygraph is a required part of the employment process, if the person wanted the job they would have to submit to a polygraph examination, and I would have to administer it. If you don't want to take the exam, look elsewhere for a job, plain and simple. Of course, your question seems to imply that my employer might look at such a revelation (that the subject read TLBTLD) as "Oh, no, he knows our secret! Gee whiz, what will we do now?" In fact my employer--and those of us who are polygraphers--don't give much credence to this website or its advice by self-portrayed "experts." Therefore, it would have little effect on our beliefs or attitude.

Now, if I learn that an examinee has read the advice on your website and believed what he/she read enough to actually proclaim to the polygrapher that he/she "knows" the truth about the "lie detector," I would immediately consider that examinee to be a bit arrogant and presumptuous. After all, like you and other self-portrayed "experts" on this website, the examinee has simply read something second-hand and now feels that he/she has, as TLBTLD analogizes, pulled back the curtain from the Wizard of Oz, when in fact he/she has no experience whatsoever.

I would go ahead with the polygraph examination, obviously with an even closer watch for what I have learned to be key indicators of attempted countermeasures. And yes, these indicators do stand out like a sore thumb--especially when the radar is up due to advanced warning. If I saw no such attempts, and the examinee passed the exam, good for him/her, since I believe, and some studies show, that countermeasures do very little to aid an "innocent" examinee.

My advice to readers of this website is to simply approach the polygraph examination with an open mind and a spirit of cooperation. You are free to accept or refuse any advice from George, myself, or anyone else with regard to the subject of the polygraph, but if you want the job and it requires that you submit to a polygraph, follow the polygrapher's instructions to the letter and your chances are much better than not that you will pass the exam. That's my experience talking, which should count for more than anything you read from people who have none.

53 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: An example of why pre-employment polygraphs should be mandatory](#)
on: Apr 27th, 2009, 7:35pm

Started by Ed Earl | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

We could go round and round on this, Mr. Cullen. I could point out studies that show what I believe, and you could point out studies that show what you believe. None of the studies would be conclusive, and there are definite problems with trying to correlate lab studies with real-life. I've argued studies before, and it's like two people from different religions trying to convince each other that theirs is right.

But I ask potential polygraph examinees this question: Who do you think is more credible--someone who can point out questionable studies but who has absolutely no experience in conducting polygraph exams, or someone who can also point out questionable studies, but who has the experience of having conducted a very large number of polygraphs?

And about "Sancho." I asked why Ed Earl was banned. I've never read anything posted by "Sancho." Are they one and the same? One thing's for sure, though: Mr. Earl (if indeed that's his real name) had you running in circles like a dog chasing its tail. Very impressive, banned or not.

54 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Probably going to use countermeasures, but I have a question..](#)

on: Apr 27th, 2009, 2:35pm

Started by Onthefence | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Onthefence,

Before trying to use countermeasures, think carefully. I am a polygraph examiner, and I have often caught examinees attempting countermeasures. When I do, their career goal, at least with my employer, is essentially over. Attempting countermeasures is viewed as a lack of integrity and a lack of cooperation.

Some of the "experts" on this website would have you believe that it is very common for a person to be a "false positive" on a polygraph exam--i.e. to appear deceptive when in fact they are truthful. In my experience--which I've pointed out many times as more valuable and supportable than George's or anyone else's polygraph failure--it is much more common to be caught attempting countermeasures, or at best be labeled as "inconclusive" on the exam. Now, if you were hiring people, who would you want to take--a person who clearly passed the exam, or someone you weren't sure about? Easy choice when we're talking about two qualified employees, especially in today's world of high unemployment.

Whatever you decide to do, I'm just giving you fair warning. The people who pose as experts on this website are providing poor advice when they advocate using countermeasures on a polygraph exam. Could you actually be a "false positive" on your exam? Yes, possibly, but highly unlikely. I believe your likelihood of screwing yourself by messing around on the exam outweighs your likelihood of being a "false positive." You've potentially hurt yourself by listening to false "experts" on this site. Think carefully about hurting your career chances as well.

The question, as I've posed on this forum before is, Do you feel lucky? If you've really got nothing to hide, studies show that innocent examinees have nothing to gain from attempting countermeasures. There is also great risk. Here's what the NAS has to say about it:

Authors such as Maschke and Williams suggest that effective countermeasure strategies can be easily learned and that a small amount of practice is enough to give examinees an excellent chance of "beating" the polygraph. Because the effective application of mental or physical countermeasures on the part of examinees would require skill in distinguishing between relevant and comparison questions, skill in regulating physiological response, and skill in concealing countermeasures from trained examiners, claims that it is easy to train examinees to "beat" both the polygraph and trained examiners require scientific supporting evidence to be credible.

However, we are not aware of any such research. There is also evidence that innocent examinees using some countermeasures in an effort to increase the probability that they will "pass" the exam produce physiological reactions that have the opposite effect, either because their countermeasures are detected or because their responses appear more rather than less deceptive. The available evidence does not allow us to determine whether innocent examinees can increase their chances of achieving nondeceptive outcomes by using countermeasures.

55 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: An example of why pre-employment polygraphs should be mandatory](#)

on: Apr 24th, 2009, 10:47pm

Started by Ed Earl | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Yes, he did make that claim. He said that polygraphers should have no role in interrogating those they test. Why do you keep asking the same question? I thought I was clear, but apparently not clear enough.

How do I "know" he lied? Well, if he's a subject in one of my polygraph exams and he failed, it's certainly possible that he's a false positive, but extremely unlikely. And no, I don't want to once again get into a big discussion about this study and that study with one more person on this forum who has absolutely no experience as a polygraph examiner but who will open his smelly box of old, worn-out tennis shoes he borrowed from someone else who has no experience either, so please don't expect me to waste my time that way.

Sorry, Mr. Cullen. I don't hang around this forum all the time, so I have no idea who "Sancho" is, nor do I care. Am I supposed to back him up? Did you misunderstand him too?

56 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: An example of why pre-employment polygraphs](#)

[should be mandatory](#)
on: Apr 24th, 2009, 4:58pm

Started by Ed Earl | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Perhaps if you're talking about independent polygraphers, Mr. Cullen. But not when you're talking about polygraphers who are part of a police department or federal agency, where they are often themselves investigators for their departments or agencies.

Now, before you talk about conflicts of interest, let me continue. One thing that the "Anti-" crowd on this forum never talks about--and perhaps doesn't realize--is that most good polygraphers go into every exam with an impartial viewpoint. You have to not care one way or the other whether your examinee, even an accused defendant, passes or fails the exam. A good polygrapher will tell the investigators, the attorneys, and the examinee that the polygrapher is not there to pre-judge the examinee. In fact, prior to all such exams I've conducted, I've always told everyone, including the examinee, that I don't care one way or the other how the exam turns out. It is not the polygrapher's job--prior to the end of the data collection phase of the exam--to pass judgment or to even interrogate the examinee.

Now, once an examinee has clearly failed an exam, things will and should change, whether the polygrapher represents his/her department or agency, or the polygrapher is independent. At that point, unless there has been some kind of pre-exam agreement between attorneys, the polygrapher will definitely want to get to the bottom of the examinee's lies, and in fact will generally be expected to attempt to do so by all parties involved.

Just as the CSI investigators who work for departments or agencies, who conduct those other types of evidence collection are an extension of the investigative process, so are polygraphers, but only after an examinee has broken his/her promise to be truthful during the exam.

57 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: An example of why pre-employment polygraphs should be mandatory](#)
on: Apr 23rd, 2009, 7:16pm

Started by Ed Earl | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

There should be no reason why a polygraph examiner would typically stop between question sets and "interrogate" the examinee. In fact, doing so before the data collection phase of the exam is finished would likely have the effect of sensitizing the examinee to the relevant questions, which any polygraph examiner worth his salt would know to avoid doing. The fact that you claim this occurred during every polygraph you have taken suggests a defect in the polygrapher's training or his own methods. There should be no interrogation during the data collection phase of a polygraph. Such practice reflects poorly on the individual examiner, not on the polygraph itself. I'm curious. Was your polygrapher at the federal or state level?

While Mr. Maschke (in his last post on this thread) claims that if the polygraph had a scientific basis there would be no need to interrogate a subject, this makes no sense at all. The other methods of evidence collecting DO often lead to interrogation of a subject because they point an investigator in the right direction and encourage the investigator that he/she is on the right track. Likewise, the polygraph, if you accept it as having a scientific basis, which many of you on this forum don't but which almost all polygraphers do, then it also points the investigator in the right direction. Feeling that he/she now has evidence against a subject, the polygrapher will, and should, go into interrogation mode.

58 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: An example of why pre-employment polygraphs should be mandatory](#)
on: Apr 22nd, 2009, 9:05pm

Started by Ed Earl | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

That doesn't explain why he was banned. Multiple aliases, I suspect, are also used by administrators of this forum, but that doesn't affect the validity of an argument. The only time that would be a reason for banning someone would be if one alias was communicating with another alias (all by the same person) in a dishonest effort to support an argument while pretending to be two or more people.

Also, polygraph is NOT an interrogation. It may LEAD to an interrogation, especially in a criminal polygraph, when a subject fails and then doesn't terminate the process or demand his/her attorney. I mean, what would someone expect from the polygrapher when he/she fails the exam? Whether or not you believe in the validity of the polygraph, the examiner certainly does, so he/she feels that the liar has been caught, so why not try to get to the bottom of the lie?

59 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: An example of why pre-employment polygraphs should be mandatory](#)
on: Apr 21st, 2009, 8:58pm

Started by Ed Earl | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Why was Ed banned? He made a lot of sense in his arguments and was getting the best of Mr. Cullen and others most of the time.

60 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: How Honest Is Too Honest?](#)
on: Apr 16th, 2009, 7:59pm

Started by BettyBoop | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



T.M. Cullen wrote on Apr 16th, 2009, 3:11pm:

Also, the test is actually biased against honest people like yourself who want to bend over backwards to cooperate?

Actually, Boop, the test is NOT biased against honest people. The more honest you are, the less likely that you've committed any of the serious issues on the exam, and the more likely you will react strongly to other questions on the test regarding less serious indiscretions that you and almost anyone else have committed.

61 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Scared out of my mind by this website.](#)
on: Mar 4th, 2009, 10:52pm

Started by Ghon | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Very well-organized post, "Anonymous." I've heard and debated most of those points before, to at least my own satisfaction, although obviously never to the satisfaction of you and other parrots (your word) on this forum. And in my opinion, and yours, it would be a waste of my time and effort to reply to everything you wrote.

A short word on experience: Don't belittle it when you have none. It means a LOT more than you think--and yes, much more than mere theory. At least I have it, so I can argue my opinions firsthand rather than by rote.

One thing that I would like to respond to is this:

How can you take these anonymous posts by people who failed the polygraph as any kind of proof of anything? First, we don't know whether they are telling the truth in their posts. Second, we weren't present for the polygraph examinations they failed, and we haven't seen the data. However, I will concede that it is possible that at least some of them may have screwed themselves prior to and during the polygraph exam by what they have read and possibly put in practice from this forum. Which brings us back to the original line of thought from which we strayed in this thread. I will repeat, therefore, what I have seen and believe to be true: Taking the advice of polygraph failures on this forum, almost all of whom have no practical experience as polygraph examiners, can have detrimental effects on your ability to pass the polygraph exam. Particularly when you convince yourself that you will respond to the "relevant" questions because you believe they are the only questions that really matter on the exam, you will fulfill your own prophecy of failure.

62 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Scared out of my mind by this website.](#)
on: Feb 16th, 2009, 10:31pm

Started by Ghon | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



T.M., we don't use the words "detection indicated." It's "deception indicated." And the polygraph isn't a "lie detector." It simply monitors what your body is doing while the examiner asks you a series of questions. An analysis of your body's reactions can be summarized by several diagnoses, one of which is "deception indicated."

63 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Scared out of my mind by this website.](#)
on: Feb 12th, 2009, 2:26am

Started by Ghon | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Quote:

LieBabyCryBaby:

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Dr. Drew C. Richardson -

"[Polygraph screening] is completely without any theoretical foundation and has absolutely no validity... the diagnostic value of this type of testing is no more than that of astrology or tea-leaf reading. ... (A)nyone can be taught to beat this type of polygraph exam in a few minutes."

I suppose this is secondhand information? I also suppose you have the credentials to challenge this individual's opinion?

"Anonymous," do you think I just popped onto this board for the first time? Read your so-called expert's "Countermeasures Challenge" thread. I've refuted Dr. Richardson many times, and you need only read my posts to see that. Here's one of my posts from 2006 to EosJ, who was more entertaining than you when it comes to spouting worn-out secondhand--or in your case probably hundredthhand--rhetoric:

EosJ,

I'm afraid I've shaken you too much. You can't even write complete sentences.

If the advice on this site actually did produce "inconclusive after inconclusive," that would be quite revealing indeed. What it would say is that a guilty examinee did just enough to pull himself or herself from the depths of failure to the gray area of inconclusive. If the information actually worked for innocent examinees, why would they end up inconclusive, going in the opposite direction TOWARD failure rather than away from it into higher positive numbers?

As for Drew's challenge, it is an empty challenge. It could only be done in a lab setting or, worse, in a public setting where outside factors would likely contaminate and skew the results. Lab studies can not duplicate real-world conditions. And where would we find REAL criminals willing to put their lives on the line simply to satisfy a bunch of disgruntled polygraph failures? Drew, George, and their minions make this challenge, but most of them know it isn't practical or even possible to implement an event that would prove anything one way or another. So, no serious polygrapher is going to bother responding to it.

I repeat, EosJ, where are all the criminals who have used the advice on this site to pass the polygraph? And where are all the applicants who have used this same advice to pass the polygraph while lying their asses off to relevant questions? All we hear on this site are a few people saying they used the information and it helped them pass, but can they prove they passed because of the information rather than simply because they were innocent to begin with? I think not.

Dr. Richardson's "challenge" is without merit, and his actual experience as a polygrapher is a big fat 0. He's nothing more than a parrot like yourself who can quote other people's secondhand ideas. He barely passed polygraph school and never had any practical experience. So yes, I have more actual credentials than this pretender.

The advice on this site can do nothing to help the scared children pass a polygraph exam. But it can increase their chances of failure. For those of you who, like Ghon, are scared children when faced with the prospect of sitting in that polygraph chair, please ignore these pretenders because most of them are simply polygraph failures without any experience.

And yes, "Anonymous," I'm sure you could go on "listlessly." But you're sufficiently listless already, thank you.



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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Scared out of my mind by this website.](#)
on: Feb 10th, 2009, 8:01pm

Started by Ghon | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Same old tired arguments from the same people who failed polygraph exams. Quite some time ago I grew tired of debating with this forum's pretenders, repeaters of questionable ideas, and polygraph failures. Believe whom you will, Ghon and others who are "scared out of your mind." Believe polygraph failures who get all of their knowledge and theories secondhand, or believe someone who actually has a lot of experience with the polygraph. Use their faulty advice at your own peril. I've caught many people who have tried, and I know what to look for. That doesn't mean all polygraphers are the same, though. Take the serious chance of failing the polygraph due to poor advice, or follow the voice of experience and increase your chances of passing the polygraph. It's not by any means perfect, but it's a whole lot more accurate than these pretenders wish to believe.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Scared out of my mind by this website.](#)
on: Feb 7th, 2009, 5:25pm

Started by Ghon | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Ghon wrote on Jan 30th, 2009, 8:48pm:

I think you're missing a fundamental point though, LieBabyCryBaby.

Not everyone who has posted here about how one of you guys ruined their life had even known about this site prior to being branded a false positive...I guess it would be relevant to mention that one of those people is the creator of this website.

Do you honestly think the host of this website knew 'countermeasures' prior to taking the polygraph? No. His crusade against them didn't begin until he got dealt a bad hand. So you can't tar them all with one brush. Sure maybe reading some CM info might increase the chances one could fail.

That's irrelevant though... one because that's not the only circumstance it can fail and two because it's not even the countermeasures that worry me. What worries me is the fact that my chances of being accepted into any government intelligence agency is basically a coin toss. A 50% chance. Not based on my record or the accuracy of what I say, but because a polygraph expert saw me 'tap my fingers' or 'sweat a little bit' then that means I shouldn't be hired. I'm sorry, but that's just a lot of you know what.

The polygraph is not perfect. But it is much better than a 50% chance. Some people call it a "lie detector." It doesn't detect lies. All it does is show what is going on inside you when you are asked and you respond to a particular question. But when you consistently respond to the same question many times, something is definitely going on inside you with regard to that question. Only YOU can answer what that is.

My point has nothing to do with the subject of countermeasures, to which this thread has detoured. It also has nothing to do with why a "false positive" is a possibility, although a very slim one. My point is that when a person gets all caught up in "this question is a comparison" and "this question is a relevant," I think they make the relevant questions MORE relevant than they would otherwise be if they had just gone through the test without worrying about all that stuff.

The advice on this website can hurt you more than it can help you. There's some good stuff on here, but there's also pure drivel on here, much of which is posted here by non-polygraphers, phonies, and self-proclaimed experts.

The polygraph isn't perfect, and there IS an extremely slim chance that you could end up as a "false positive." But I believe that chance is much, much smaller if you don't screw with your own head by following the advice of people who failed a polygraph. I've passed multiple polygraphs myself, and I am a polygrapher. Trust me more than George and all these phonies on this website.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Scared out of my mind by this website.](#)
on: Jan 30th, 2009, 7:55pm

Started by Ghon | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Ghon wrote on Jan 30th, 2009, 3:21pm:

Just based on everything I've read - whether it's skimming the suggested countermeasures (I refuse to read them), the testimonials here, the history of the polygraph's use - I can pretty much guarantee you right now that if I were administered a polygraph test I would more than break a sweat with all of this stuff in mind. I don't see myself passing at all, and it's not because I have a skeleton in my closet.

You are right to be concerned. What I've seen repeatedly as a polygraph examiner is that examinees who are caught in countermeasures have read the advice on this site. They have not only tried out the advice, which stands out like a sore thumb to the eye of a trained examiner, but they have, I strongly believe, made the "relevant" questions much more significant in their own minds than they would have been if they'd never been exposed to the poor advice presented here. When you read the junk that novices and pretenders post here, you'll be so concerned about masking any possible responses to the relevant questions that you will simply magnify the responses. The irony here is that by following poor advice you may very well be a "false positive," not through any failure of the polygraph, but through your own actions.

67 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Drew Richardson Never an Actual FBI Polygraph Examiner?](#)
on: Oct 13th, 2007, 7:07pm

Started by Paradiddle | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Paradiddle,

You are definitely the most entertainment on this forum in a long time. I thought I was good, but you, my friend, are OUTSTANDING. I can see you are having fun, so please keep it up. Remember, though, that whenever you are bored here--as I eventually became--George and Drew and their cronies will have the last word, no matter how much sense there was in your arguments. Anyway, thanks for the fun. 😊

68 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Build Your Own Lie Detector](#)
on: Oct 8th, 2007, 10:37am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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<http://www.aaroncake.net/circuits/lie.asp>

69 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Calling out LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Sep 29th, 2007, 9:39pm

Started by Lethe | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Wow! I really am flattered to have such an oft-read thread dedicated to me! I just noticed it, and I was shocked at how many times it has been viewed by so many people other than myself. I read a lot today, and I am enjoying the discussion, although I don't currently have the time or the desire to play post-minton with everyone on the anti-side right now. Fortunately, it appears I don't have to. Please, continue the game, and I'll just sit here on the sideline for awhile and watch the ball go back and forth from paddle to paddle. 😊

70 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Drew Richardson Never an Actual FBI Polygraph Examiner?](#)
on: Sep 29th, 2007, 9:32pm

Started by Paradiddle | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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I haven't frequented this forum very much for awhile because it was boring me to tears. 😞 But I must say that this thread has provided much entertainment today. It's funny to see George and company scamper around doing damage control and misdirection. Unfortunately, most polygraphers aren't as interested or concerned about this insignificant website as George wishes they were, so the debates are generally very one-sided here. Paradiddle and Wonder Woman, it's refreshing to see other polygraphers besides myself and nonombre providing experienced arguments vs. George and company's inexperienced rhetoric. And you are very right--Dr. Richardson is no expert in the field of polygraphy, despite having been touted as such on this forum. His "Countermeasures Challenge" is ridiculous and impossible to implement, especially when it comes from a man with almost no experience in the field. Thank you for an interesting thread, everyone. 😊

71 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Sep 13th, 2007, 8:25am

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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2525 wrote on Sep 6th, 2007, 12:49pm:

LBCB:

Telling the truth and failing all relevant questions is not unheard of in polygraph testing, particularly when the true answer is no. I'll not challenge your mind with the simple statistics and psychology behind this Sir. However, I must point out that when polygraph tests are used in employment screening, a fallacious machine often rejects the applicant outright and the real truth is never determined.

Other than George's case, I've never EVER heard of anyone failing ALL of the relevant questions on a polygraph screening exam. On a single-issue exam, such as a criminal exam, yes, but not on a screening exam. The relevant questions are of too wide a variety on a screening exam.

In my experience, there are only two reasons why someone would fail ALL of the relevant questions on a polygraph screening exam. First, they are actually lying on all of those questions, which in George's case I don't actually believe occurred. Or second, and much more likely, they have made the RELEVANT questions more significant to themselves by knowing or realizing that those are the only questions of true importance in the exam. I believe that a person's knowledge of countermeasures, and their attempts to amplify the reactions on the comparison questions can actually backfire because they make the relevant questions even more significant to themselves during the exam.

72 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Sep 6th, 2007, 8:50am

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote on Sep 4th, 2007, 1:14am:

Indeed, polygraphers are comfortably entrenched within federal, state, and local government agencies. But that doesn't mean they have nothing to prove when it comes to countermeasures. Polygraphers, including yourself, want the public to believe that you have the ability to reliably detect polygraph countermeasures. At least to that extent, you've got something to prove. Don't you agree?

I don't think anyone posting here suffers from the delusion that this forum is somehow the center of the universe. Polygraphy is an arcane pseudoscience that is of exceedingly little interest whether to the scientific community or to the world community at large.

However, for those whose lives are or have been affected by the pseudoscience of polygraphy, this message board serves as an important forum for open discussion and debate of polygraph issues.

I shall have considerably fewer regrets about having worked to expose and end a pseudoscientific fraud than I should had I spent my days as a practitioner of the same. Instead of fantasizing about my deathbed regrets, perhaps you should contemplate your own?

You purport to know the answer to your "unanswered" question, so why don't you, as 1904 suggested, "spare us the ongoing agony of anticipation and simply state what you think/know his answer to be?"

No, George, we have nothing to prove to anyone. Because we are entrenched in the system, and because polygraph is so widely used and accepted by so many agencies, why would we feel the need to prove anything?

We don't really care what you think, so why should we try to prove anything to you? You failed your FBI polygraph not by simply failing one relevant question on the test, but by failing all of them. That's pretty much unheard of in polygraph, and I've never experienced it myself in all the exams I've conducted. So, you are simply a polygraph failure with no practical experience other than failing a polygraph. Who needs to prove anything to you?

I have no regrets about being a polygraph "practitioner." It gets me a paycheck, and it keeps many of the wrong people from getting into law enforcement. I earn a living this way, which enables me to enjoy many things in life. Can you say that about your obsession with your forum?

Finally, I never purported to know Dr. Richardson's answer. He really doesn't have one, so I could only guess what kind of lame attempt he might make. His ridiculous challenge goes unanswered because it is not worth answering, and my question goes unanswered because he really has no good answer. It's a no-win situation for him.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Sep 3rd, 2007, 2:05pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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Quote:

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LBCB,
In the same vein as Dr R's old posts. I posted: "I can teach anyone to pass a p/g test"
And I can teach you too as you are either in doubt or denial.

You evidently are the one with a lack of experience, because you still haven't achieved the experience and maturity to admit that p/g = BS baffles brains.

You have contradicted yourself btw - in one breath you concede, ".. the p/g is not perfect...and we have been beaten.....but we'll keep on using it till something better comes along" - In that case, why not simply use your dice. Make it user-friendly for subjects.

And yes, I do feel lucky. You can test me anytime. \$1000 says I beat you every time.

1904, you and others like you will always have the last word on this forum. You bore me because you have nothing substantial to say. You can always make big claims--which are unfounded because you have no experience with conducting polygraph exams--and you will never have to back them up because no one is interested in your or Dr. Richardson's "challenge." The polygraph community has no interest in you personally, and we know that Dr. Richardson hasn't got a leg to stand on either. What we do have is that we are already comfortably entrenched in the system with no reason to leave and nothing to prove.

It is not a contradiction to admit that the polygraph process is not perfect, either. But admitting that is far from conceding that the polygraph should be abolished. Most polygraph examinees will continue to pass the polygraph without countermeasures, and the world is not very interested in this forum. When people post on any forum like this, they tend to develop the naive attitude that the rest of the world actually cares about what they have to say. It's like a child's egocentric view of the world--the juvenile view that whatever I think and do is the center of the universe, and everything else revolves around me. Nothing you or I say on this forum will change anything. That's why, as I've said before, it is kind of sad that George Maschke would waste so much of his time with managing this website. When he is on his deathbed and thinking about what he did with life, isn't it sad that he will have to accept that he spent so much of his life on this worthless forum? I think so.

I know that Dr. Richardson can not answer my question because he is simply a "poser" who a few misguided people on this forum have put on a pedestal and accepted as an expert. My question will remain unanswered because he can not answer it, and because he probably feels it is as worthless to attempt an answer as the polygraph community feels it is to respond to his empty "challenge."

Now, go ahead and have the last word, 1904. You have no experience or expertise to speak of, yet you will undoubtedly continue to pretend. You're nothing special at all, "sunshine."

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Sep 2nd, 2007, 7:17pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Quote:

Unfortunately, you appear to have entirely missed the import of Dr R's challenge. It was not a simple endeavour as you surreptitiously infer. It was a challenge to the industry. The results of which could impact seriously and negatively on the p/g industry finally and forever.

It is precisely that hidden danger that the industry cannot afford to face. Thus it remains silent, whilst you shout out hysterically at the danger.

LBCB, you are indeed a cry baby. Your lone, insignificant reverse challenge carries no threat and and thus warrants no relevant response.

But hey, you're still special Sunshine. 😊

1904, one of the reasons that I grew tired of this forum is that inexperienced people like yourself post on here as if they actually know what they are talking about. I have always welcomed responses from open-minded people who have something more than other people's rehashed phrases to contribute. I didn't "miss the point" at all. I fully understand Dr. Richardson's "point." It is the impossibility of implementing a proper real-world examination under the conditions he proposes that makes his "challenge" an empty one. Lab studies and public displays simply can not replicate real-world conditions.

The polygraph community does not feel the need to "prove" itself. We know that the polygraph process is not perfect. I myself have admitted that on many occasions. But despite the fact that it is not perfect, it continues to be used, and it will continue to be used until something better comes along.

My question, which you call a "challenge," is a simple one. For Dr. Richardson it is obviously a *challenging* question which he really can not answer because it is a no-win situation for him.

With regard to countermeasures, I guess you missed *my* point. No polygrapher can always detect countermeasures. Those of us who have conducted hundreds or even thousands of polygraph exams know that at some point in our careers we have probably been "beaten." But we also know that on many, many occasions we have in fact detected and unmasked countermeasures, effectively ending the career prospects of those people dishonest or, admittedly, simply afraid enough to try them. In the end, it's simply a matter of trying to pass the polygraph cleanly, or rolling the dice with countermeasures. Feeling lucky?

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Aug 30th, 2007, 9:20am

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Twisting my simple question into a "challenge" doesn't change anything. I asked a question that should be simple to answer for most people, yet I know that Dr. Richardson can not answer it. His appearance on this thread several times since I first asked the question, without answering it, proves my point. Dr. Richardson lacks the practical experience to really speak as an expert anyhow, and he said as much to George very early in this thread. As I and others have stated before, Dr. Richardson's "challenge" is an empty one and impossible to answer simply because there is no way to implement it in a real-world setting where outside factors wouldn't pollute the outcome, either positive or negative, with regard to the validity of the polygraph. He might as well "challenge" someone to light a candle in an airless vacuum as "challenge" the polygraph community to prove anything with regard to countermeasures under staged, artificial conditions. Those of us who have actual experience discovering and unmasking countermeasures while conducting hundreds or even thousands of polygraph exams know that anyone attempting countermeasures is rolling the dice. Can we always detect countermeasures? Of course not. But the fact that we don't answer an empty and ridiculous challenge by someone posing as an expert (despite what he says) doesn't change the fact that if you try your luck in a polygraph exam, don't be surprised when you are caught.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Aug 27th, 2007, 8:46pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Didn't you read what I said? He really *can't* answer that question. The truth would make him look like a fool, while anything else would be just another cop out.

77 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Aug 25th, 2007, 6:41pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Others have already satisfactorily explained why Dr. Richardson's "challenge" is an empty challenge. Maybe you don't know, but he and I *both* know why he can't answer my question.

78 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Aug 25th, 2007, 9:31am

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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I don't know of any agency, either Federal or State, that polygraphs rape victims. This is called "victimizing the victim." The victim can not be forced to take a polygraph, nor can the accused. So, what's the point?

Dr. Richardson and I both know why he can not answer my question. It is a no-win situation for him.

79 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Aug 4th, 2007, 2:21pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Since December 13, 2006, Dr. Richardson has failed to respond to this simple question, and we both know why:

As a polygrapher, with all of your experience, did you ever catch an examinee using countermeasures, and if so, how did you know prior to any admission by the examinee?

80 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: I can easily make a test useless](#)
on: May 1st, 2007, 9:15am

Started by Meg | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Good points, Sergeant. Oh, and EosJ, thanks for missing me. It's nice to be missed. 😊

81 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: I can easily make a test useless](#)
on: Apr 13th, 2007, 9:32pm

Started by Meg | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Meg wrote **on Apr 5th, 2007, 2:20pm:**

While watching Dr. Phil yesterday, I saw a polygraph examiner who couldn't see that the alledged child molestor was manipulating the test results. Using bio-feedback, I can, and have, rendered a polygraph useless by creating sharp reactions to all questions asked of me from "Is your name Meg?" to "Did you do the crime that you've been accused of?"

I couldn't believe that the examiner hadn't come across that before. The ease with which I can evoke a "inconclusive" result is so very simple that I cannot believe that others haven't figured it out before.

Meg

I find it interesting that you say YOU can evoke an inconclusive result. An inconclusive is not that hard to achieve if someone is truly innocent with regard to the relevant questions; the best way to get that inconclusive INSTEAD of passing it would be to mess around on the exam. Now, if you had said you can easily PASS the polygraph by manipulating your physiology, that might be impressive, but only if you could tell us which RELEVANT questions you answered with a lie. It's funny how anti-polygraph people jump on anyone's unfounded statement regarding his/her ability to pass a polygraph by using countermeasures as support for their own inexperienced beliefs or hopes. More funny, actually, than when a polygrapher claims that the polygraph is more than 90% accurate. I'm not impressed either way because I actually use the instrument and have more firsthand knowledge of its strengths and weaknesses than George or anyone else who has simply read about the polygraph or failed it.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Very Interesting Article on New Technology](#)
on: Mar 25th, 2007, 2:51pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Just thought some of you might be interested in this Slate article on new technology. Notice that this technology is admittedly vulnerable to countermeasures . . .

<http://www.slate.com/id/2161936>

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience](#) / [Re: Husband failed test](#)
on: Mar 21st, 2007, 12:00am

Started by Yvonne | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Yvonne wrote on Mar 19th, 2007, 3:37pm:

My husband is really upset and is telling me that we were scared. He mentioned that the questions he was asked did make him feel uncomfortable, questions like "do you ever play with your penis", "do you watch porn" "does porn get you excited" he told me that he felt uncomfortable with those questions and that yes it made him breathe more, I don't know what to believe I am really considering a divorce but would hate to go through this if there is a chance that this test can be inaccurate.

Those questions that made your husband feel so uncomfortable were actually what we polygraphers call "comparison" questions. They have nothing to do with the alleged infidelity. They are designed to have something to compare to the real questions about infidelity. The fact that your husband felt so uncomfortable with those comparison questions leads me to believe that there is in fact deception with regard to the real questions. When a test subject focuses more on the comparison questions than the real questions, he/she will, almost all of the time, pass the test. On the other hand, if these comparison questions had caused him no discomfort at all, he would have been shown to be more clearly deceptive. However, you didn't give us the wording for the real questions that dealt with the allegation of infidelity.

The polygraph is not perfect. We polygraphers know that it is highly accurate when conducted by an experienced, skilled examiner. But no polygrapher worth his weight in polygraph charts would claim that your husband was "guilty" without a doubt.

To be frank, I find it disheartening when one spouse or lover in a relationship has to "prove" his/her love and faithfulness by taking a polygraph test. If you can't trust your husband's word without resorting to a machine and without relying on a polygrapher's skill or lack thereof, why are you still with him? Either trust him or don't, I say.

84 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Mar 20th, 2007, 11:46pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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LieBabyCryBaby wrote on Jan 28th, 2007, 9:54pm:

Just as I expected, Dr. Richardson. A cop-out. You don't want to answer that question, and we both know why. So, who's the coward now? 🙄

Dr. Richardson's silence with regard to my questions, to use an oft-used expression among posters on this forum, "speaks volumes."

85 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Goodbye DoDPI, Hello DACA](#)
on: Feb 28th, 2007, 9:56pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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FROM THE ARTICLE REFERENCED BY EOSJ:

Polygraph Plus Procured

February 15, 2007: The U.S. Department of Defense has changed the way it uses polygraph tests (lie detector equipment). These tests, given mainly to people working for the government, will now be supplemented by additional techniques. This has produced a new term for "line detector test." Now it's a "Credibility Assessment."

These new techniques are basically skills that some people have naturally, but repackaged so they can be taught quickly. An example of existing skills can be found in poker players who can detect another players "tells." When a player gets very good, or bad, cards, or is bluffing, they usually exhibit a unique physical sign, or "tell." Some players are very good at avoiding tells, and are thus said to have a "poker face."

An example of these new techniques can be found in the Israeli system passenger screening system, called "observation and questioning." This approach has a near perfect record in keeping Israeli commercial aircraft free from terrorist attack. The system is based on the principal that anyone up to no-good will act differently than innocent people. They will display a "tell." Screeners are taught what signs to look for, and the types of questions that will elicit a response that confirms the assessment.

I don't even know how to express how stupid I think this idea is. First of all, many studies have been done regarding whether trained, experienced law enforcement officers can detect lies better than the average person. I recall that every study I've read said that they can't.

As a polygrapher, I am confident in the polygraph process. However, I would be an ignoramus if I were to claim to you that I am any better than the average person when it comes to looking at someone and their body language and making a supportable decision of their truthfulness. What's more, I know that the average polygrapher is not very good at his/her job. Some are great, but others are simply going through the motions, they are poor interrogators, and they certainly aren't qualified to base any kind of polygraph decision on the examinee's body language or actions without a confession. We all know that there are "good" liars and "poor" liars. But I've never met anyone--not even the best interrogators--who could discern the truth based on observation alone more than about 50% of the time.

The polygraph works. I maintain that from experience, despite what you naysayers with no actual experience might claim. But this idea that we must combine some "secret" techniques of observational training with the polygraph actually makes it appear that the polygraph can't do its job alone--that it isn't reliable or valid enough to be counted upon. Is this the message that the Dept. of Defense intends to convey?

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: Counter-countermeasure Techniques](#)

on: Feb 6th, 2007, 11:32am

Started by [George W. Maschke](#) | Post by [LieBabyCryBaby](#)

Triple X,

I have responded to HOW a test subject is usually caught using countermeasures in a polygraph exam in other posts. However, let me repeat it for you.

EosJ's argument about the "worst case scenario" of countermeasures being the inconclusive test result MIGHT be valid if a test subject worked and worked and worked on countermeasures technique until he/she could produce convincing charts that wouldn't betray him/her to an experienced polygrapher trained in counter-countermeasures. However, subjects can not produce those convincing charts because they fail to take into account the factors of normal habituation and variability of control question response. To explain it simply, their charts are not normal. I've seen it over and over again. Sometimes subjects are caught using the old anal squeeze or other visible techniques, but generally it has been the charts that betray them.

In most cases, when confronted, the subject admits the use of countermeasures. In some cases, the subject sits there with a sheepish look on his/her face, but won't admit anything. Either way, though, it is the polygrapher's call. I know normal charts when I see them, and I know abnormal charts. Could I be "beaten" by a great chart manipulator? Perhaps so, and perhaps I have been. But I caution those who would try to use countermeasures to beat the test that it is very likely that you will be caught. So if we figure the polygraph is already "better than chance" at detecting deception, do you want to further decrease your chances on the exam conducted by a polygrapher who knows what to look for?

87 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Counter-countermeasure Techniques](#)
on: Feb 3rd, 2007, 10:13pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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triple x wrote on Feb 2nd, 2007, 11:29pm:

Lord_Darkclaw,

You asked:

"And why is there so much talk of countermeasures anyway? if it is true that lie detectors don't detect anything, then why would you need to use ANY measures to try and beat the machine?"

Reduce the risk of a false positive result.

v/r
triple x

And at the same time, take a big risk of being caught by the polygrapher and being disqualified. The simple fact that you are trying to amplify the chart tracings on certain questions, while feeling that the OTHER questions are the truly significant ones, will likely cause you to show responses to BOTH, resulting at best in an inconclusive exam, and at worst either failing the exam or being caught by the polygrapher and disqualified.

As a polygrapher I have caught examinees using countermeasures on many occasions. Can I guarantee that I catch ALL examinees who use countermeasures? No. But I do believe that those innocent examinees who come up inconclusive or who fail the exam due to messing around rather than following instructions would almost certainly have passed the exam if they had taken it "straight up."

If you've got nothing to hide, why mess around? The anti-polygraph people on this forum will tell you that it will help ensure that you won't be a "false positive," but I say it may very well make you an inconclusive, a failure, or a disqualification.

88 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Jan 28th, 2007, 9:54pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Just as I expected, Dr. Richardson. A cop-out. You don't want to answer that question, and we both know why. So, who's the coward now? 🙄

89 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)
on: Jan 28th, 2007, 8:22pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Ok, let me repeat . . .

Because Dr. Richardson is touted on this website as the be-all, end-all of polygraph expertise, I assume that in addition to his FBI Lab work he's also conducted many polygraphs so that he actually knows what he's talking about, rather than being just another polygraph failure spouting off things he gets second-hand from other polygraph failures. The question is:

As a polygrapher, with all of your experience, did you ever catch an examinee using countermeasures, and if so, how did you know prior to any admission by the examinee?

90 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Question for LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Jan 27th, 2007, 8:20pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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fender85 wrote on Jan 27th, 2007, 7:22pm:

I really believed this site has helped in calming my nerves overall and preparing me for the test. I am a person who likes to have control of the situation, if I would of went into this test with no knowledge of how it works, I could possibly and more likely have been nervous. I have learned how it works, I have learned the truths and lies, that relaxes me. And it has'nt really de-sensitized me to any of the questions, I plan to be honest. . . .

Fender, there is such a thing as "optimal nervousness" in a polygraph exam. Much of what a polygraph examiner does and says during the interview before the exam is intended to make sure that you aren't too nervous, but that you are also not too relaxed. Take away all nervousness, and you take away the stimulus necessary to pass the exam. If an examinee is just too relaxed and carefree, he/she is apt to come up inconclusive on the exam. Some people here on this forum might tell you that coming up inconclusive is a good thing. However, there are a couple reasons why this is not true: First, if you are the person in charge of choosing between two job applicants who took polygraphs, and one passed it and the other one came up inconclusive--all other things being equal--and you have to choose between them, isn't it human nature to choose the one who is beyond doubt rather than the one who is in the gray? Second, if you come up inconclusive because you were too relaxed and carefree during the exam due to knowledge of the exam process, chances are you would have passed the exam without trouble, assuming you had nothing serious to hide in the first place.

I am glad that you have good intentions and don't plan to lie during the exam. Hopefully you don't have anything serious to lie about. But I would be a bit concerned if I were your polygrapher and you came into the exam feeling too relaxed and carefree, because I know there is an optimal level of nervous arousal in a polygraph exam.

91 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Question for LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Jan 27th, 2007, 4:40pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Well, coming to this website prior to taking the polygraph has only done you a disservice. There are certain ideal conditions for a polygraph, and there are certain things that should be present for the polygrapher to establish a good psychological base in the test subject. Unfortunately, when a test subject is told that the polygrapher is actually only interested in specific questions on the test and not others, then the subject tends to focus very intently on only those questions. I believe that this may often lead to a "self-fulfilling prophecy" of failure, because "comparison question" tests are built on the principle of comparison . . . comparison of some questions against others. Therefore, if you are only concerned about particular questions, those are the ones where the polygraph is very likely to show the most response.



One saving grace we experienced polygraphers have is that we know--BY EXPERIENCE--and I keep on harping about this despite many of the "anti-" people's disregard for experience--that when an examinee is realling "hitting on" ALL of the questions throughout the exam, with little or no normal habituation or variability of response, that things just aren't right. When this occurs, we know--or at least we have a BIG preponderance of the evidence--that the examinee is messing around on the test.

So, when an examinee is told that only particular questions really matter, and that he/she can overcome this through countermeasures, I believe a disservice has been done. I believe that most of the people who will fail an exam because they have been oversensitized to particular questions, and most of the people who are caught using countermeasures they've been told will help them, would have passed the exam without any problems had they not come to this website.

Anyway, despite all of this, I hope you have a good polygrapher and that you pass the test.

92 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Question for LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Jan 26th, 2007, 9:30pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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fender85 wrote on Jan 25th, 2007, 6:16pm:

Hey,

I got a question for you, on control questions such as "Have you ever lied to a loved one?", it is expected that you say no so the polygrapher can have a good idea of what your spikes look like. If I were asked this question I would say yes, who hasn't lied to a loved one? What will this do, and if a polygrapher expects you to say no on something like that, how can he expect you to be honest?

Ok, I will reply to this, even though I think I've addressed this question previously.

Yes, to the question "Have you ever lied to a loved one?" the polygrapher expects you to lie, or at least be unsure of your answer. But it isn't quite that simple. Before even asking you this question, the polygrapher will make you feel like anyone who WOULD lie to loved ones can not be trusted to be truthful with those he/she does not love, such as a boss, an acquaintance, an attorney, or a co-worker. A person whose loved ones can't trust him/her obviously can't be trusted by anyone else, right? And if you can't even be trusted by your loved ones, then you obviously can't be a truthful person, and therefore we don't want you working for our police department. We only hire those whom we think we can trust, not those whose loved ones can not even trust him/her.

Do you see how this works? I don't think I can be more clear than that.

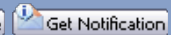
Now, if a person insists on admitting that he/she DOES lie to loved ones, and therefore, by implication, is NOT the kind of person our department wants to hire, then it is up to me, the polygrapher, to make the subject feel like crap because they have lied to loved ones in the past, and to get them to admit that such horrible behavior is not an ongoing habit, but rather a one-time thing, or something they only did when they were a small child and didn't know any better.

Some people think that polygraphers don't care about lying behavior, as long as the subject hasn't done any of the really bad things such as use drugs, reveal secret information, commit felonies, etc. But actually we DO frown upon subjects whose life habits include lying to bosses, cheating, stealing office supplies, falsifying work hours, etc. And I think such habitual behavior might actually affect some polygrapher's judgment of a subject. However, for the purposes of the polygraph exam and hiring decisions, usually only the really bad things in a person's history will be seriously considered, not the "minor" infractions, even if such infractions have been committed frequently.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: examiner knows I posted here!!!!!!](#)
on: Jan 26th, 2007, 12:35am

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



quickfix wrote on Jan 25th, 2007, 8:35pm:

Not to beat a dead horse, but quality control offices (for those programs that have one), do more than conduct blind analysis. The responsibilities also include monitoring examiner performance, either live or reviewing audio/video tapes, and looking into complaints of misconduct against examiners. I have sat on several decertification boards (unfortunately) where my office has revoked the polygraph certification of incompetent or unethical examiners.

Sorry, but Digithead is right on this one. "Quality Control" in polygraph is an exaggeration of what is done when one polygrapher takes a second look at the first polygrapher's charts. This isn't true "QC." It is merely giving one polygrapher--who is often no more skilled at data analysis than the other--the power to say whether the first polygrapher's data analysis was correct. It might serve as a CYA (cover your ass) for the polygrapher who conducted the test because he/she can always claim that someone else (the "QC") made the final call, but it isn't true quality control.

When I have conducted "quality control," I have always tried to be as objective as possible, but I have seen instances where other "QC" people are much more subjective. Sometimes there are egos involved. Sometimes the "QC" might not like the polygrapher who conducted the exam. I have seen instances where the "QC" went to a different polygraph school than the conducting polygrapher, or when the "QC" was taught a particular set of testing criteria and the conducting polygrapher was taught another, and they argued over how the data should be analyzed. Just recently, as George Maschke pointed out on this forum, the Dept. of Defense Polygrapher Institute recently changed its data analysis criteria, eliminating or revising various criteria. Now isn't that interesting? What do you suppose might happen when a newly graduated polygrapher, trained in the new criteria, goes up against a "QC" who was trained with the old criteria?

When "QC" is given the power to advise and to suggest, that is probably a good thing. But when "QC" is given the power to override, sometimes it may not be a good thing at all. I have witnessed extremely close calls on polygraph exams where the conducting polygrapher gave the benefit of the doubt to the examinee, only to have the "QC" then turn around and be much more picky and take that benefit of the doubt away. I have also seen conducting polygraphers fail an examinee, only to have the "QC" then turn around and give the examinee the benefit of the doubt.

You think that watching a video of the exam and then critiquing the performance is "quality control"? Perhaps. But perhaps it is simply one polygrapher watching another polygrapher's performance and subjectively deciding if he/she likes it. If the polygrapher's performance conforms well enough to what the "QC" does in his or her own exams, then approval is probably granted. But if the "QC" just doesn't like the polygrapher's style, what do you think might happen? How objective do you think this process is?

The point is, when you have this type of "QC," you don't really have quality control. You simply have two subjective viewpoints, with the "QC" being given the power to override the conducting polygrapher based not on the entirety of the exam, but simply on the chart analysis. Who do you think is apt to be more blind in this case--the polygrapher who conducted the entire process and THEN analyzed the data, or the "QC" who wasn't there and analyzes only the data? One might say that the "QC" won't be biased by the polygrapher/examinee interaction that took place during the exam, but one might also say that the "QC" won't benefit from a complete picture.

My point is not to ridicule the so-called "quality control" process conducted in the polygraph community, but rather to show that it isn't quality control at all.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: examiner knows I posted here!!!!!!](#)
on: Jan 25th, 2007, 10:47am

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Digithead is correct: The term "quality control" is actually a misnomer for the "second look" that is conducted by another polygrapher in many agencies. The polygraph "quality control" is nothing more than a second examiner scoring the same polygraph data a second time to make sure the first examiner's analysis is correct and his/her test was conducted within the acceptable measurement parameters.

The polygraph process is often touted by insiders as a "scientific" process, and no doubt there is much science involved. There is also much theory involved, and there is an "art" to conducting a good polygraph exam. Therefore, using terms such as "quality control," "scientific process," and "art" to describe the polygraph process are a bit of a stretch if you define those terms by their true definitions, or even by their generally accepted definitions.

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on: Jan 24th, 2007, 8:51pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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As I said, "Certified schools and quality control programs are in place to try to minimize these weaknesses in the polygraph process."

These schools and quality control programs were set up to address the weaknesses I talked about in the polygraph process. If conducting the process in the optimal manner were easy, and if everyone who learned how to operate a polygraph machine could conduct the process with the same proficiency, then there would be no need for either of these things. The fact that they exist--to use a hackneyed phrase from this forum--"speaks volumes," don't you think?

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on: Jan 24th, 2007, 6:49pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Art in polygraph, as I am talking about, has to do with conducting the entire process with precision, finesse, and expertise. I'm not talking about being creative here. Creative art is something entirely different. The polygraph process IS scientific, in that there are certain scientific principles involved, and the data being monitored, measured and compared is certainly scientific data. However, there is also an "art" involved, and that is the art of interview/interrogation, as well as the art--or perhaps a better word would be skill--with which the polygrapher conducts the entire process, from greeting the examinee to writing good reports.

Don't assume that I don't know the weaknesses and limitations of the polygraph PROCESS. Because there are elements of skill, insight and, yes, intuition (oooh, there's a word that will definitely get a backlash from the anti- people) involved, the science can be affected by an examiner lacking in these elements. Also, I am well aware that innocent people may be hurt--as some of you claim to be--by a poorly conducted polygraph. But where YOU say it is "junk science," I would say it is simply a poorly conducted scientific process.

The problems with the polygraph, which I readily admit, are the following:

Polygraphers and examinees are of widely varying personalities, among other difficult-to-control factors such as education level, experience, expectations, etc.

Polygraphers vary in skill, i.e., "artistic ability."

The questions used on an exam, and the emphasis placed on each question by both the polygrapher and the examinee, vary. And I believe that in many cases an examinee can be oversensitized to particular questions, especially when he/she reads information found on this website and from other sources that tell the examinee that only certain issues (relevant issues) matter to the examiner.

And finally, the human mind and body are in a constant state of flux, which can create many other uncontrollable variables.

I admit all of these as weaknesses of the polygraph. Yet I can still be an advocate of the polygraph IF it is conducted by an "artful" and "scientific" examiner. Certified schools and quality control programs are in place to try to minimize these weaknesses in the polygraph process, and I think these things work for the most part. If the conditions are right--which I believe they usually are because I have seen this through experience--the polygraph works almost all of the time.

You see, I understand all of these things because of my experience, not simply because I read some questionable lab study or obtain some secondhand knowledge from inexperienced sources. The polygraph works. Yes, it does. But without the "art" the science is questionable. But then you might say this about many other more scientific processes. If the person conducting the process isn't sufficiently skilled, and the conditions of the tools and the subject are not optimal, many scientific processes will fail or at least be hindered.

97 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Action Alerts and Announcements / Re: Poly Segment on 60 Minutes II, 12/12/01](#)
on: Jan 24th, 2007, 1:07am

Started by Mark Mallah | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Interesting segment, George. Thank you for posting it. 😊

Oh, while I was at YouTube, I noticed quite a few interesting video links about polygraph, including this one filmed in England, in which you are a co-star, George. Hilarious!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqjMhNGyDyQ&mode=related&search=>

98 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: New Year's Resolution](#)
on: Jan 24th, 2007, 1:04am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Thanks for your thanks. I have often enjoyed these exchanges, despite having grown a little bored lately.

My boredom stems from people who discount experience--which I continually tout as more important than questionable lab studies or secondhand "knowledge"--and simply reply with their canned words and opinions. However, I appreciate those of you who are interesting to talk to, and I owe it to you to be frank and open about the polygraph process. And I understand most of your feelings, even if you are 100% against the polygraph. I hate the machine even though I use it. And while I believe, from personal experience, that it works almost all the time when conducted by a competent examiner, I hate how some adjudicators--in this case those adjudicators who decide whether a person is hired or not--give the polygraph more weight than any imperfect process deserves.

99 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: How Close?](#)
on: Jan 24th, 2007, 12:56am

Started by fender85 | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

I agree. The polygraph isn't going anywhere. Since it's the best tool we have--whether it's 70% accurate or 95% accurate--it will be around until something better comes along either to replace it or be combined with it.

The polygraph process--which includes not just the machine itself, but the whole process from pre-polygraph interview to post-polygraph interrogation--is an excellent tool and has proven itself much more than it has failed, at least in the minds of the powers that be who advocate and benefit from its use. Therefore, don't expect to see it disappear at least for the next decade or so.

100 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Sharing My Polygraph Experience](#)
on: Jan 18th, 2007, 10:27am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George,

I've been sharing my polygraph experience throughout this forum, and I know you've been reading all of my posts. Right now, without me, your forum is dull as dirt, with the same old tired rhetoric. I created this new post simply as a way of poking some more fun at you and others like you who claim to know what they are talking about when all they've ever really done is fail polygraphs and read lab studies.

I have previously stated that I do think that your claim to have been unjustly treated in the polygraph process is true. But just because it happened to you does NOT mean that it is as common as you continually claim or imply.

You belittle my experience. I belittle your inexperience. I don't belittle you as a person--or at least not seriously--because I don't know you.

Oh, and he may be a B-list actor, but in this commercial he reminds me of some polygraphers I know. 😊

101 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Need some advice.](#)
on: Jan 17th, 2007, 8:42pm

Started by bradzorfed | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

I agree with George on one point, but not on another. I agree that you should get an attorney who knows his/her stuff. Any good, knowledgeable attorney is going to tell you that taking a polygraph conducted on behalf of your employer is a bad idea. Now, sometimes the accused will commission their own polygraph examiner who will conduct a test in secret. If the accused passes that polygraph, then the pass is announced and proclaimed to the world, whereas if the accused fails, no one (usually) ever hears about it. If you pass THAT polygraph, then even if you somehow failed the one conducted by your employer's hired polygrapher, you can use one polygraph against the other, thereby negating anything negative.

I don't agree with George about reading *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector* and learning how to pass (beat) the polygraph. Countermeasures are as much of a crap shoot as some of these anti-polygraph people want you to believe the polygraph is.

In summary, if you're guilty, confess and take it like a man. If you aren't guilty, don't take the polygraph, but DO get a lawyer to back you up, and, as much as I hate to say it, DO reference this website because to the unexperienced the claims on this website are as credible as anything you'll hear from the pro-polygraph people, like myself. And if you are dumb enough to take the polygraph despite your attorney's advice, DON'T try countermeasures because if you are caught--even if you aren't guilty of the crime--you're sure going to look guilty.

102 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: South Africa and polygraph usage](#)
on: Jan 17th, 2007, 7:22pm

Started by sumorg | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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sumorg wrote on Jan 17th, 2007, 7:05pm:

Please forgive my ignorance - I am very new to this whole process. You say the alleged criminal - he/she keeps lying (after failing the exam). Do you conduct another exam because you KNOW he/she is "guilty". If so, why, ie on what basis? How do you know he/she is lying? Hours? I thought there was a reasonable time limit.

Au contraire! There is no real time limit. While everyone eventually has a limit, if that alleged criminal (notice that I didn't say alleged liar) keeps going, so do you as the polygrapher/interrogator. Any interrogator who knows in his or her heart that someone is lying will be relentless. No, you don't conduct another polygraph exam, but an interrogation is where the real work begins.

You don't "know" that he or she is lying because as good as it is in the hands of a good polygrapher, the polygraph is not perfect. But as a good polygrapher, when the data collection is over you should have something between a preponderance of the evidence and beyond a reasonable doubt. So, you keep going. And if you're any good as an interrogator, most people who fail a polygraph will confirm your data for you.

103 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: South Africa and polygraph usage](#)
on: Jan 17th, 2007, 6:44pm

Started by sumorg | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Last posts made by LieBabyCryBaby

Thanks. I thought you'd never ask.

Well, when you conduct a polygraph, it can be a very stressful ordeal. Take a criminal exam for example. If that alleged criminal fails the exam, you could be in that interrogation for hours while he/she keeps lying and lying and lying. Meanwhile, your stomach starts growling. It's a contest of wills, so you can't just get up and say, "Why don't we take a little break and walk to the corner coffee shop for coffee and donuts." Oh, noooooo, you have to sit there face-to-face with a liar and keep at him/her until he/she confesses, asks for a lawyer, or refuses to go on. Quite stressful, indeed.

Think about how it would be to conduct several screening exams in the same day. Talk about BORING! You get tired of hearing yourself drone on and on and on . . .

And then sometimes when you go home at night and crawl into bed, you don't count sheep. You count squiggly lines that go up and down, up and down . . . it's enough to drive anyone insane.

And then sometimes you have to turn right around and do the whole thing all over the next day. That can be quite traumatic. 😬

Thanks for your time. I'm here until Thursday. 😊

104 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Sharing My Polygraph Experience](#)
on: Jan 17th, 2007, 6:30pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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If you've been a frequent visitor to this forum, no doubt you've read some of my posts. I often talk about how George et. al talk a big game, but that they have no actual experience using the machine they hate so much. Theory is theory, and there is theory on both sides. However, there is no substitute for experience.

Edited to fix link to media file. -- AntiPolygraph.org Administrator

105 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: South Africa and polygraph usage](#)
on: Jan 17th, 2007, 6:26pm

Started by sumorg | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Well, as an "anonymous" poster, I could be anywhere at anytime. Funny how a new user like yourself seems to know of me right away, as evidenced by your quick reply using my acronym, LBCB. Anyway, if you're going to talk about "Polygraph Post-Traumatic Stress," you should get it from both sides, because sometimes it can be stressful being a polygrapher. 😬

106 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: South Africa and polygraph usage](#)

Last posts made by LieBabyCryBaby

on: Jan 17th, 2007, 5:34pm

Started by sumorg | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

"Polygraph Post-Traumatic Stress?" Well, as a polygrapher I can tell you that when I have to do two or even three polygraphs in the same day, it sure is stressful. 😊

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on: Jan 12th, 2007, 10:29am

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Sudeva,

The anti-polygraphites on this forum might expect me to come back here and gloat because of your newfound "come to Jesus" feelings about the polygraph process. However, I intend to do no such thing. As an experienced polygrapher, I know that the polygraph works when in the hands of a polygrapher who knows how to combine the art and science of the polygraph *process* so that the science works almost all of the time. But that doesn't mean that the polygrapher can't make a mistake and adversely affect someone's life. I have come to believe--and I hope I am not wrong--that George Maschke and some of the others on this forum were actually innocent victims of polygraphs gone wrong. As your examiner explained, it is not a perfect process by any means, but simply the best thing we have at this point in time.

I'm glad you had the benefit of a good, experienced and, might I say, fatherly type of polygrapher to help you through the process despite your possibly having been contaminated by the "knowledge" found on this website. I do commend you for listening to the advice of a polygrapher rather than many of the false "experts" on this website. And I wish you a long, successful career. God bless, and be safe out there.

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on: Jan 11th, 2007, 5:04pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

I am "allowed" to use whichever format I feel is best. I don't care for R/I, though, to be honest. I believe directed-lie comparison tests are a much better alternative to R/I. Your question is very valid. In some agencies even knowledgeable *polygraphers* have to take a polygraph. It is my understanding that to be admitted to the Dept. of Defense Polygraph Institute, all students, even experienced former polygraphers, must take and pass a polygraph. I would not want to be the one conducting their polygraphs, that's for sure!

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on: Jan 11th, 2007, 4:55pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Onesimus wrote **on Jan 11th, 2007, 4:47pm:**

I suppose LBCB is planning on continuing the PLCQT even after the examinee admits to knowing how the test works?

If the examinee then chooses not to use countermeasures, it will be very difficult for him to pass the test as he cannot reasonably be expected to have higher responses to the control questions even if he is being truthful to the relevant questions.

But the real issue is who is really to blame for such an outcome...

edit: Looks like LBCB got in another post before mine.

Sorry about that, Onesimus! Sometimes when we all post at the same time we step on eachother's toes.

You do understand my point, Onesimus, and I appreciate that very much, since I know you are in opposition to the polygraph.

Yes, who is to blame? That's a very good question. But the polygraph, whether you believe in it or not, will continue to be used--that's a given, at least within the next decade or so. And people will have to undergo polygraph exams to get certain jobs. Therefore, it's a shame, regardless of who is to blame, that some of those people will fail due to the good intentions of others like George Maschke.

Oh, adieu, Ecchasta. Nice to have made your acquaintance.

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on: Jan 11th, 2007, 4:43pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote on Jan 11th, 2007, 4:18pm:

Yes, I concede it might, but again, the knowledgeable examinee will also understand that his or her *reactions* to the control questions are of paramount importance for passing. .

The polygraph community has yet to articulate how examiners are to handle examinees who, answering truthfully when asked if they've researched polygraphy, admit to knowing about polygraph procedure.

Indeed, I think that for the informed polygraph subject, countermeasure use is a prudent choice, notwithstanding the unsupported claims of polygraphers that they can detect countermeasures.

Thank you for your own limited concessions, George. I took the liberty of quoting you piecemeal not because I object to what you said, but simply in the interest of space and because what I have left quoted is obviously what I want to address.

When I say that examinees are led by your imparted "knowledge" to the belief that only certain relevant questions matter, I'm talking about which questions matter most to the examiner. If an examinee believes that the examiner only really cares about certain questions, then that examinee, being an intelligent, rational person, is going to find it nearly impossible to avoid reacting to those questions. Which leaves such an examinee with only two options:

Fail the exam or at best come up inconclusive because his/her reactions to those questions he/she knows matter to the examiner will cause them to be scored higher than the surrounding questions.

OR

Attempt countermeasures to augment the surrounding questions that the examinee now believes are of no importance to the examiner.

The ironic thing is, now that the examinee believes only those relevant questions really matter, his/her reactions to those questions are going to be much stronger than they would have been, leaving the examinee with the unenviable task of trying to augment the control questions to such a degree that they stand out as abnormal responses to a trained examiner, especially when taking into account what IS normal, i.e. normal habituation and normal variability of response to the same question presented at different times and in different orders throughout the exam.

No, I don't know of a good study that proves that all or even a majority of examiners can reliably detect countermeasures. But I do know from experience that I have been able to do so--and it wasn't guesswork--and it was not a fun experience for either myself or the examinee. If you feel that it was "prudent" in their case to employ countermeasures when all it did was lead to their failure, well, I don't know what to say.

Now, you say that the polygraph community has said nothing about how examiners should handle knowledgeable examinees. Well, I'm part of the polygraph community, so I'll tell you what we have to do. We have to do our best to help those examinees pass the exam in spite of their knowledge. We have to try to erase the unfounded confidence that knowledge gives them, or at least cause them to question it. That's not an easy task, George. And it's not an easy task to have to fail an examinee when you know, as an experienced examiner, that had they not received well-meaning but damaging "knowledge" prior to the exam, they probably would have passed.

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on: Jan 11th, 2007, 4:02pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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George W. Maschke wrote on Jan 11th, 2007, 3:52pm:

I agree that how knowledge of polygraph procedure affects an examinee's polygraph results will depend on the person's personality (among other things, such as whether the examinee consequently chooses to augment reactions to the "control" questions). But I don't see how such knowledge would necessarily tend to cause false positive outcomes in a probable-lie control question test, as LBCB suggests.

George, you understand the theory of CQT better than many polygraphers. Therefore, I know you can see that an examinee's belief that certain questions are important and other questions aren't can easily cause a focus and consequent reaction where, were the examinee less "knowledgeable," that focus and consequent reaction would be much less pronounced or wouldn't exist at all.

I believe that the "knowledge" you impart to potential examinees might leave them with no other recourse than to attempt countermeasures, and I know from sad experience what happens to some of those people when they get caught.

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on: Jan 11th, 2007, 3:36pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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By George, I think Onesimus has got it!

In this thread I have not been arguing the validity of the polygraph. I have not been arguing about whether a person can actually train himself well enough to fool the examiner through countermeasures. I've been frank and candid lately, and even admitted to some of the polygraph's potential weaknesses, but some of you can't accept those concessions and view an unbiased point for what it is.

My whole point has been that explaining the whole process of CQT polygraphy to potential examinees may very well cause them to focus ONLY on those relevant questions. If they are led to do that by the "knowledge" they obtained from this site, its proponents, its literature, etc., then they will almost surely fail the polygraph or at best come up inconclusive, when without that "knowledge" they probably wouldn't have had a problem with those questions.

Knowledge is indeed power, but in this case it may very well empower examinees to fail, when without this particular "knowledge" they probably would have passed.

Just one more thing: Back when I had to take and pass polygraph exams rather than administer them, thank God I didn't know about the entire process. In fact, I deliberately avoided reading anything at all about the process. When I took those exams, I knew there was some "bullshit" going on, but I just didn't know what it was. Had I known the process, I truly believe my mind would have focused only on certain questions at the exclusion of the others, thereby causing me to either fail the exam or roll the dice by trying to fool the examiner. Knowledge may be power, but sometimes ignorance is bliss. How's that for being candid?

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on: Jan 11th, 2007, 1:22pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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ecchasta wrote on Jan 10th, 2007, 10:14pm:

In reference to LBCB's statement:
"Still sidestepping the point."

It seems to me that your point is that the validity of polygraph should be accepted per your pronouncement that it is valid.

Ecchasta,

Are you really that dense, or is it all an act? You may want the point of EVERY thread on this website to be the invalidity of the polygraph. But the point I am making in this thread . . . AGAIN . . . is that whether or not the polygraph is valid, unwittingly causing examinees to focus on only the relevant questions--because they have been told that those are the only questions that matter--can cause those examinees to respond ONLY to those questions, thereby failing the exam, when without the "knowledge" they were given on this website they probably wouldn't have had trouble with those questions at all.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Deadliest Killer in U.S. History Passed Polygr](#)
on: Jan 10th, 2007, 5:32pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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ecchasta wrote on Jan 10th, 2007, 5:15pm:

So let me get this straight... polygraphers and police know that psychopathic people can "beat" the polygraph. So why bother using a polygraph test to find a psychopathic killer.

It follows that those who "fail" the test in cases involving psychopaths should be let go and those who "pass" it should be arrested.

You may not get many pro-polygraphites to admit that a psychopathic killer can "beat the polygraph," but in the Ridgway case I believe that may well be what happened. To say that might be at best pure speculation and at worst jumping to a conclusion, which I did not want to do. However, I believe that, like severely retarded people, a psychopathic killer who no longer feels any guilt or remorse or shame, or maybe anything at all with regard to his actions could indeed beat the polygraph.

I don't have personal knowledge of the Ridgway and Foster polygraphs. I've seen no transcripts. I have given you my speculation on Ridgway. As far as Foster, I don't know whether or not he ever committed a murder or why he may have had information about the killings that led police to suspect him. I just don't have enough inside information.

Throughout my polygraph experience, many times I have seen investigators who want the polygraph to "prove" the case for them. Some people DO in fact believe so strongly in the polygraph's infallibility that, if a person passes the polygraph they are judged without question to be truthful, and when a person fails a polygraph they are judged without question to be deceptive. And when those people of unshakeable faith in the polygraph's power are involved in an investigation such as the Ridgway case, they may in fact cease to objectively view the evidence, and instead head down the wrong path based on the "easy" method of letting the machine take the place of good detective work.

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on: Jan 10th, 2007, 5:14pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Meangino wrote on Jan 10th, 2007, 4:18pm:

Now we have a polygrapher who modifies Sir Francis Bacon's famous expression, Knowledge is Power, to "knowledge contributes to failure." LOL!

Still sidestepping the point.

As we all know, many things, not just guilt, can cause a physiological reaction. But we certainly know that one of the causes of physiological reaction during a polygraph exam is the "orienting response" caused by one question standing out from the others. When this orienting response occurs on one question and doesn't occur--or doesn't as strongly occur--on the surrounding questions, a CQT exam will be scored as positive for that question.

Countermeasures effect or lack thereof on a polygraph exam has nothing to do with my point. The validity of polygraph results or their lack of validity also has nothing to do with my point.

Here's my point said in a different way: When ANYTHING causes a physiological reaction to occur at a particular question where there is no reaction to the surrounding questions, then that particular question will "win" the contest. By causing an examinee to believe that ONLY the relevant questions are of significance, you can cause an examinee who would otherwise not be concerned with those relevant questions to fail the exam.

Now, if you want to come back and play the tired old recording again, which you probably will rather than addressing the real point, go ahead.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: Deadliest Killer in U.S. History Passed Polygr](#)
on: Jan 10th, 2007, 3:57pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Meangino wrote on Jan 9th, 2007, 7:59pm:

However, we do know the consensus view of scientists is that polygraph "testing" has no scientific basis. <https://antipolygraph.org/articles/article-018.shtml> Dr. Furedy eloquently compares reading polygraph charts to entrails reading. Based on this irrefutable knowledge, anybody who would make decide that anyone is or is not a suspect in a criminal case based on a polygraph session is irresponsible. I wonder if Sheriff Reichert ever apologized to Mr. Foster, or to the families of Gary Ridgeway's victims who were killed after Ridgeway "passed" a polygraph "test" and was released?

Regrettably, this is a predictable result of reliance on the pseudo-science of polygraphy.

Meangino,

Sometimes I wonder whether your responses are even directed at me, or if they are just one more opportunity to play the tired anti-polygraphite recording once more for the average reader. Your words are nothing different from the tired rhetoric I can find thousands of times on this website from people more knowledgeable than you, although they, like you, have no actual experience conducting polygraph exams.

Have you read the prosecutor's summary of the evidence found in one of George's links above? If you read it with an open mind you might begin to understand how even IF the polygraph is as valid and reliable as we pro-polygraphites claim, Ridgeway is the kind of totally callous psychopath who I believe can beat the polygraph. Right now I'd rather not go into great detail about why this is so, since I think it will become clear as you read the summary.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: Federal PDD Examiner Handbook](#)
on: Jan 10th, 2007, 12:54pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Yes, thanks, George. Now I can alternate between *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector* and this *Federal PDD Examiner Handbook* to help with my occasional insomnia. 😊

118 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: examiner knows I posted here!!!!!!](#)
on: Jan 10th, 2007, 12:51pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George W. Maschke wrote on Jan 10th, 2007, 7:46am:

Perhaps we the unwashed, those of us ill-starred enough not to have been initiated into the Cult of Polygraph, are doomed never to receive gnostic revelation of the Esoteric Wisdom of the Polygraph Sages. But having examined the Gospels of Marston, Keeler, Reid, and Backster, DoDPI's Book of Numbers and Book of Rites, as well as various and sundry other epistles of the Polygraph Faithful, I for one remain a polygraph infidel. And so do America's (not to mention the world's) best scientists.

I do like this, George. Must have taken you hours to write it, but it is humorous. 😊

I know you anti-polygraphites like to turn every topic posted into just one more attack on the polygraph's validity. But that's not the point here. The point I've been trying to make, apparently without the readers' comprehension, is that while it is a noble goal to try to debunk what many of you consider to be "junk science," continually reinforcing the idea that only certain questions are of any importance on a polygraph exam can contribute to a self-fulfilling prophecy of failure. If a person who would otherwise not be concerned at all about a particular relevant issue is led, albeit by your good intentions, to focus on that relevant issue, then that relevant issue will naturally be the one that causes the greatest reaction. Therefore, the "knowledge" you impart to help examinees ironically contributes to their failure.

119 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Deadliest Killer in U.S. History Passed Polygr](#)
on: Jan 9th, 2007, 6:13pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

ecchasta wrote on Jan 9th, 2007, 6:10pm:

Perhaps there should be follow-up polygraph tests done on all policemen, polygraphers and testifiers in criminal cases!

Yeah, why not? Let's just test 'em all. 😊

Echchasta, see my remarks in that other thread. There are some thing we really don't know that make jumping to conclusions absurd.

120 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: New Year's Resolution](#)
on: Jan 9th, 2007, 5:28pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

I'm still around, Digithead. Please don't be sour with me just because I made Very Senior User before you did.

121 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Deadliest Killer in U.S. History Passed Polygr](#)
on: Jan 9th, 2007, 4:03pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Without knowing all the facts surrounding the polygraphs, I would simply be jumping to unfounded conclusions, as most of you are doing. From the limited information presented, it doesn't show polygraph in a favorable light, that's for sure. However, I didn't conduct these polygraphs, nor did any of you, so do we really have enough information? Obviously, I could speculate just as well as you do, in an effort to blindly support the polygraph in this case, just as you are speculating in an effort to blindly oppose the polygraph not just in this case, but in general. However, for an example of how some people might jump to ignorant conclusions regarding cases involving polygraphs, see the thread on page 2 in the POLYGRAPH POLICY section entitled "DNA Frees Polygraph Victim Jeffrey Mark Deskovic."

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on: Jan 8th, 2007, 5:45pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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ecchasta wrote on Jan 5th, 2007, 9:02pm:

LieBabyCryBaby,

Question 1...

If lie detecting with a polygraph machine is an art, what purpose does the polygraph machine serve?

Question 2...

If lie detecting with a polygraph machine is a science, then cite a single double blind scientific study that validates it.

I think these questions are a bit off track from my explanation about the science and art of the polygraph process. As I have said before, arguing over the validity of the polygraph process gets us nowhere. I use the polygraph, and it works. I know this by experience. The pro-people use their studies, and the anti-people use theirs, but the pro-people have one thing that almost none of you anti-people has on your side, and that is experience using the process and seeing that it works, while most of you are either simply spouting off second-hand opinion, or you failed a polygraph, or both. I know you hate hearing about experience, but really, there is no substitute for experience.

Let me repeat what I said previously in this thread so we can get back on track to where I was headed:

However, if knowledge of the art can cause an examinee to focus where he or she would otherwise NOT focus, thereby resulting in failure, good intentions turn out to be a disservice.

This topic starter's concerns that both his/her knowledge of the process and the polygrapher's knowledge of his/her knowledge are thus well-founded. He or she may still pass the exam. If so, it won't be because of the knowledge provided by this website, but rather in spite of it.

Whether or not the polygraph process is valid is not the issue. This topic starter was concerned about how knowledge of the polygraph process, and the examiner's knowledge that the examinee possesses that knowledge, might affect the outcome of the exam. The art of the polygraph process can be positively affected by a certain degree of ignorance on the part of the examinee. If the examinee feels that ALL of the questions are important--which is the examiner's job to convey--then the science of the polygraph will work better. Yes, there are some weaknesses in the polygraph process, and yes, knowledge of the process can magnify those weaknesses. But let's face it--the polygraph is being used, and it will continue to be used. As long as it is used--valid or not, reliable or not--why do a disservice to those who have to take the exam by continually drilling into their heads the idea that only two or three questions are of any significance so that their focus is potentially drawn only to those questions, thereby likely causing those examinees to have trouble passing the exam when they would otherwise have had no trouble? Wouldn't it be ironic that you polygraph failures could sit there and bemoan the injustice of the polygraph process, and at the same time be the unwitting cause of others failing the polygraph, thereby effecting a sick self-fulfilling prophecy? See the point, or not?

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on: Jan 8th, 2007, 2:40pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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The operative words in my post are IF and BOREDOM, guys.

I understand that I'm the only available target on this website right now, but this is ridiculous. I simply wanted to make a statement in this post, not field questions. Other topics are good enough for questions and answers, rather than using this one entitled "New Year's Resolution" as such a vehicle. I've grown weary of this website lately, so IF I choose to continue posting, it will be occasionally and either in another original post by me, or in response to another topic. Got it? Good.

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on: Jan 5th, 2007, 7:34pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Bill Crider wrote on Jan 5th, 2007, 6:20pm:

If I know how a DNA test works inside and out, it doesnt help me change the results or hinder my ability to get an accurate result.

I think it is a bit innacurate to refer to the science of polygraphy and the art of polygraphy. the science is a very simple set of devices one might find in a doctors office. Everything that makes polygraphy polygraphy is deceiving the examinee to attempt to produce physiological responses on cue, one way or the other. that is in no way science. Polygraphy is closer to car sales than science. I dont mean that in a demeaning way either, its just that the only scientific part of polygraphy is the verifiable accuracy of how well the instruments measure change. what differentiates 1 polygraph from another is the skill of the examiner of creating psychological set and getting confessions, skills more apt to be held by a car salesman than a scientist.

Well, I don't recall ever feeling the desire to confess to a car salesman. 😊

The "science" of polygraphy is more than just those simple instruments. The scientific justification for the polygraph is that when a person feels fear about getting caught in a lie, or when they feel guilt about a crime, or when something about a particular issue is significant to them, an "orienting response" occurs, i.e., their attention is focused on that issue, which we know without a doubt causes physiological reactions to occur. The problem is that the strength of those physiological reactions vary from person to person, and even from question to question during a polygraph. For example, if you and I both participated in the murder of an individual, and we were both polygraphed, we would both have physiological reactions to the relevant questions about the murder. However, each of our reactions to the relevant questions would vary--my reaction to the relevant question might "spike" right off the chart, while your reaction might be only halfway up the page. The reaction would be there in both cases, but it would not be indential. The reactions are easily predictable. But the magnitude of the reactions is variable, and this is where we can run into problems. It's not a matter of anxiety or nervousness--those things don't affect the reactions. Rather, it's a matter of focus and orienting response variables.

I admit that polygraph is as much an art as it is a science. I also admit that knowledge of the art can affect the validity of the science. I maintain that if the art is conducted by a skilled polygrapher, AND the examinee isn't unduly influenced to focus his/her orienting response on any particular question--either by the polygrapher or by outside sources such as the opinions of people on this and other websites--the polygraph will work almost every single time. I know that the polygraph process works. It truly does, but I also admit that there are variables that can affect it, and one of those variables is examinee knowledge of the art, which is where this website provides a disservice to the examinee.

You see, George and others here may very well have unjustifiably failed the polygraph for one or more than one of many reasons. It is understandable that they might want to help others avoid a similar failure. However, if knowledge of the art can cause an examinee to focus where he or she would otherwise NOT focus, thereby resulting in failure, good intentions turn out to be a disservice.

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on: Jan 5th, 2007, 5:02pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Meangino wrote on Jan 5th, 2007, 4:35pm:

A person subjected to a polygraph interrogation session does not have to have visited this site and learned about relevant/control questions to respond to the relevant question, e.g., did you steal the money? Any rational person would realize this is the operative question of the session.

Polygraphy is a sham. Misplaced reliance on this pseudo-science endangers national security. I applaud Mr. Maschke for his campaign to educate the public on the dangers of, what you call the "art" of interpreting polygraph lines.

Meangino,

Part of the "art" of the polygraph is how the questions are presented to the examinee during the pre-polygraph interview. You assume too much when you say that any rational person would realize the "relevant" questions are the operative questions of the session. When the "art" is performed correctly with any rational examinee who has not been "poisoned" by some of the information found on this website, the examinee is going to be very convinced that the "comparison" questions are equally significant to the "relevant" questions, and the only thing that should make the examinee focus on the relevant questions more than the comparison questions is if the relevant issues have been violated by the examinee. How do I know this? Personal experience as both an examinee and as an examiner. I consider myself to be a rational person, and I don't recall ever having tested an irrational person, and the polygraph has worked multiple times on me and almost always on my examinees simply because the examinees' focus has almost always been directed to those questions, whether relevant or comparison, that were most significant to the examinees. There are only two ways that this should not be so: First, if the examiner focuses excessive attention to the relevant questions--which a skillful examiner will not do--OR, second, if the examinee has been told that certain questions matter and certain questions don't, thereby focusing only on what he or she has been told matters. If the latter is the case, then the "self-defeating" behavior described by Bill Crider comes into play.

I am tired of arguing over the validity of the polygraph. That's an endless argument between those with experience using it and those who, for the most part, have never used it, but who have failed a polygraph or simply jumped on the bandwagon of others who get their knowledge second-hand rather than through any personal experience. What we are talking about here at the moment is how an examinee may be influenced by information on this site that draws his/her focus where it would not otherwise be focused, as well as the examiner's skill--or lack thereof--in applying the "art" of the polygraph process so that the science works as it definitely does.

The polygraph process' biggest potential weaknesses are poor examiners and misinformed or "poisoned" examinees. Both of these things can adversely affect the outcome of a polygraph exam. If you have a good examiner and a "healthy" examinee, the process will work almost every single time.

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on: Jan 5th, 2007, 3:44pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Happy New Year!

With the advent of a new year, one of my resolutions is that if I choose to continue posting on this forum I will try to be more objective and less rigid. EosJ, with his own objectivity, has been a positive influence on me in this way. I have honestly become quite bored with this forum lately after I achieved the title "Very Senior User," and part of that boredom is because it has become tedious to rigidly side with the pro-polygraph people simply because my experience gives me confidence in the polygraph process. My confidence may have more to do with my own skill as a polygrapher and interrogator than it does with polygraphers in general always performing at the same level across the board. The polygraph instrument is pure science. It does exactly what it is designed to do: it monitors and records the various physiological changes extremely well. However, the polygraph process is as much art as it is science. I will admit that, while many polygraphers will just sit on the science part while they put the art in a closet off to the side where you aren't supposed to notice it. And when the art is on, the science follows, in my opinion. When the art is on, the damn process works, in my opinion, nearly 100% of the time. However, when the art is off, the science is at best questionable and at worst, well . . . finish that sentence yourself. But the point is, when I post here on this forum in this new year, I intend to be very candid with you and tell it like it is--or at least with more objectivity--than other polygraphers heretofore have done on this forum. Fair enough?

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on: Jan 5th, 2007, 3:14pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Bill Crider wrote on Jan 5th, 2007, 2:34pm:

But if you know there are 3 relevants on a test and you can pick them out when you hear them, reaction can be caused by a self defeating sort of performance anxiety. "Oh no. here come the 1 that counts, dont be nervous, dont be nervous....."

Exactly, Bill. You hit the nail on the head with the words "self-defeating." Whether a person recognizes and reacts to the relevant questions because he/she is guilty with regard to those questions, OR he/she simply recognizes and reacts to the relevant questions because he/she has been abnormally sensitized to worry about those particular questions due to the information found on this website, the questions are going to be a problem for the examinee. Thus, I believe that many examinees who would have clearly passed the exam had they not been "screwed up" by this website end up failing the exam due to overconcern where there was originally very little or no concern over those issues. This is why I believe examiners should approach each exam as if the examinee has already been "screwed up" by George and company's good intentions. The problem is whether an examiner is skilled enough in the art to overcome the examinee's having been poisoned by those good intentions and make the science work as it clearly should.

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on: Jan 5th, 2007, 1:42pm

Started by sudeva | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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With the advent of a new year, one of my resolutions is that if I choose to continue posting on this forum I will try to be more objective and less rigid. EosJ, with his own objectivity, has been a positive influence on me in this way. I have honestly become quite bored with this forum lately after I achieved the title "Very Senior User," and part of that boredom is because it has become tedious to rigidly side with the pro-polygraph people simply because my experience gives me confidence in the polygraph process. My confidence may have more to do with my own skill as a polygrapher and interrogator than it does with polygraphers in general always performing at the same level across the board. The polygraph instrument is pure science. It does exactly what it is designed to do: it monitors and records the various physiological changes extremely well. However, the polygraph process is as much art as it is science. I will admit that, while many polygraphers will just sit on the science part while they put the art in a closet off to the side where you aren't supposed to notice it. And when the art is on, the science follows, in my opinion. When the art is on, the damn process works, in my opinion, nearly 100% of the time. However, when the art is off, the science is at best questionable and at worst, well . . . finish that sentence yourself. But the point is, when I post here on this forum in this new year, I intend to be very candid with you and tell it like it is--or at least with more objectivity--than other polygraphers heretofore have done on this forum. Fair enough?

All of that said, let me now be frank about the subject of this thread, because it caught my interest.

Whenever I conduct a polygraph exam, I am well aware that this is the age of the Internet, and that chances are very, very good that my examinee has read this forum. I assume that most examinees who come into my office have read much that is on this forum. What I can't assume is how they will react to what they have read. Will they simply brush it off and decide to be honest and let the chips fall where they may? Will they let the information on this site bounce around in their minds until they are so mixed up that they can't think straight? Will they buy into the advice that they must use countermeasures to ensure that they pass the exam, thereby either fooling me (slim chance) or getting caught (better chance)? I have no way of knowing how each examinee will react to what they have read here.

But one thing is for sure: when I hear that an examinee has been reading or posting on this forum, red flags are raised and my inner radar flips to high-alert mode. You see, I know that I have to work harder with a knowledgeable examinee, whether the knowledge is good or the knowledge is crap, and there are both types of knowledge readily available on this forum. With the information so readily available, it makes my job more difficult. It has no affect on the science part of the polygraph process, but it can affect how well the art will work if I am not vigilant.

I understand the motivation behind this website. I think the intentions of the authors are good. Some of them failed a polygraph, and they genuinely want to try to help others through the process. They believe that they are doing a service in an attempt to de-mystify the polygraph process and to de-bunk what they think is "junk science." However, in doing so, perhaps they unwittingly do a disservice to many examinees who would have easily passed the polygraph (whether it be legitimate or junk science) if this website didn't exist. Admittedly (and you should commend me on this admission because you won't get it from many people in my line of work), the art part of the process works best on people who are ignorant of the process. And in my opinion again, when the art is on, the science is very close to 100%.

I worry about people like this topic starter. He/she sounds like the kind of person who has good intentions and not much of a dishonest or criminal past to hide. Yet, here he/she is, worried to death that his/her newly acquired knowledge--as well as the polygrapher's knowledge of that knowledge--may keep him/her from acquiring the desired goal of being a police officer. God bless such a person, and I wish such people much luck and success. I just hope that despite having now acquired both good and bad knowledge from this website that he/she will still make it through the process. I hope that the polygrapher who conducts his/her exam is sufficiently skilled in the art to make the science work as it can. And I hope the polygrapher will perform the process with the same objectivity as I have shown you here today.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Steve Douglas Show on Human Lie Detection](#)
on: Dec 21st, 2006, 1:21pm

Started by [George W. Maschke](#) | Post by [LieBabyCryBaby](#)

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I also enjoyed this audio show, George. I may not agree with many of your claims, but you did a good job expressing yourself on the show.

130 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
 on: Dec 18th, 2006, 7:21pm

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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What part of "everyone lies" don't you understand, Polyfool? Some people may be more honest than others, but I maintain that no one is "completely honest." If a person is "completely honest," then perhaps he or she should be that priest rather than that cop. We of course claim that we want "completely honest" people for the job, but that is an ideal, not a reality. And remember--admitting to every little lie in the interview process does not make a person appear to be honest. Not in the polygrapher's mind, and not in their own mind. It simply makes them appear afraid now that they have to "face the music."

131 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
 on: Dec 18th, 2006, 6:05pm

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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You know the answer to your own question, and you attempt to bait me. Well, I don't care, Polyfool. I will respond to the question because I don't feel that my response will in any way negatively affect potential polygraph subjects. I know all of the "ins and outs" of the polygraph, and I have been tested repeatedly. A properly conducted polygraph works almost every time on me or any other basically honest person.

A polygraph depends on questions being significant to the subject. Most people have not engaged in serious criminal activity, or at least I am optimistic enough to believe that to be the case. But everyone--and I mean everyone--has lied and does lie on a consistent basis, whether that be daily, weekly, or even just monthly. Obviously some people are more honest than others. My brother, for example, is very religious, and he almost won't lie about anything, yet he feels the need to go to weekly confessional. So obviously, at least in his own mind, he feels the need to confess his "sins," and he feels that he "sins" on a regular basis. My cousin, on the other hand, lies about everything, and seems to feel no remorse for doing so. If I were testing these two individuals, I would use "universal" lie questions that would apply to both of them. Even though my cousin seems to feel no remorse for his lies, it doesn't really matter because the polygraph does not depend on a guilty conscience as many people believe. It depends on questions being significant to the subject. It operates on recognition, whether it's a "stim test" or a CQT test.

When a subject admits, admits, admits in the interview, the examiner has not done his or her job correctly. A good examiner will make honesty seem so necessary to get the job, and convince the subject that anyone who doesn't measure up to those standards isn't what the department or agency is looking for, that the subject will feel that there is no alternative other than claiming to be an honest person and the kind of person fit for the job. Then the examiner will ask the subject if he or she is honest, or if he or she is a liar. Any normal person will say that he or she is honest. The examiner will praise the subject for his or her honesty. After all of this, almost no subject is then going to turn around and admit to being a big liar.

So you see, in a properly conducted polygraph exam, it is highly unusual for a subject to admit, admit, admit, thereby making himself or herself out to be a big liar even before the test begins. Admission to many lies during the interview stage does not make a person appear to be an honest individual, but rather a scared individual--someone who has a lying past but who is now scared when faced with the polygraph. If a person does admit, admit, admit, it is the polygrapher's job to make the person feel bad about his or her admittedly lying past. When done properly, the polygraph works almost all the time, whether or not a person admits to anything. But there is no polygrapher who wants to have a subject to whom none of the questions have any significance, and there is no polygrapher who wants to sit there and be a priest to someone's every transgression, so excessive admissions are discouraged.

132 [Employment Forums \(Non-polygraph related\) / Police, Sheriffs', and Corrections Departments Applications, Hiring, and Employment / Re: Marine Forced To Lie....](#)
 on: Dec 18th, 2006, 4:52pm

Started by MarineToCop | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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dimas wrote on Dec 16th, 2006, 3:51pm:

Finally, if in fact you were so successful in the military, then perhaps you should have just stayed in. Honestly, why risk it? Law Enforcement is NOT like it is in the movies. Lots of paperwork, law suits, complaints, crappy management, low morale, overworked DA's that ALWAYS drop cases and then you arrest the slime bag all over again as he laughs at you knowing he'll get a slap on the wrist. Don't get me wrong it is a great job, but in the decade I have worked in it, it has changed drastically for the worse. I have seen many people who led great careers in the military come to LE and suck at it and regret having left in the first place.

Excellent advice, Dimas. You summed up law enforcement careers very well.

133 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
on: Dec 18th, 2006, 1:08pm

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Ok, once a person makes the statement, during the interview stage before the test, that he or she doesn't lie, the person is much less likely to then turn around and admit to a lying past. Polygraphers don't want someone to admit, admit, admit before taking the test, unless of course they are admitting to criminal behavior. Otherwise, we want people to shut up, hold those lies inside, and as a result completely ace the test or fail miserably. We want one or the other. We don't like an inconclusive result, which is somewhat more likely if the person has both nothing to hide on the relevant issues and is hiding nothing on the other questions as well. In other words, if none of the questions are meaningful to the subject, the test won't mean as much. This generally won't happen if a person has a criminal past and is lying to the relevant issues, but it can happen if the person truly has no criminal past and is hiding absolutely nothing on any of the other questions as well. As I said, I'm sure one of the anti- guys will be happy to explain this in greater detail, with a conspiratorial, evil slant to it, but the fact is that the examiner wants you to either ace the test or fail miserably, nothing in between, and he or she will try to help you either save or hang yourself, according to what you truly deserve.

See, anti-polygraphites: Some polygraph examiners aren't afraid to speak frankly.

134 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
on: Dec 17th, 2006, 7:08pm

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Actually, we polygraphers just love people like you who say they don't lie. It makes our job easier, as I'm sure one of the anti-polygraph guys will be happy to explain.

135 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
on: Dec 17th, 2006, 12:13am

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Actually, no, that's not common sense. That is a trained ability. Athletes learn it. Soldiers learn it. Cops learn it. There are countless self-help tapes and CDs about relaxation, and all of them focus on breathing. Good meditation requires good breathing. And it's understandable that you would attempt to control your breathing during a polygraph exam, which is undeniably a stressful situation.

Maybe the examiner totally screwed up, but if he saw your breathing was abnormal during the exam--or at least abnormal in his opinion--the normal thing would be to point that out, without dwelling on it too much, that he wanted you to breathe normally.

If you weren't breathing in one of the patterns that we polygraphers know to be indicative of countermeasures--if all you were doing was breathing slowly and trying to relax--then the polygrapher should have recognized that and not waited until after the exam to point that out. In other words, if he wasn't getting good data, he had his opportunity to point that out DURING the exam.

136 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
on: Dec 17th, 2006, 12:03am

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Actually, I've heard it said, and seen it through personal experience, that college courses don't necessarily gauge intelligence, but simply one's ability to memorize and regurgitate for an exam. I've also often heard people, especially those who come from ethnic backgrounds that don't conform to typical white bread Academia, claim that college entrance exams measure one's ability to take tests, not one's intelligence. However, I would not characterize the polygraph that way for one reason: The examiner goes into great detail in his or her instructions regarding protocol during the exam. Go against the protocol at your peril.

So, you can be a very intelligent person, but if you can't follow instructions, your common sense may be questionable.

137 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: New to the site...THANKS TO FAILING A POLY LAS](#)
on: Dec 16th, 2006, 4:26pm

Started by polysuck | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Actually, you admit that you were in fact manipulating your breathing during the exam. I understand because I have been polygraphed, and all I wanted to do at the time was simply relax. As a soldier, you've obviously been faced with stressful moments in Iraq, and it is natural for anyone who knows how to make themselves relax to focus on the breathing. You were not in the wrong in trying to relax. That is perfectly normal, and a good polygrapher would take that into account.

However, one thing you must do in a polygraph exam is follow the examiner's instructions. He was not wrong in pointing out that you were manipulating your breathing. What he was wrong about was assuming that was countermeasures and assuming that you researched the topic and were trying to mess around during the test. It is normal to see variations in breathing between the actual questioning/data collection and the times in between. Also, once an examiner points out to the subject that his or her breathing "just isn't right," the examinee has a tendency to focus on that aspect of the exam, taking away from where the real focus should be, which is on the questions.

The point is, he was wrong and you were wrong. Once the examiner tells you to stop manipulating your breathing during the exam, you should simply stop, not continue the actions that he erroneously assumes are countermeasures.

If you were doing something and your commanding officer told you to desist, you would do it. In that polygraph room, the examiner is the commanding officer. Some commanding officers are idiots, but you still have to do what they say if you want to succeed.

138 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)
on: Dec 15th, 2006, 5:13pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Bill,

I'm surprised you weren't thorough in your reading and just selectively chose that one sentence to quote. You should have read this one that I wrote to George in this thread:

Now, about your having served on a task force, that's also different from becoming an FBI agent. If they had wanted to suddenly polygraph you as a task force officer, after you had been serving them well in that position of trust, that would have been wrong too. But when you decided you wanted to be an FBI agent, suddenly you had to comply with all of the processes that entailed, including taking a polygraph. Sure, you had proven your trustworthiness working with the task force. But no one is going to let someone circumvent the requirements for an agent position simply because they didn't have to go through the same hiring process to be part of the task force.

139 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A New Technology to Replace the Polygraph](#)
on: Dec 15th, 2006, 10:59am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Ok, now. At least that one is *slightly* humorous. 😊

And here's a lie detector that's been around since Adam, and is still extremely valid and reliable:

http://www.cartoonstock.com/directory/a/angry_women.asp

140 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A New Technology to Replace the Polygraph](#)
on: Dec 14th, 2006, 11:22pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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As if I couldn't see that one coming from a thousand miles away. Just waiting to see who would ruin the joke first. At least EosJ has a better sense of humor. Besides, the topic is "A New Technology to *Replace* the Polygraph." Get it?

141 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A New Technology to Replace the Polygraph](#)
on: Dec 14th, 2006, 9:00pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Finally, here's an excellent lie detector that adds the appropriate amount of incentive to the victim . . . er . . . subject. This one is perfect for both lab and field studies. With this little baby, no longer can it be said that there isn't the same amount of incentive in the lab as there is in the field. Oh, aren't those Brits clever!

http://cgi.ebay.com/Electric-Shock-Lie-Detector_W0QQitemZ170039374865QQihZ007QQc...

142 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A New Technology to Replace the Polygraph](#)
on: Dec 14th, 2006, 4:11pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby


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I knew you would be impressed, EosJ. 😊 Here's another link with additional peer review:

<http://www.paramountzone.com/A24.htm>

143 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / A New Technology to Replace the Polygraph](#)
on: Dec 14th, 2006, 2:30pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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It's here! Finally. The technology that will silence the anti-polygraph crowd once and for all. This new device, which costs a fraction of the price of other soon-to-be obsolete devices, is simple to use and requires no formal education or training. Good luck trying to attack this device's credibility, guys. Notice the precision LED layout designed to clearly show non-deceptive, inconclusive, and deceptive results. Pay particular attention to the excellent testimonial at the bottom of the advertisement.

http://secure.gadgets.co.uk/truth_machine_2.html

144 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)

on: Dec 14th, 2006, 2:13pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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No need to get all snippity, Sarge. I just never heard of a polygraph examiner running a screening exam with the relevant drug use question narrowed down to include only cocaine without good reason. Especially since you admitted using marijuana a couple of times--the examiner should have wanted the drug question to include any *additional* marijuana use, so it makes no sense that he would then ask the relevant drug use question, focusing on cocaine, without marijuana included.

145 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)

on: Dec 13th, 2006, 10:53pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sergeant,

I am sincerely interested to know about your polygraph failure. You said the examiner accused you of using cocaine. Why did your relevant drug question specifically focus on cocaine? That is highly unusual unless there is a reason why cocaine use was suspected at the exclusion of other illegal drugs, especially since marijuana is unquestionably a much more commonly used illegal drug.

146 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraph Countermeasure Challenge](#)

on: Dec 13th, 2006, 6:33pm

Started by Drew Richardson | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Perhaps this is the place to go if I hope to get a reply from Dr. Richardson to a question I've already asked him twice on this forum, the first time a month ago, with no response. Because Dr. Richardson is touted on this website as the be-all, end-all of polygraph expertise, I assume that in addition to his FBI Lab work he's also conducted many polygraphs so that he actually knows what he's talking about, rather than being just another polygraph failure spouting off things he gets second-hand from other polygraph failures. The question is:

As a polygrapher, with all of your experience, did you ever catch an examinee using countermeasures, and if so, how did you know prior to any admission by the examinee?

Oh, and more kudos to me. I just made "Very Senior User." Hoo-rah! Now I can quit posting on this board at any time and feel that my life was a success.

147 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)

on: Dec 13th, 2006, 6:26pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Still waiting on a reply from the Sergeant. Why was your relevant drug question narrowed down to only cocaine?

148 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Polygraphy as Pseudoscience](#)

on: Dec 13th, 2006, 4:29pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Well, there you go. That just goes to show that we can all learn something new. I now know the meaning of "granfalloon." Thanks, George.

149 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 12th, 2006, 6:53pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Bill Crider wrote on Dec 12th, 2006, 6:42pm:

In short, Without a lot of knowledge and practice, CMs are a crapshoot if you are going in blind I think.

Couldn't have said it better myself, Bill.

150 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 9:49pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Twoblock,

I increasingly like you.

Actually, it's ok to know about the polygraph. I know all about it, and I know that it still works on me despite my knowledge. But that doesn't mean I would get all caught up in the process if I were you. The more you mess around during the exam, the less likely you will pass, and the more likely it is that you will be discovered by a good examiner.

I agree that if the polygrapher is abusive in the manner that Twoblock has described, it is unacceptable. Criminal interrogation is one thing; abusively getting in the face of an applicant and treating him or her like a criminal is another. If that happens, don't put up with it. However, if you truly have a criminal history and the polygraph reveals it to the examiner despite your lying, I have no sympathy for you, and then all bets are off.

My advice still stands: Just take the polygraph without trying any of the countermeasures crap touted on this website, and you should end up just fine as Zending did.

By the way, I'm still very doubtful about your story, Manus. You don't fit the profile of the average law enforcement job applicant, and something just doesn't smell quite right to my trained nose. If you come back here later and claim that you were a false positive--a rare outcome--then I won't be buying your oceanfront property in Arizona anymore.

151 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 8:02pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Manus,

If what you say is true, I stand corrected, despite my continued suspicions. Your education is apparent, and if you are indeed simply a law enforcement recruit who just began researching the polygraph, then your command of the anti-polygraph jargon makes you something of an enigma. Carry on then.

152 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 7:57pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Bilsul,

I hope you realize that Bill was being sarcastic. He doesn't think that everyone should be polygraphed; he thinks that no one should be. And if you have taken that many polygraphs in that short a time, I will agree with Bill's true sentiment: that's wrong. I've never agreed with periodic testing for anyone but child molesters. With those bastards, it is a good deterrent at the very least, a good interrogation tool, and, in my opinion as a polygrapher, a good way to detect additional criminal behavior. But periodic testing of people who have already proven their trustworthiness by working shoulder to shoulder with you is wrong. There are many agencies who have people working for them who never had to take a polygraph because the polygraph wasn't a component of the hiring process when they were hired. Those people aren't now going to be polygraphed. Neither should people who have already taken a polygraph, nor people who already are in positions of trust within their agency.

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on: Dec 11th, 2006, 6:50pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sorry guys. It seems we are stepping on each other's toes while we are all online at the same time. Sergeant, see my previous post that I edited while you were writing your last.

Also, I maintain that these task force people do not *know* that the polygraph is unreliable any more than you "anti-" people do, even if you were--as some of you claim--false positives. But you are right about one thing, Sergeant: When dealing with a process that is, undeniably, not 100%, perhaps they do have more to lose than to gain by submitting themselves to that risk, however slight.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 6:34pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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I disagree, George. They don't *know* anything of the sort. No more than any of you inexperienced anti-polygraphites know for certain what you so arrogantly claim to know. Calling the polygraph unreliable may be a convenient excuse for these task force men and women, and I would probably use that excuse too, if I were in their position, as part of my argument. But the real issue is that FBI is showing that it doesn't trust its own. There are few betrayals of friendship or the spirit of teamwork more devastating than saying or implying, as is the case here, that you don't trust those who are already serving you well.

Now, about your having served on a task force, that's also different from becoming an FBI agent. If they had wanted to suddenly polygraph you as a task force officer, after you had been serving them well in that position of trust, that would have been wrong too. But when you decided you wanted to be an FBI agent, suddenly you had to comply with all of the processes that entailed, including taking a polygraph. Sure, you had proven your trustworthiness working with the task force. But no one is going to let someone circumvent the requirements for an agent position simply because they didn't have to go through the same hiring process to be part of the task force.

A question for the Sergeant: How in the world did your relevant questions specifically ask about cocaine? I don't know of any agency whose drug question would be isolated to cocaine unless there were some reason to suspect that particular drug and none other.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 5:26pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJupiter wrote **on Dec 11th, 2006, 5:02pm:**

LBCB,

Your red highlighted statement sums up the basis of my issues, and I am sure for a majority of the others, the issues with the polygraph. I could not have said it better myself. Welcome to the AntiPolygraph world.

Regards

EosJ,

I detect some sarcasm in your post, but for those who don't see it, there is absolutely no comparison between job applicants and people already on the job. Job applicants have no history with the agency where they've applied. They haven't been working with the agencies and put in positions of trust, only to then have the agencies turn around and imply that perhaps they can't be trusted after all. No one likes to have their integrity questioned, and job applicants certainly are no exception. But don't compare them to FBI task force members who are now being treated like red-headed stepchildren.

156 [Employment Forums \(Non-polygraph related\) / Federal Law Enforcement Applications, Hiring, and Employment / Re: FBI and Arabic Recruitment](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 2:34pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sergeant1107 wrote **on Dec 11th, 2006, 9:20am:**

Why do you (or any other polygraph examiners) need to rely on your "experienced opinions" when determining the results of a supposedly scientific test?

I see your point, Sergeant. Why would anyone ever rely on experience when it's much easier to just believe what inexperienced people tell you? 😞

157 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 2:28pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Oh, there you are, Digithead. Nice of you to stop by. You certainly have plenty of time, despite your academic duties, to peruse the various topics on this forum and respond very quickly to the implication I made.

You should agree, though, that Manus definitely speaks with the trained tongue of the well-versed anti-polygraphite (you like that word?) rather than the typical unlearned curiosity of a law enforcement applicant who just recently stumbled onto this website. That is why I assume, perhaps erroneously, I admit, that he/she is a wolf in sheepskin.

158 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)
on: Dec 11th, 2006, 2:18pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Bill Crider wrote on Dec 11th, 2006, 3:34am:

These police have nothing to fear. Its 98% accurate. Also, even if a few good cops get run out of the force undeservedly, its acceptable collateral damage. No test is perfect. Its the best we got. I say polygraph them all!

Bill,

Regardless of how accurate or inaccurate the polygraph may be, that's not the point. The point is that these guys and gals have been working with FBI. They were trusted enough to be put on that task force, I assume, because they were the cream of the crop in FBI's opinion. Now, by trying to polygraph them, FBI is slapping them in the face, essentially saying, "We previously decided that you were trustworthy enough to join us, but now we're questioning our decision."

It's probably not a matter of fear that the officers don't want to take the polygraph. It's a matter of pride and feeling that their honor and integrity are now being questioned when neither was questioned before.

159 [Employment Forums \(Non-polygraph related\) / Federal Law Enforcement Applications, Hiring, and Employment / Re: FBI and Arabic Recruitment](#)
on: Dec 10th, 2006, 8:31pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Yeah, but you do see the irony, right, EosJ? If George would have passed, he would have been happy as a bug in a rug to work for FBI and translate for polygraphers, I'm sure. I wonder what George would say if FBI came apologizing to him now and asking for his services.

160 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: FBI Testing local cops](#)
on: Dec 10th, 2006, 8:27pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJ:

These are guys who have been working for them and NOW they want to polygraph them? Give me a break. That just plain sucks. First they are trustworthy enough to be working with you, and now they can't be trusted? I have to side with the Anti-Polygraph guys on this one. It's one thing to polygraph potential employees, but it's another thing completely to start polygraphing your friends who aren't even FBI employees. No wonder FBI has such a bad name.

161 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 10th, 2006, 6:06pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Yeah, guess that confirms my suspicions. I don't believe you are simply a law enforcement recruit. You talk just like one of the regular anti-polygraph posters on this forum. In fact, you sound very much like someone I know from this forum. Hmmm. . . That reminds me: anyone seen Digithead lately? 😊 You have an interesting choice of names, by the way:

Manus celer Dei "the swift hand of God."

162 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 10th, 2006, 2:28am

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJ:

It wasn't a slip of any kind, and I don't share that attitude that all are guilty until polygraphed innocent. That saying, "In God we trust and all others we polygraph" is kind of cocky, I know. I think it's a stupid saying that someone thought was smart.

Thanks for the compliments. Likewise.

Regards.

163 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 10:45pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

What are the chances, indeed? I can't claim to know. All I can claim is that examinees who get caught are sometimes caught, thereby ending their application process.

Sergeant, if you were one of the false positives, I'm sorry to hear that. There, you have an apology from a polygrapher. I don't see how it will make much of a difference to you, but at least one polygrapher is willing to accept that the false positive does exist, although we still believe it is rare. Little consolation when you are one of the rarities, though, isn't it?

164 [Employment Forums \(Non-polygraph related\) / Federal Law Enforcement Applications, Hiring, and Employment / Re: FBI and Arabic Recruitment](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 9:27pm

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Ok, Gino, I'll make that confession. It would indeed be nice if George were on our side. He is persuasive, well-spoken, educated, and intelligent. He obviously influences people who are worried about taking a polygraph because we find them all the time when they fail the exam, and his name does come up quite often when they are confronted regarding where they got their information.

George is a person who can hold a grudge a long, long time, too. He is persistent in his anti-polygraph jihad (I thought of using the word crusade instead, but it seemed more fitting considering his reportedly outstanding Arabic language abilities--no offense intended, George, it's just a joke). There are two ironies, I believe, when we examine both George's viewpoint and those of polygraphers like me: If George had passed his FBI polygraph, he might very well be used as a translator for FBI polygraphers, and then how would he have viewed the polygraph when it was a tool on his side? And as for the polygraphers like myself, had we been one of the rare--in our experienced opinions--false positives as George claims to be, we might very well be Especially Senior Users on this website, rubbing shoulders with George and Dr. Richardson and you, Gino, as fellow insurgents trying to disrupt or destroy the system. In both cases, it's a "there but for the grace of God [or Allah] go I."

165 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Inconclusive Results](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 9:17pm

Started by kittyroars | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George is right about the dozing off, Kitty. It probably didn't cause your test to come up inconclusive if you just dozed off that one time. If you dozed off throughout the exam and the examiner didn't see the obvious evidence on the polygraph, the examiner had to be sleeping too. Now, if there were other things going on in that room that you aren't telling us, it's between two consenting adults when they decide to sleep together.



166 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: My recent experience, help?](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 9:11pm

Started by Zending | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Last posts made by LieBabyCryBaby

You mean two exams in a week wasn't enough? Who do you plan to work for?--if you don't mind my asking. Some of the intelligence agencies regularly polygraph their people, and I really feel sorry for those unlucky bastards. I mean, how many polygraphs can someone take, and how long can they prove their integrity, before they are considered trustworthy enough not to take any more polygraphs?

Anyway, thanks again for listening to my advice instead of the "anti-" crowd's. It paid off for you as it has paid off for others.

167 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A new topic for LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 8:12pm

Started by Bill Crider | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Twoblock,

I have said before that it is possible that, with much training and feedback, a person could learn to manipulate his or her physiological responses convincingly enough to fool the polygrapher. Also, some polygraphers simply score the charts based on textbook responses, having no experience or training with countermeasures. But as I explained in response to Dr. Richardson in another post, when viewed globally and with normal habituation and normal variability of response--and I can't explain that any better unless you've been there as Dr. Richardson has--a well-trained polygrapher can see when things are not normal. I swear to you that I've seen it myself, and it stands out more than you would believe when you know what to look for. The average examinee, despite reading George's well-written book, simply can not convincingly do what you claim to be able to do well enough to not raise red flags for a good examiner. If you get lucky, maybe you end up with a mediocre or poor examiner, but how are you going to know that when you arrive at the polygrapher's office on exam day?

About the high-powered rifle--we polygraphers prefer to sneak up on our prey and slit its throat with a knife. . .

Any polygrapher who loves the machine has either forgotten how it was to be polygraphed, or they've never been polygraphed. In my opinion, the experience ranges from moderately uncomfortable to mentally tortuous, depending on what the examinee has to hide.

168 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Beginning the process...](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 6:00pm

Started by Manus_Celer_Dei | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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I agree with Zending. If you read all of the crap posted and claimed by the anti-polygraph people, you may very well not end up passing the test, but either being discovered attempting countermeasures, which can be easily interpreted by the examiner as a lack of integrity, or you'll just screw up by making certain questions more important in your mind simply because others tell you they are. Give it a shot the right way, Manus. Your chances are better. You are right that the polygraph is not perfect, and there is indeed an art involved in the case of a skilled examiner. But don't buy into everything on this website that is written by people who have no experience conducting polygraphs, but who failed the polygraph and then got their so-called expertise second-hand.

As you can see, Manus, I have come back to edit my post. The reason for this is because I re-read yours. Forgive me if I'm jumping to conclusions, but you really do spout typical anti-polygraph jargon with the best of them on this website. You do not come across as a casual reader who is about to take a polygraph and just stumbled on this website and read the book. Either you are much more informed than the average future examinee--informed with a lot of bias as generated on this website--and you are amazingly able to recite it with the tongue of a well-studied "anti-" after merely reading it, or you are one of George's cronies in disguise. I hate to jump to conclusions because it makes me look bad when I'm wrong, but please convince me that I'm wrong. If I'm wrong, my advice still stands.

169 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 5:55pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJ,

I like you. Really. You have usually treated me with respect despite treating the polygraph I use with disdain. That's ok, though, because I hate the polygraph too.

But that sentence you highlighted in red can in no way be construed as saying that every examinee or every person is a criminal. I would never say that. All it says is that I have not come across anyone--or at least I didn't know it--who was determined and prepared and who had committed criminal behavior. Most examinees who follow George's countermeasures advice, in my experience, are determined, but they aren't prepared. They just end up looking stupid and feeling embarrassed, as I said.

Because I know you are an intelligent person, I think perhaps you simply tried to save face with that last post about the highlighted part. Don't worry, I sometimes try to save face too. But I don't want anyone who comes to this website to assume something that you want others to assume that I meant when, clearly, that's not what I said.

Regards.

170 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: My second polygraph experience, help again?](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 5:48pm

Started by Zending | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Gee, it's nice when George actually agrees with one of us polygraphers. Of course, Zending, you don't seem to have known anything about "probable lie" questions or anything like that when you took your test. That's a good thing for you, too, because if you followed all that countermeasures crap touted on this website, you probably wouldn't have been so fortunate. Sure, you might have passed regardless, but you might also have been discovered and disqualified on the spot. I hope you get the job, and that you have a long, successful law enforcement career. Again, thanks for listening to my advice, because many people come to this website and are so overwhelmed by the questionable advice of George and others that they end up listening to it and failing. I have caught some of them, and I'm glad you didn't make yourself one of them. Good job.

171 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A new topic for LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Dec 9th, 2006, 2:03am

Started by Bill Crider | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Twoblock,

I fail to see how my "confession" blows your mind. As I said, I don't like the polygraph, but it does work almost all of the time.

And as for going by my gut feeling, certainly I do that while interviewing the examinee. But never while analyzing the charts. The charts must always be viewed as objectively as possible. When viewing the charts, a good examiner must approach it with no bias, no prejudice, and with the same kind of impartiality that a judge or a juror should look at witness testimony--let it speak for itself, and then weigh the evidence.

Ok, now your questions.

I find that sometimes with extremely intelligent people, they might tend to think too much and overanalyze everything to the point that they can't stay focused. Likewise, really dumb people can sometimes be difficult. But for everyone in between those two extremes, the polygraph works amazingly well almost all of the time. With some of the people on this forum who claim to be false positives, I can see examples of both extremes.



I certainly wouldn't say that all intelligent people and all dumb people have problems with the polygraph, and I have nothing upon which to base this viewpoint other than experience, and that could be biased simply because certain examinees stand out in my memory as prime examples.

As for what to do if an examinee isn't excited about the exam . . . Hmmm. I haven't run into that often in real world polygraph exams. Real examinees are all nervous for various reasons and to varying degrees, and most of them are what I would call optimally stimulated. It is when they are too stimulated that I want to get them to relax a bit.

Now, just because I can be frank and open about the polygraph does not mean I agree with most of you anti-polygraph people, especially those of you--which is most of you--who have no experience conducting polygraph exams and who base your expertise on lab studies or the questionable beliefs of other inexperienced people. I will never claim that the polygraph is perfect, nor will I even claim it is accurate in the high 90s, but it is pretty darned accurate most of the time. If that's a good enough "confession" to get me invited on an Alaskan hunting trip someday, then I'll buy the beer. 😊

172 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: My second polygraph experience, help again?](#)
on: Dec 8th, 2006, 10:47pm

Started by Zending | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Congratulations, Zending. I feel safe in assuming that you passed based on what you tell us about the polygrapher. If so, I'm glad that you followed my advice to just relax, avoid the countermeasures advice given by people who failed the polygraph, and not be overly concerned about your breathing.

173 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 8th, 2006, 10:44pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



EosJupiter wrote on Dec 8th, 2006, 8:52pm:

LBCB,

The flaw with your reasoning that everyone has something criminal to hide, is just wrong.

EosJ,

I'm not sure I follow you. When did I ever say that everyone has something criminal to hide? I think that everyone has made some mistakes in their life, but *criminal*? Please explain your misunderstanding of my reasoning.

174 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A new topic for LieBabyCryBaby](#)

on: Dec 8th, 2006, 6:54pm

Started by Bill Crider | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Yes, Bill, I have read many, many studies on both sides. I have debated with people on this forum and others. I no longer engage in my-study-is-better-than-your-study debates with people like George who have no actual experience. I may as well argue with people about their religion for all the good it would do. What it always comes down to is, there are very persuasive studies on both sides. I tend to side more with the ones that are real-life, field studies, rather than lab studies. Unfortunately, there are not enough field studies, and I know both through experience and experience-based intuition, that most of the lab studies simply can't be applied to the real world because there is such a huge difference between the lab examinee and the real-world examinee. If I were not an experienced polygrapher, I too would probably choose some of the negative polygraph studies to support negative personal views of the polygraph. After all, I don't like the damned machine. I despise it, even though it works. It is akin to a medieval torture device in its ability to cause even normally truthful people to feel extremely uncomfortable. I hated being polygraphed, and I never want to do it again. I also don't care for the average polygrapher. I don't trust anyone who can look you straight in the eye and act like their process is infallible when they know damned well it isn't. We polygraphers are a cocky bunch, and the reason for this is because we've always got one up on the examinee. We know what we are doing, we know that it works quite well, and we know that most deceptive examinees don't stand a chance.

But when I view studies from both sides through the lenses of my polygrapher's experience (Digithead and others on this website would probably prefer to call those lenses horse blinders or coke bottle goggles), I can see that the positive studies regarding the polygraph have more to back them up than do the negative ones. I am naturally a skeptic, so it usually takes a lot more than just other people telling me something questionable for me to believe it. I've used the polygraph a lot, and I know how to use it well. In the hands of a competent examiner, the infernal thing simply does what it is supposed to do most of the time.

175 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: A new topic for LieBabyCryBaby](#)
on: Dec 8th, 2006, 5:00pm

Started by Bill Crider | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Bill Crider wrote on Dec 8th, 2006, 2:37am:

I hear you claiming 90%+ accuracy and you say its based on your experience. I have some questions for you.

#1-What kind of polygraphs do you typically do? what test formats and for what kinds of reasons. (Specific incidents, pre-employment, cheating spouses, parolee stuff, etc)

#2-How do you know you are 90% correct? If you say a guy is NDI, how do you know for sure? If you say a guy is DI, how do you know for sure?

#3-why do you say throw out the inconclusives? if your job is to determine truthfulness and you cant tell, then didnt you fail?

A new topic just for me? Gee, guys, I don't know what to say except . . . thanks. I always wanted one, but you know, it's just one of those things you don't go out and get for yourself, but that you greatly appreciate as a gift. I feel tingly all over. 😊

Answers to your three questions:

1. All of these.

2. Well, I look at the studies used by the "pro-polygraph" people (look at the APA website as an example), and then I unscientifically, but I feel intuitively, subtract a few percentage points because nothing can be *that* accurate, in my experienced opinion.

3. Be thankful for the inconclusive. If you have a process that isn't 100% accurate, the inconclusive is a nice buffer zone between passing and failing, providing much less chance, numerically, that the guilty will pass the exam or the innocent will be false positives.

176 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 8th, 2006, 4:44pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Bill,

I have to admit, that is hilarious, even if I am the target of the joke. 😊

EosJ,

10% collateral damage is not acceptable, you're right. At least not when you are in that 10%. Sometimes I find it unacceptable too, I must confess. Whether passing polygraphs or administrating them, I've never had to face it from the side of the person falsely accused. Regardless of my ego, which I gladly admit, and despite Digithead's contrary opinion, I do feel sympathy for those treated with injustice.

That said, though, the agencies most polygraphers work for all want to get rid of the bad fish in the net, even if it means killing some of the good fish at the same time. When there are thousands of qualified applicants, and you have a process that you believe--rightly or wrongly--is correct most of the time, you use what you have. Is that unfair? Not to those hired, but it is unfair to those falsely accused, as well as to the rest of us when a truly bad fish escapes the net and swims in our waters. I just don't believe that either the false positive or the false negative happens as often as some of you would like to believe. Just because something may have happened to you doesn't make it a very common occurrence.

You are right about something else, I think: Maybe I haven't come across a truly prepared, determined person in an exam--a truly prepared person determined to beat the test despite past criminal behavior. And if I have, I didn't know it. What I have come across are people who are determined but not prepared, even though they've come here and read all of George's advice. Those people fail, after looking really stupid and being very embarrassed.

Finally, Digithead,

Your math makes sense in a purely mathematical world. Your skill with numbers is undeniable and impressive. My esteem for you has risen lately. But there are variables involved in the polygraph that you just can't figure out, no matter how you manipulate the statistics. Why does the polygraph work so well in the real world? I don't have all the answers, but from my experience I have seen time and time again that it does.

177 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 7th, 2006, 11:23pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sergeant1107 wrote **on Dec 7th, 2006, 10:51pm:**

If you believe this you have never had to interview any child molesters. All of them lie. Without exception.

Some of them mix in a very few truthful statements with their lies, and others mix in a great many truthful statements with their lies. But all of them lie.

Sergeant,

Good point. I mis-stated. I meant *accused* child molesters, not proven child molesters. Sorry, my mistake.

178 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 7th, 2006, 10:19pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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This well-known saying is part of a phrase attributed to Benjamin Disraeli and popularized in the U.S. by Mark Twain:

"There are three kinds of lies: lies, damn lies, and statistics."

The semi-ironic statement refers to the persuasive power of numbers, and succinctly describes how even accurate statistics can be used to bolster inaccurate arguments.

Digithead,

I took this from Wikipedia because I think it applies here.

Your statistics aren't that difficult to understand, so don't flatter yourself. But you are indeed making a simple concept difficult.

If I have a process that is correct 90% of the time, I am not looking at PPVs or NPVs or MVPs or VIPs. I'm not assuming anything about the sample of examinees we're talking about--not how many are truly deceptive or how many are not. What I do assume, based on studies used by "pro-polygraph" people and that support my own experience, is that the polygraph is correct almost all of the time. Set that "almost" at 90% or 80% or even 70%, and we can manipulate the statistics, playing with the theoretical base rates ad infinitum. But if I'm talking about 100 examinees and throwing out the inconclusives that we can't count as anything, what we have left is a 90% accuracy rate for *all* of those examinees, regardless of how many are actually false positives or false negatives. Why make it more complicated? Whether the examinees are all truthful or they're all a bunch of liars, I'm right 9 out of 10 times. Oooh, I just converted that 90% to 9 out of 10, follow me? I can't assume that 99% of all child molesters are liars any more than I can assume that only 1% of job applicants are liars. If I start to make those assumptions, I can manipulate the statistics in . . . well, *you* figure how many ways. 😊

Simply stated, if I test 100 examinees, throwing out any inconclusives, what I'm left with is 9 out of 10 correct.

Throw up all the smoke and mirrors you want, but underneath and behind it all, things are what they are, and I maintain that the polygraph, while imperfect, is almost always right.

I do sympathize with those people who are truly false positives. I know they must be out there even if I haven't come across many, if any, in actual exams. And I also agree that a failed polygraph with one agency should not follow a person around. If agencies are so confident in the process that is claimed to be 90% accurate when conducted by a competent examiner, I say let them run their own exam without prejudice.

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on: Dec 7th, 2006, 3:35pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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Right. Good one, Twoblock.

Digithead, I don't have "math phobia." But I do dislike math when the whole point of it seems to be to make a simple concept more difficult for the average person to understand. First you say the process is accurate just 1 out of 12 times, and now you say it is wrong one out of 12 times, thereby inferring that being wrong that often is necessarily a bad thing.

I know it's difficult for you to accept when I talk about the "cost of doing business." If I were one of those true false positives, the cost would definitely be harder to swallow. But I've seen it from both sides--as an examinee and as an examiner. Now that I can see it from both sides, it doesn't make me happy to see people fail the polygraph. Fortunately for me, when they've failed it's almost always been easy to figure out due to admissions, and due to the fact that when you are right, people don't put up much of an argument when they fail. It's not that hard for an experienced polygrapher or investigator to figure out.

The point I will again try to make here is that the agencies consider the polygraph a good screening tool. Some might ignorantly go to far, as I have witnessed myself, considering the polygraph to be completely infallible. But most intelligent people involved with the hiring process, including polygraphers, know that the polygraph is not perfect, but simply right most of the time.

I agree that the GKT is more accurate, generally, than the CQT. Neither is 100%, though. But they are excellent tools.

Fingerprinting, ballistics, eyewitness accounts, etc. are all dependent on data collection and a judgment call by an expert. Polygraphers are experts in their field, whether polygraphy is a 100% process or not. You may be an expert in mathematics, or so it seems. I am an expert in polygraphy. If I were the casual reader, I would be very interested in your theories, but I would be more interested in knowing polygraphy from the mind of a polygrapher.

Unless you can come up with something better than the imperfect investigative tools that we have now, including the polygraph, you're not doing anybody much good in your proclaimed life's pursuit.

I advise the casual reader of this forum to take any advice given here, even by polygraphers, with a healthy skepticism. But I also caution casual readers to avoid playing mindgames with themselves simply because a few people who failed the polygraph get on this website and pose as experts.

180 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: My recent experience, help?](#)
on: Dec 7th, 2006, 10:57am

Started by Zending | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Zending,

As a polygrapher, I can tell you that the examiner was in fact trying to figure you out. For many polygraphers, any little thing that they don't understand is a possible countermeasure. But for polygraphers who really know what they are doing, it is common knowledge that an examinee's breathing is going to change at least somewhat between how it is during data collection and how it is between question sets. One of two things typically happens when the data collection begins: either the examinee will breathe more slowly because he or she is simply trying to relax during a nervewracking period, or the examinee will breathe more quickly because he or she doesn't know how to relax, and the nervewracking period accelerates the breathing. Once the data collection is over, the breathing typically goes back to the way it was previously. This is normal. Some examiners, however, will keep harping on the examinee that his or her breathing isn't right, thereby causing the examinee to focus so much on the breathing, that the focus on the breathing takes away from the focus being where it should be, which is on the questions.

For experienced examiners, it is only when the breathing pattern is just too good to be true, consistently throughout the exam, just on the control questions, that red flags are raised.

My advice to you is don't read *The Lie Behind the Lie Detector* and then attempt to manipulate your breathing on the control questions. Just do what you always do when you try to relax without focusing on it too much.

Easy for me to say now that the examiner has made you self-conscious about your breathing, and George has made you think you have to manipulate it through countermeasures. If you have nothing serious to hide, chances are very good that you will pass the exam, despite what some people on this forum would have you believe. Sure, because the polygraph is not 100% accurate, there is the very slim possibility that a truthful person might run into problems during an exam. But don't let a few polygraph failures on this forum convince you that this is a very common occurrence. Also don't let an examiner who may have good intentions put your focus on one physiological function that any good examiner knows is the least diagnostic of all the physiological channels being monitored.

Good luck on your exam.

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on: Dec 6th, 2006, 11:02pm

Started by [TryingToGetAJob](#) | Post by [LieBabyCryBaby](#)

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Digithead,

You can be condescending and spout all the complicated math that you want, but it makes no difference. It's all very basic, not complicated. If we test 100 people, and we are correct 90% of the time, we can be wrong 10% of the time and it doesn't matter. From the viewpoint of the powers that be in most agencies, a screening process that gets it right 90% of the time, or even 80% of the time, does what it is supposed to do--it screens.

So, let's assume that out of that 100 people we get 90 right and 10 wrong. Of course any agency is going to hope that all of those 10 wrong are false positives, not false negatives. Why? Because that is simply 10 people who don't get the job. But if 10 false negatives get the job, then an agency has 10 out of 100 people on the job who got through the process despite having various relevant issues to hide--the issues the agency cares about most. Screening out 10 false positives is simply the cost of doing business, you see. What they don't want are criminals working for them. Where those 10 false positives came from, there are plenty of other qualified candidates to choose from. If you want to raise those 10 false positives to 20, then it's not as attractive, but still an agency will have 80% of its employees who are the type of employees the agency wants.

Now, of course we want to look for the most accurate screening methods we can find. But looking and finding are two different things. While we are looking, we use what we have. Before DNA, we used what we had, despite whatever inaccuracies, simply because we needed to use something, right? And I still don't think law enforcement agencies are ready to give up on fingerprinting or ballistics or eyewitness accounts, for example, simply because they aren't 100% accurate. Neither are they willing to give up on the polygraph when it is one of those useful tools and the best thing currently available.

Finally, one million people doing the wrong thing *doesn't* make it right. But when those one million people are doing a very tough job, they use the best tools they have, and they'll keep using them until someone invents something better. Got any inventions in mind, Digithead?

182 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 6th, 2006, 2:53pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Digithead,

I simply don't follow your numbers. Sorry. If a process is accurate 90% of the time, that doesn't equate to being correct only 1 out of 12 times. Perhaps you have a theorem that accounts for this. If not, I'm sure you will at least make it sound impressive.

Here's an interesting article about forensic "science."

<http://men.msn.com/articlepm.aspx?cp-documentid=808224>1=8883>

Most people don't realize it, but many of the forensic tools used in police work aren't as accurate as shows like "CSI" would have us believe. There aren't very many of them that you could stake a case on and be 100% sure of making the right call. As a district attorney is quoted in the article, "Hair analysis, fiber analysis, bite marks--you don't want to base too much of a case on those. Some prosecutors succumb to the temptation to rest their case on a fiber or a hair. But a good case is made up of a bunch of little things." Even fingerprints are said to be inaccurate a significant percentage of the time.

But would we throw out these methods that are not 100% accurate, and use eyewitness testimony alone?--Which, by the way is also nowhere near 100% accurate.

I will agree with any "anti-" person on this forum that polygraph charts alone should not determine guilt or whether a person should be hired for a job. But knowing from experience that the polygraph is usually right, I would also argue, as many agencies do, that we should keep it as a useful tool, despite the fact that it is not 100% accurate. Remember, those of you who claim to be "false positives": In law enforcement you use the best tools you have until something better comes along. If you pass the screening process and get the law enforcement job you want, you will in fact be using many of those same tools that are not 100% accurate, thereby creating your own "false positive" victims while you're right most of the time, not all of the time. Ironic, then, that many of you who want those law enforcement jobs are sitting here arguing against an imperfect law enforcement tool that is widely accepted, by many, many people and agencies, as one of those good tools.

183 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Looking for help concerning polygraph tests](#)
on: Dec 5th, 2006, 12:35am

Started by Twoblock | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Hmmm. Marijuana doesn't usually cause this kind of paranoia, does it? I wouldn't know because I have no "street smarts" when it comes to illegal drugs. 😊

184 [Employment Forums \(Non-polygraph related\) / Federal Law Enforcement Applications, Hiring, and Employment / FBI and Arabic Recruitment](#)
on: Dec 5th, 2006, 12:33am

Started by LieBabyCryBaby | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George,

Not sure where this link would go on your website, but it's interesting. You see, I am aware that sometimes, when the Government really needs a rare skill, they will overlook things like a shady background. I wonder if the FBI would overlook a failed polygraph to get the obvious skills that they need.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16042604/>

185 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Looking for help concerning polygraph tests](#)
on: Dec 4th, 2006, 7:55pm

Started by Twoblock | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Last posts made by LieBabyCryBaby

Whatever, man. If it were roleplaying, as you say, why delete the post?

Also, agencies do use people with "street smarts," and they pay them according to their ability. They are called informants. Perhaps you could get that job.

Selling for profit and selling to break even are the same thing. You are still trying to earn some kind of living by selling illegal drugs. Unless of course you bought your pot for one price and then turned around and sold it for exactly the same price, thereby providing a commodity with no profit to yourself. Get it? It's even more hilarious that you now try again to justify it. 😊

Funny post. And some people think that pot doesn't kill brain cells.

186 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Looking for help concerning polygraph tests](#)
on: Dec 4th, 2006, 6:54pm

Started by Twoblock | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Seriously, I'm sorry to laugh at you, but I can't help it. Your statement that you didn't sell drugs to make a profit, but simply to break even, is hilarious.

Look. When law enforcement agencies have a hiring pool full of people who haven't done drugs and especially haven't *sold* drugs, why in the world would they hire you? It's not like you're this website's founder and you speak a language that is in such high demand that they might overlook your past simply because your skills outweigh your mistakes. You're just another pothead who, despite saying you've changed, has done things that are automatic disqualifiers.

Oh, and I see that you now deleted your post that began this topic, which included your statement that you had probably smoked pot 2000 times and that you had sold pot to make ends meet . . . what's that all about?

187 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 4th, 2006, 6:38pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Digithead,

I am beginning to see why you chose the name "digithead." Biostatistics and Bayes Theorem are interesting, and it sounds quite impressive the way you explain it. I certainly wouldn't want to study either one in college unless I had insomnia. Simply dealing with a cost/benefit analysis might better explain the way agencies look at polygraph testing, don't you think? Screening processes are just that--they screen. They take a large number of potential employees and narrow it down to a smaller number. The polygraph is widely accepted by law enforcement agencies as a good screening tool, and we could speculate on many reasons for this. But the bottom line is that when agencies view a screening process--*any* screening process--as 90% accurate, that's good enough for them. As for the other 10% of potential employees, any true false positives or false negatives are the cost, while the 90% are the benefit. It doesn't matter how many among that 10% are false positives or how many are false negatives in screening exams. If they feel they are right 90% of the time, that's considered damn good. They might miss something in the background investigation too, but that would be another cost vs. the greater benefit of being 90% sure.

If you were one of the 10% cost, and you didn't deserve to be, that's still an acceptable loss to the agencies when, say, 100 applicants don't get the job for every one who does. Biostatistics aside, it's simply a matter of effective screening. If you're the agency doing the hiring, it simply ensures that 90% of the people they do hire are the kind of employees they want.

188 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 4th, 2006, 3:48pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Digithead,

I'm not ignoring you, but just trying to figure out your math. You've got 110% in your first paragraph. Where you get the 1% are lying, I don't know. And you fail to take into account the inconclusives that would be in that 1000 people you are screening. I'm too tired first thing on Monday morning to decipher exactly what you mean, but I'll give it a shot in the near future. ???

189 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Looking for help concerning polygraph tests](#)
on: Dec 4th, 2006, 3:40pm

Started by Twoblock | Post by LieBabyCryBaby


  

Everyone needs a good laugh first thing Monday morning. This topic is definitely good for a few good laughs.



190 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Dec 2nd, 2006, 11:43pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

day2day wrote on Nov 27th, 2006, 9:01pm:

LBCB,

Let's play hypothetical for a moment. Let's say you had aspirations of becoming a peace officer. Everything went well in the first phases, you have kept your background in good shape, scored well on the written and aced the fitness evaluation. Things are looking good. Then you come to a polygraph examination, you have relatively little to no idea why or how it works but no reason to believe it does not work as claimed. A week or so goes by and then you get a letter telling you your application has been discontinued and later you find out you failed your polygraph exam. You know in your heart of hearts that you told the truth. How can this be? Can you honestly say you would not find that to be incredible? Can you honestly say you wouldn't be pissed off? Can you honestly say that your first impression would not be lasting? Can you honestly say that you would not feel that you were done a disservice? Can you honestly say you would tell yourself, "Hmm, that sucks, guess I'll just move on to something else and figure that I am an acceptable loss and they'll find someone else to fill that position I really wanted. Oh, well?"

If you answer 'yes' to any of those questions, you'll be lying. 😞

day2day,

If that happened to me, I would indeed be upset. But just because it happened to you, or even happened to a few people on this website doesn't mean it happens a lot. People bring up the FBI's polygraph failure rate. Well, one thing FBI does is consider anything other than actually passing the exam a failure. That means that to pass, you gotta pass, not just come close. I don't agree with this way of doing exams, and I certainly don't agree with making the polygraph *the* deciding factor in hiring a person. It's supposed to be a useful screening tool, and any agency that uses it as the most important part of the screening process is lying to itself. If it isn't 100% accurate--and I maintain that it is around 90%--then it isn't a perfect process that you should always hang your hat on.

Now, if what you describe actually happened to you, you have a right to be pissed off. But you can either go on with your life and say, "Those are the unfair breaks," or you can devote years and years of your life as George does to talking about a machine and a process and an event in your life that are better off left behind.

191 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 30th, 2006, 2:05pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Digithead,

If you are going to address me, at least get the acronym right.

It isn't your turn yet. Tell you what, though . . . If Dr. Richardson, the only experienced "expert" on this website of whom I am aware, will answer the question I posed for him at least two weeks ago, I will answer yours, even if it means rehashing things I and other polygraph examiners have posted regarding false positives, false negatives, etc. You see, with all the anti- people on this website, you each have the luxury of batting me fly balls all at the same time, while I can only catch one at a time. Here's the question again for Dr. R:

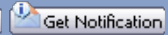
As a polygrapher, with all of your experience, did you ever catch an examinee using countermeasures, and if so, how did you know prior to any admission by the examinee?

Oh, and as a new "Senior User," thanks for the kudos. I never aspired to them, but I'll take my bow and hear my applause while I can. 😊

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 29th, 2006, 7:06pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Holy sheeet, Batman! Why don't we all just talk at once? I occasionally read this forum, and less frequently contributed to it than I have for the past couple of weeks, but now I see that I am capable of stirring the anti-polygraph pot very well indeed with my posts. But I can't possibly respond to everything all of you have written. So much of what you have written would require me to simply rehash previous posts, which in turn would lead to other responses that would require me to rehash previous posts, ad nauseum. If I choose a particular question or point, I will be accused of avoiding another or not having an answer, since on this forum polygraph examiners are apparently expected to field every question posed and every idea raised. In this way, we rare polygraph examiners on this website can hardly get a word in edgewise without being bombarded by all of the anti- folks in an apparent effort simply to overwhelm us into silence and fill cyberspace with so much anti-cyberbabble that the casual, openminded reader can't help but be swayed by the sheer weight of anti-responses. Rather than take the time to reply to everything and thereby let this website be my life as it is George's, I will simply take the responses in order (assuming they don't require me to simply rehash my earlier posts), and I'll start with this one, since it is the most interesting one:

Meangino wrote **on Nov 27th, 2006, 7:24pm:**

If God created an imperfect world. does that excuse man for his mistakes, such as employing a "truth telling" device that has an accuracy rate similar to entrails reading?

LBCB, since you believe women have no place in law enforcement, what other trades and professions do you believe women should not practice?

- a. Surgery?
- b. airline pilots?
- c. military fighter pilots?
- d. beautician?
- e. military police?
- f. The Congress?

No doubt, LBCB has been exposed for his sexist views.

Hmmm. If God created the imperfect world, does that excuse man for his mistakes . . .

Yes, it does. God created imperfection, including the imperfect man, so even God should not expect perfection from His/Her imperfect creations. That's an easy one.

As for women being the following:

Surgeons=yes.

Airline Pilots=yes.

Military fighter pilots=yes, unless it's YOUR mom, sister, daughter or wife.

Beautician=yes, although women are inferior in this department to gay men. 😊

Military Police=No, if it includes any situation where she is not backed up by stronger men.

Congress=yes.

See, LBCB is not that sexist after all. 😊

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 27th, 2006, 7:02pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJ:

For most of your last post, my previous post is sufficient reply. However, just to be clear on two things:

First, it is an undeniable fact that bad guys will be less intimidated by the average female than the average male, as well as less inclined to behave in a potentially violent confrontation with a male than with a female, unless lethal force is threatened by the female. I know this by experience as well as observation of numerous video clips of real-life occurrences. It does not make me biased or prejudiced to admit that. Politically incorrect in today's crazy world, yes, but not biased or prejudiced.

Second, when dealing with inconclusive polygraph results, many people should be thankful for the gray area of the inconclusive result. Otherwise they may have flat-out failed the exam. I believe the inconclusive is responsible for many people being on the job who may not have been if there was no gray area. To fall below that gray area, a person has to have some real issues. If not some real criminal history, then perhaps they are just messing with their own heads by getting all mixed up about the polygraph by reading about false positives and countermeasures on this website. Some of those people, perhaps many, would have passed the polygraph if they hadn't done themselves the disservice of following some of the advice on this website. If you were one of the relatively tiny percentage of true false positives, then look at it through the eyes of an engineer-type, which you often tout yourself to be--machines are not perfect, and people are not perfect. Maybe God is sorry for creating an imperfect world. Perhaps you should ask Him/Her.

George:

There are many things we have to "pay" for in this life. If the worst thing you have had to pay for is a failed polygraph and not being a Government employee, then you have a lot to be thankful for. Be thankful that the biggest thing you have to complain about is that failed polygraph, and be thankful for all the time you have had in your life to spend worrying about a machine and a process that you would have done well to forget about long ago. When your life is done, you can look back on it and say, "I spent about 20 years of my life talking to people about the polygraph. What a great life."

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 27th, 2006, 6:37pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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What part of "almost always" do you not understand, Bill?

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 27th, 2006, 6:34pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote on Nov 27th, 2006, 5:25pm:

Indeed, it seems that our friends in the polygraph community are little concerned with this "cost of doing business" because it is one that they do not pay.

Well, that depends on how you look at it, George. I don't believe that all of the "false" positives are actually false, and I don't believe false positives are as common in the real world as you want the average reader to believe.

The key word is IF. IF some of you are actually false positives, then you are indeed victims of an imperfect instrument or an imperfect polygraph examiner. IF that is the case, as sad as that may be, you have to move on. At least most of you aren't the victim of a botched medical procedure, mechanical failure in an automobile or airplane, an industrial accident, an accidental firearm discharge, a lightning strike, or a meteor shower. The world isn't perfect, nor are the machines made by men. I know from experience that the polygraph works almost all of the time in field conditions, and that it takes much more to be a false positive than you would like the average reader to believe. When the "cost of doing business" is viewed through my lenses rather than yours, it is much easier to swallow.

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on: Nov 27th, 2006, 4:34pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Meangino wrote on Nov 27th, 2006, 4:15pm:

There are all kinds of "tools" any employer can use to weed out candidates. LBCB, do you support the following "weeding out" tools:

- race?
- gender?
- objective (i.e., not the polygraph) testing?
- comprehensive background investigations?

I don't believe in any kind of weeding out or preferential treatment based on anything but qualifications and background. The background investigation and the polygraph are designed to address the important issues.

That said, and because I have the luxury of being an anonymous, unknown-gender poster who doesn't have to worry about being politically correct, I will say this: When it comes to law enforcement jobs that include hands-on, arrest contact with criminals, the average woman, despite any other wonderful attributes, education, or experience, should be weeded out. Time and time again we see female law enforcement officers overpowered by male criminals, often resulting in injury or death of themselves or others, and/or escape of the criminal. Too many people are too afraid to talk about this subject, but most people know I am correct. But that's a whole other topic, isn't it?

I believe, through experience and the studies I choose to believe that support my experience, that the polygraph works almost all of the time. We can talk all day and night about percentages of false positives and false negatives and get nowhere on this website, and most people in the world don't read this website and wouldn't be impressed if they did. The fact is simply that agencies want to get the best people for the job, and they use the best tools they have to accomplish that goal. The polygraph isn't perfect, but it's an undeniably useful screening tool. Not everyone will be hired, and if any of you are actually false positives, it's just the cost of doing business that you fell through the cracks because most people pass the polygraph and go on to have successful law enforcement careers.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 27th, 2006, 3:45pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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day2day wrote on Nov 27th, 2006, 3:06pm:


As far as 100 passing candidates and a few failing candidates goes, my suspicions of a "weeding out" are confirmed. It is just another method utilized to thin the applicant pool.

You've hit the proverbial nail on the head, day2day. That's what the screening process is all about--"weeding out." Again, if you were the one making the final decision, all other things being equal, would you choose the applicant who passed the polygraph, or the applicant who failed it or came up inconclusive? The undeniable fact is that the law enforcement job competition is fierce, and the whole "screening" process is designed to make it easy for the person making the final decision. So, regardless of whether the polygraph or the background investigation or any other part of the screening process is perfect, the screening process has a purpose. For the most part, I believe the best people get the job, and the polygraph contributes to the goal of getting the best people. But law enforcement agencies can not hire everyone, so they do the best they can with the tools they have.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 27th, 2006, 12:49pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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day2day wrote on Nov 24th, 2006, 10:57pm:

LBCB,

May I ask you this: Why is it not standard procedure for examiners to admit up-front in screening exams whatever accuracy percentage is the accepted number by professional examiners? Why hide the fact that, yes there is the possibility that I may incorrectly interpret your chart, labeling you a liar and effectively killing your chance of employment within this agency?

Actually, most examiners whom I know are quite candid about the polygraph during the pre-test interview with examinees. It is quite common for examiners to tell an examinee that, although the polygraph is not perfect, it is highly accurate, and it is the best instrument available. Typically the figures we use are that the polygraph is between 85-90% accurate. This takes into account that inconclusive results are not counted because obviously they are not right or wrong, but simply inconclusive.

Also, for most agencies, Federal, state or local, the polygraph is not the only criterion used to make a hiring decision, nor should it be. Polygraph examiners are not usually in a position to decide whom to hire or not to hire. People who judge all of the criteria make that decision. But let me ask you, if you are that person making the final decision, and there are 100 job applicants who passed the polygraph, background investigation, etc., and there are a few with equal qualifications who failed the polygraph or came up inconclusive--considering how competitive the hiring process can be--whom would you be more inclined to hire?

199 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 27th, 2006, 12:37pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Bill Crider wrote on Nov 25th, 2006, 9:11pm:

LBCB,

My point is that it is quite possible I am sure to produce CMs that are absolutely undetectable, but that it requires a bit of knowledge and experience about what a "winning" chart looks like and how the scoring works. Going in without that knowledge leaves a lot to chance.

Besides to my point of view, the whole CM argument is spurious. What really matters is the truth and a correct result, whether that happens by chance or by design. An innocent person using CMs and passing is a better result than a False positive, wouldnt you agree? Or are you going to argue that the process is more important than the truth? At the end of the day, that's whats this site is about--arriving at the truth.

That's right, Bill. I believe it is possible, with very much practice and feedback, to produce polygraph charts that appear legitimate while using countermeasures. I can't even do it myself in lab conditions with another polygrapher trained in counter-countermeasures, though. If I can't do it, I believe the average reader on this website can't do it, either, and I've caught some of them trying. When that happens, their job opportunity ends right there.

The truth is all that polygraph examiners and the agencies or organizations that employ them desire. Polygraph examiners aren't like Saruman, the evil wizard in Lord of the Rings, looking in their crystal ball and trying to work the arts of black magic. When examinees pass the exam, it's nice for everyone involved. When they fail, I maintain that it is almost always because they deserve to fail.

200 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 24th, 2006, 6:28pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



Actually, George, *your* credibility should be on the line here. If TryingToGetAJob attempts the countermeasures you advocate on this site, that would be a lie, since his/her mistakes probably apply to the relevant issues on the test. By saying whether or not he/she chooses to be honest to the polygraph, he/she should realize that the polygrapher won't be honest to him/her, shows how you rationalize the issue, George. You might as well just say, "Lie to the polygrapher because the polygrapher will lie to you," rather than dodge around the issue with a little sentence about how people in public service should be honest to the relevant issues.

201 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)
on: Nov 24th, 2006, 6:06pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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As I've explained before, George's (and other so-called experts on this website) belief is that countermeasures really work, and that examiner's can't detect them. I don't agree with this, but the point is that George believes it. The "gray" area in which George lives is an area of rationalization because he believes he is doing a service to the world by providing "innocent" examinees with the way to beat a polygraph. It's ok in his mind--or at least justifiable--that criminals and job applicants who should fail a polygraph might use his information to get away with their crimes/lack of integrity as long as a few potential "false positives" can try to ensure that they pass the exam. Again, it's George's belief that makes his world a "gray" world. You can argue, "Well, he does say that those seeking public service jobs should be honest to the relevant questions," but that's a big stretch considering his rationalization regarding the potential misuse of the information he believes can beat the polygraph.

202 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 7:34pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Ok, perhaps one in a million is a slight exaggeration. Let's look at in another way, though. How many people who have posted on this website are false positives? In this age of the internet, I think that there are a lot of people out there taking polygraphs who come to this site out of curiosity, and I'm sure you would like to think you have that kind of audience. Well, since you began keeping count, there have been just over 20,000 posts on this website. Over 3,500 of those have been yours, George. That leaves less than 17,000 posts. How many total posters wrote those 17,000 posts? Surely less than 10,000 posters, judging by the enormous number of posts by many of the Especially Senior Users and Senior Users. But let's say that every single one of those posters has been a false positive failure in a polygraph exam. I'm sure that would be a ridiculous exaggeration, but let's give it a ridiculous benefit of the doubt. How many polygraphs have been conducted in the U.S. alone since you began this anti-polygraph crusade? Any idea? No? Me neither. But if you took all of those posters we're pretending are false positive failures, I think it would still be a tiny minority compared with those who passed the polygraph or simply came up inconclusive.

I had fun with this post, as I'm sure you can tell. But it is fun food for thought. 😊

203 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 6:32pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George, even if you insist on discounting my experience (and, sadly, I must remain anonymous for legitimate reasons I'm sure you would appreciate), the NAS never said that the false positive was even a likely result. If you take all of the correct decisions made in correctly administered polygraph exams, and then throw in the inconclusives, the false positives and false negatives would indeed be a tiny minority. And you don't see the false negatives on this forum complaining do you? 😊

So that leaves us with a tiny minority of claimed false positives, of which you are one. And how many of those false positives know anything about the polygraph except what they read and choose to credit or discredit? And how many of them have any experience in the real world as polygraph examiners?

204 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: University Of Arizona - Polygraph Study pdf](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 6:23pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Digithead,

Whether a polygraph is conducted in the lab with mock crimes and let's-just-pretend scenarios and disinterested examinees OR in the real world, the conditions should be the same. Unless you are conducting your real-world exam under the take-off/landing area of an airport, for example, the environment should be similar. The difference, as the NAS admits, is that the lab setting can not accurately imitate the real world incentives or fears that an examinee faces in the real world. I see the real world all the time, not the lab world, so I base my knowledge on what I see, as well as studies that support what I see every day.

205 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Share Your Polygraph or CVSA Experience / Re: Twice inconclusive - auto fail?](#)

on: Nov 21st, 2006, 6:18pm

Started by dominus_I | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

dominus_I wrote on Nov 21st, 2006, 1:58pm:

Hi,

I took the FBI pre-employment polygraph twice. I was told it was inconclusive the first time and the second time I'm assuming it's inconclusive since the agent said "you have inconsistent responses to some questions;" whatever that means. He'll send the result to DC. I didn't bother to ask him what he meant. I'm assuming that's an automatic failure. What's the typical time line that I should hear the result? I don't think I want to waste more time with FBI but I'm wondering what other people's experiences are.

An inconclusive result is just that--inconclusive. It doesn't--or shouldn't--count against you in any way. I can't make you any promises, but if all the FBI can get from your polygraph is an inconclusive, then they'll have to rely on your background investigation and other assessments and qualifications. That could be a good thing, right?

206 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: University Of Arizona - Polygraph Study pdf](#)

on: Nov 21st, 2006, 6:09pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Because the peer-reviewed research you are always citing can not be accurately applied to the real-world, George, as even the NAS admits.

207 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)

on: Nov 21st, 2006, 6:07pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George W. Maschke wrote on Nov 21st, 2006, 5:55pm:

Why should a neutral observer accept your estimate?

Because a neutral observer doesn't carry the baggage of your personal agenda, George. Without that baggage, it's easier to trust experience over lack thereof.

208 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Should I lie to beat the machine or tell the t](#)

on: Nov 21st, 2006, 6:04pm

Started by TryingToGetAJob | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Trying,

Your errors in judgment took place when you were still a juvenile. George may leave it open as to whether you should lie about those things, but the world is not as gray as his view of it. For such minor errors, I suggest being honest and open. If you want a law enforcement or public service career, at least begin it with honesty.

209 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 5:51pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George W. Maschke wrote on Nov 21st, 2006, 5:42pm:

On what basis do you maintain that the risk of a false-positive result is 1:10^{^6}? Please be specific.

It's an estimate, George, ok? No, I haven't conducted one million polygraph exams yet. But from personal experience I can tell you that my estimate is more likely than the sky-is-falling dramatic exaggeration of "false positives" claimed by this website.

And Brandon, although there is bitterness in your humor, I do appreciate your humor. 😊

210 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: University Of Arizona - Polygraph Study pdf](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 5:47pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Yes, George, and I take strong issue with you and your fellow "anti-" followers belittling actual experience in favor of things you've read. And I take strong issue with those who discount studies that don't conform to their wishes or personal agenda.

211 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 5:37pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Brandon Hall wrote on Nov 21st, 2006, 5:33pm:

But now I feel very special knowing that I was 1 in a million. 1st test accused of drug activity (false-positive); 2nd test cleared of drug activity, and 3rd test cleared of drug activity.

Yes, bullshit I say.

Well, I guess you win the lottery. The other 999,999 people go on with their lives and don't frequent this website. 😊

212 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: University Of Arizona - Polygraph Study pdf](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 4:16pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George,

When there exist positive studies supporting the polygraph and negative studies against the polygraph, I think experience tips the scale. There is the lab, and then there is the real-world crucible where the real truth can be found. The real world of polygraph examiners has shown us things that you can not see when you accept only those studies that support your own wishes.

213 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Going in for a polygraph...](#)
on: Nov 21st, 2006, 4:11pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

George W. Maschke wrote **on Nov 21st, 2006, 3:49pm:**

telling the truth is no guarantee of passing.

True, you may end up inconclusive. Or you may get caught using countermeasures when the truth without countermeasures would have landed you the job. Or, to give people like George the benefit of much doubt, you might be that one in a million who "undeservedly" fall way down into negative numbers and fail the exam. Yes, a real crap-shoot.

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on: Nov 21st, 2006, 3:38pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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My point exactly, Bill. Countermeasures *are* a real crap-shoot, and becoming more so as time goes by and more examiners receive additional training.

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on: Nov 21st, 2006, 1:12pm

Started by Anthrax | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote **on Nov 21st, 2006, 9:59am:**

Keep in mind, however, that there is little one can do to *prevent* cardio reactions to relevant questions, and I think it is pointless to try.

This is quite an admission by you, George. Yes, this is true. While an examinee can try to do many things to influence the pneumograph channels, the cardio and electrodermal channels will usually betray him/her. It is when these betrayals are consistent on the relevant questions despite the countermeasure attempts on the "control" questions that the examinee will be caught in the act.

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on: Nov 21st, 2006, 12:11pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George,

Without wasting any further time trying to convince you or to respond to each and every statement you make, as you did with me, I simply want to thank you for the links to "The Flying Spaghetti Monster" and "Russel's Teapot," which also led me to "The Invisible Unicorn" and articles about Richard Dawkins. I have always enjoyed religious parodies, as well as political satire, and you gave me some good laughs. 😄 I laughed when I read how the "believers" of The Spaghetti Monster are known as "Pastafarians" (Pasta and Rastafarians, get it?), and they end their prayers with "RAmen." Hilarious!

I recommend that other readers follow these links for some good humor, as long as they are open-minded enough to be comfortable with having their unfounded beliefs ridiculed. It's a huge stretch to compare any of this to my personal experience with the polygraph, but I appreciate the attempt.

P.S. Sorry, Digithead. I noticed your lengthy reply after I responded to George's. I totally missed it. You make some excellent points, and this is the best of your posts that I recall reading. Very cogent and well-organized.

I must remind you, however, that the examples of aliens and faith healing were not mine, but George's, so they are his strawmen, not mine. Obviously I am not going to convince you of anything either by touting personal experience as a necessity when making a final judgment about the polygraph. I also can't speak for the entire profession. However, unless you've been there and used the polygraph day in and day out, you really can't give a final opinion that is completely credible. Like you, I am a very skeptical person, so I need more than simply what other people tell me to finally convince me of certain things. Experience has taught me that the polygraph, while imperfect, is a good tool in the hands of a good polygrapher, and is correct almost all of the time. Again, that was a good post, and I really appreciate you taking the time. You have finally earned a bit of respect from me, Digithead.

217 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Procedure](#) / [Re: University Of Arizona - Polygraph Study pdf](#)
on: Nov 20th, 2006, 6:48pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Have you ever been abducted by aliens or seen someone abducted by aliens, George? Have you ever been the subject of faith healing or seen someone you knew personally was sick or injured healed by faith? If not, then how can you ridicule the possibilities? Why would anyone believe you when you have no experience with either? Same thing with the polygraph. You don't use it. You failed it, yes, and I hope that your claims to have undeservedly failed it are true. If so, then you are one of the tiny minority, and deserving of the apology you will probably never receive. But you haven't used it, so all you have are questionable and controversial studies that most experts would tell you can not be accurately applied to real-world field conditions. Some of those studies are overly critical of the polygraph, and some are overly supportive of the polygraph. If I were in your position, perhaps I would do what you do by running this website. However, I'm not in your position, and you aren't in mine. I use the polygraph all the time, and so I know from experience that it works almost all of the time. I can't convince you of that, but that's ok with me, just as it's probably ok with you that you can't convince me of some of your arguments either. Regards.

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on: Nov 20th, 2006, 6:04pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George,

As I have said before, we'll probably never agree on the validity, or lack thereof, for the CQT. Theory and counter-theory, and study and counter-study could be quoted and twisted to support either side of the argument. As a polygrapher who actually uses the instrument in question AND the methods in question, I know that it works. Scientific and pseudo-scientific studies aside, the damn thing simply works almost all the time. Right now it's the best we can do, and in my experienced opinion, it's worth keeping around until a form of ERP or something else comes along to supplant it or add to it.

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on: Nov 20th, 2006, 5:30pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Thanks, George. I wasn't aware of that Honts study. EMG actually has two types, one that is intra-muscular, and the other that is surface, and I think you are right that there is no Federal agency using either of them.

I think it goes without saying that the future holds something superior to the polygraph for lie detection, and I hope we see it within our lifetimes. For now, we polygraphers are stuck with our less than 100% accurate instrument as long as it's the best thing going.

220 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: University Of Arizona - Polygraph Study pdf](#)
on: Nov 20th, 2006, 3:00pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJ:

Thanks for the link. It was interesting. However, the powerpoint presentation alone is a bit difficult to follow. Another case of "I guess you had to be there." While reading the presentation, I wondered about these statements (in bold):

"Counter-countermeasures" worked to detect those using countermeasures: 80% of those using countermeasures could be detected by a blind analysis of EMG recordings, BUT such counter-countermeasures means rarely used in field polygraphy.

From my own experience and the most recent countermeasures courses taught by DoDPI and other reputable polygraph schools, this sounds about right. By chart analysis alone, there is a high degree of detection for countermeasures simply because, when viewed by a competent examiner trained in the latest methods of analysis, it would be very rare to find an examinee who could perform countermeasures well enough for the data to appear natural. This is what I was trying to explain to Dr. Richardson in another thread. I agree that at this time--or at least at the time this University of Arizona presentation was conceived--most examiners in the field were either insufficiently trained or were unaware of the latest methods of "counter-countermeasures." But that is changing, and I've seen it firsthand.

Brain Fingerprinting: 100% accurate in research on FBI agents, in research of Government Agencies, and field applications.

It is unclear in the presentation whether this statement is from some kind of advertisement of a proponent of ERP methods, or whether it is the presentation's author's conclusion. But if this method is indeed 100% accurate, you "anti-" people may get your wish in the not-to-distant future with regard to the polygraph. Of course, Government agencies would most likely simply send their polygraphers to ERP training and either use this method alone or, more likely, in conjunction with the polygraph.

Procedures that focus on recognition rather than emotional reactions associated with lying:

- Are more accurate overall
- Are much less vulnerable to false positive outcome
- Create guilty verdicts almost exclusively among the guilty.

What some people don't understand is that the polygraph, no matter which testing method is used (although admittedly even more so with the GKT), actually uses recognition as much or more than emotional reactions to determine whether an examinee is being deceptive regarding a particular issue. This is why even with psychopaths, the polygraph works--the psychopath, while feeling no remorse or emotion for his crimes, nevertheless recognizes the greater significance of one issue/question over another.

These are just my thoughts as I read the presentation. Thanks for the link. Regards . . .

221 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Lie Detection vs. Detection of Deception](#)
on: Nov 17th, 2006, 7:36pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote on Nov 17th, 2006, 7:18pm:

It seems to me that the zigs and zags of polygraph charts are qualitatively different from bloody knives, blood-stained bedrooms, and lifeless bodies at the bottom of staircases. Nor does it seem to me that you have substantively addressed the question I posed in starting this message thread.

"Zigs and zags," to a polygrapher, can be just as much a preponderance of the evidence as bloody knives, blood-stained bedrooms, and lifeless bodies are to a detective. Perhaps a better analogy would be DNA, carpet fibers, hair analysis, fingerprints, and other "CSI" forms of evidence. None of these techniques is 100% accurate, but if they are found at the above scene, a preponderance of the evidence might lead one to place blame where blame is due.

Here are your questions (italics mine): "*If you agree that the polygraph doesn't detect lies*, then isn't it dishonest to turn around and in the next breath speak of polygraphy as being the "psychophysiological detection of deception?" What is the practical difference between detecting lies and detecting deception?"

To answer this question, it is necessary that I first explain what I believe "detect" should mean when applied to the polygraph. I have done that. Your second question is simply a matter of semantics. Therefore, you see, I have answered both, and done so with colorful analogies that I hope the reader will enjoy.

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on: Nov 17th, 2006, 6:20pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote on Nov 17th, 2006, 6:09pm:

I use the word "detect" in the sense of *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, **2**: to discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of <~ alcohol in the blood>.

Must you be so pedantic, George? I made a "funny," and it seemed to fly right over your head.

I see that my "rising" analogy was above you. 😊 So, here's a more mundane one: If I walk into an upstairs bedroom and I see blood on a knife and blood on the bed and floor, and the room shows all the evidence of a struggle, and then I walk downstairs and find a body with stab wounds in the kitchen, the preponderance of the evidence would suggest that a crime has been committed. One might argue that perhaps the suspected victim stabbed himself a few times while stumbling around the bedroom, and then stumbled downstairs before finally succumbing to his wounds, but the preponderance of the evidence would strongly suggest otherwise. Think about this analogy, and maybe you'll understand what I think the word "detect" should mean when applied to the question "Can the polygraph detect deception?"

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on: Nov 17th, 2006, 6:01pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George W. Maschke wrote on Nov 17th, 2006, 5:58pm:

Would you then not agree that the polygrapher who in one breath acknowledges that the polygraph cannot detect lies and in the next insists that polygraphy is a valid technique for the detection of deception speaks with a forked tongue?

What, exactly, do you mean by the word "detect"? 😊

224 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: Charles R. Honts Discredited by Federal Judge](#)
on: Nov 17th, 2006, 5:57pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Excellent post, George.

I really enjoyed reading the Court's decision. Although as a polygrapher I disagree with some of the Court's reasoning, there is no denying that the polygrapher in this case was in error when he incorporated relevant material within his comparison questions. As I read the test questions used, I immediately wondered how an examinee could possibly, under the natural duress of a polygraph examination, differentiate between the relevant questions and the control questions and respond accordingly. I would tend to believe the inconclusive result over the no deception indicated result.

Charles Honts has participated in polygraph studies that are often cited by *both* the "anti-" people and the "pro-" people to support their *differing* opinions. Both can't be right, and yet both use Honts' studies to back their views. And now we see in this court case that Honts himself wants to have it both ways on several occasions during his testimony. Very interesting. Thank you.

225 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: Lie Detection vs. Detection of Deception](#)
on: Nov 17th, 2006, 5:02pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Can the polygraph detect a lie? Can a woman detect whether a man is attracted to her? A rise here or there in the right place at the right time can give her at least a preponderance of the evidence.

As for the difference between detecting a lie and detecting deception, that's simply a matter of semantics.

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on: Nov 17th, 2006, 4:54pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Digithead, I knew it didn't take much to interest you the moment you wanted me to rehash the old CQT argument/explanation you can find in at least a hundred other places on this website. Just find the posts that conform to your personal opinion, because it would be a waste of time for me to give you mine.

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on: Nov 17th, 2006, 1:52pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Digithead,

Didn't your parents teach you that it isn't polite to interrupt adults when they are having a conversation?

As for the "point" about the CQT, don't you ever get tired of re-runs? It is tedious and boring to *once again* have to read either side's opinion on the CQT, let alone take the time to explain it. That argument has been and will be rehashed a thousand times on this website, so you don't need to hear it from me again.

But if you're in the mood for re-runs, I hear they still show *Gilligan's Island* on cable channels.

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on: Nov 15th, 2006, 8:00pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Drew Richardson wrote on Nov 15th, 2006, 7:32pm:

LieBabyCryBaby,

If I could reliably detect countermeasures, then you could in theory reliably detect countermeasures. The reality of things is that neither you nor I nor any of your colleagues nor the next generation of your colleagues, should this foolishness so persist, reliably detect countermeasures.

Of course I am familiar with the basic psychophysiological constructs you have listed for us. All that you have mentioned is well within the grasp (both in terms of basic comprehension and practice) of the average would-be applicant of countermeasures.

With regard to your global evaluation of perceived atypical responses leading to a determination of the presence or absence of countermeasures, I would suggest that there is no more basis for such an approach than there is for the global scoring of what you would recognize as true responses (something at one time (perhaps still) practiced in the intelligence community but now widely discounted even by your own wider community) for purposes of determining truth or deception.

Unless one believes that all countermeasure application has to be performed globally (obviously a ridiculous assumption), a global analysis of what you deem to be atypical responses is not justified and will lead to unwarranted and erroneous guessing on your part and that of other soothsayers.

I do appreciate this dialogue though--the would be user of countermeasures should be both encouraged/delighted by your previous admission regarding a lack of understanding of countermeasure etiology and dutifully instructed by your current discourse on global analysis and such analysis' impact on his practice. Regards...

Dr. Richardson,

Perhaps you were in a hurry, or perhaps you were preoccupied while writing your last response. Therefore, I will try to give you the benefit of the doubt and curb my disappointment in hopes of better things to come.

Surely you don't really think that "All that you have mentioned is well within the grasp (both in terms of basic comprehension and practice) of the average would-be applicant of countermeasures." I've been visiting this forum for quite some time (although participating infrequently), and I know for a fact that the "average" reader has very little understanding of what I was talking about, despite the fact that to you and me the terms I used are basic. I've tested and failed some of those "average would-be" applicants of countermeasures, discovering later, predictably, that they got their information from this very website. We're not talking about rocket scientists here . . . well, unless it's EosJ we're talking about. And as for such brainiacs being encouraged/delighted by my responses, I am of the opinion that if they examine what I wrote they will be discouraged/dismayed to learn that at least one polygrapher--possibly their own future polygrapher--is not as hapless and incompetent as the "polyboys" and "soothsayers" portrayed by you, George et. al.

It is no great admission for me to say that while a polygrapher may know that countermeasures have been used and that things are not as they should be, he or she may not have observed the particular method used. But suffice it to say that regardless of the method used, it will take a very, very good performer to replicate, consistently, the normal response patterns that won't stand out to an experienced examiner.

Simply saying that you are aware of the terminology I use is an insufficient answer to my questions, Doctor.

And no, countermeasure detection is not limited to a global analysis, although that is but one tool that can be used when looking for atypical response patterns. And patterns is really where it's at. By focusing on the larger picture, we can often see things we would not otherwise notice with our noses touching the polygraph chart at just one spot.

It's difficult to explain to you, and I think more difficult to explain to the reader, how countermeasures detection methods have evolved. But things have changed, and they are changing, Doctor, and it won't require that we wait until the next generation of polygraphers to reach the time when we can reliably, although admittedly not always, detect when the data is as it should be and when the data has been skewed. It's already happening, and I've seen it first-hand. If you have any doubts, go back to school and see where things are going, rather than viewing things from your how-it-was-when-I-was-there mentality.

Oh, and I noticed how you completely ignored the first question I asked, and we both know why.

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on: Nov 15th, 2006, 6:39pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Dr. Richardson,

Thank you for addressing TwoBlock's questions. His post on equipment calibration didn't just come out of left field; it came from some other ball park. It's as if we're all playing football, and he shows up with his catcher's mitt, a hockey mask, and a basketball jersey. In a way, I can't really blame him since this topic has strayed so far from where it started. I read his post, considered it, and concluded that it was simply too tedious to respond. But you did so quite well. I was interested in your response about the CQT's validity. (By focusing on the validity of the CQT rather than the polygraph in general, you seemingly imply that other test methods have more legitimacy . . .) However, a discussion on the validity of a particular polygraph test method is also another topic entirely.

I was actually waiting for TwoBlock to mention you in response to my last post, since he had mentioned you previously with his "carry his jock" proclamation of you as the be-all, end-all expert on all things polygraph. 😊

As a fellow (former) polygrapher, I needn't question your having "been there, done that" qualifications. And I needn't talk about lab studies vs. lab studies or lab studies vs. real world to you. That's a waste of time.

I do, however, have a couple of questions for you which I think relate to this evolving topic that has so whimsically gone from a question about test data analysis for a school report to where we are now. Of course, I have myself to blame as much as any other for this evolution, and I regret that many people won't even read this discussion because they won't be interested by the topic "school report."

Anyhow, here are my questions. I don't know if you will address them, but I do feel reasonably certain that you will read them, since you will be curious to investigate any responses to your most recent posts.

1. As a polygrapher, with all of your experience, did you ever catch an examinee using countermeasures, and if so, how did you know prior to any admission by the examinee?
2. Tell me, honestly, despite any biases you may have now that you are on the "anti-" side, are you unaware of the most recent developments made in the area of countermeasure detection as taught by DoDPI and other reputable polygraph schools? You obviously know what I'm talking about when I mention normal habituation, and, if you were any kind of polygrapher at all, I know you know what I'm talking about when I say "atypical responses," especially when viewed globally over the course of an entire exam, i.e., as a pattern rather than in isolation. Likewise, I think you should know the difference between legitimate response and an anomaly, particularly when differentiating between a normal response within the generally accepted response window vs. an abnormally protracted response, again viewed globally rather than simply during one isolated incident.

These things may be out of the average reader's realm of understanding, and one might avoid answering these questions by using the excuse that we are already off-topic and that my questions are themselves out of left field. However, since you showed up carrying your own jock this time 😊, it would be interesting to read your answers. Regards.

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No, George, EosJ did not mention the "challenge" specifically, but it is at the top of all the topic listings in the "Polygraph Procedures" section of this website, and it is continually referred to either explicitly or implicitly by most of the "anti-" people on this website who pose as experts on the polygraph without any personal experience whatsoever.

To say that polygraphers can not detect countermeasures is both true and false depending on how you look at it. It is true that even though a well-trained polygrapher will often notice atypical responses that he or she knows, through much experience, are the result of manipulation by the examinee, he or she may not know exactly which countermeasure caused the atypical responses. Hence, one could say, "The polygrapher didn't catch the examinee because all the polygrapher could say was that countermeasures were used, and he couldn't say *what* the examinee did."

You know the old saying "You had to be there," right? Well, George, when it comes to conducting polygraphs and knowing what I am talking about when I say "atypical responses," you haven't been there. Perhaps you need to attend a bonafide "countermeasures" course conducted by a reputable polygraph school. I can tell you that it would open your eyes to what it is possible for the polygrapher to see when it comes to examinee manipulation or attempted manipulation of responses. But again, you haven't been there.

I know from personal experience what atypical responses look like. I have caught examinees attempting countermeasures, and have been proven right by examinee admissions. I never confront examinees just to play a game to see if I can dig up something of which I am not sure, and I do not regularly question examinees regarding attempted countermeasures when the proof isn't visible to me. Now, that said, could an examinee, with sufficient training and feedback, learn to manipulate his or her responses so that even a well-trained examiner would miss the manipulations? I think so. But from my own experience, I do not believe there are many examinees capable of such a convincing performance, taking into account such factors as habituation and desensitization over the course of an exam. What we see instead are the tell-tale consistent signs of atypical response patterns. I don't know how to explain it any better than this if you haven't been there. Which reminds me, you haven't been there, George.

You and the "anti-" crowd that follows you just don't get it. The lab is not the real world. If you insist on looking at lab studies, you can find studies that both support and refute the reliability of the polygraph, and you can pick and choose whichever ones seem to support your agenda. The "pro-" people can do the same.

But at least the "pro-" people will admit that even those lab studies that support their view and refute yours can not accurately and assuredly replicate what goes on in the real world. Why would another lab study conducted as part of a "countermeasures challenge," prove anything one way or another, regardless of who "won"? At least the "pro-" people have on their side something you do not when it comes to support studies: Confirmation of theory by examinee admissions. That's real world. But of course, you haven't been there.

When all is said and done (what a statement, since nothing will ever be said and done that will convince people on either side of the equation of the fallacy of their beliefs), I think it comes down to one basic difference between you and me, George. That's right, you haven't been there.

Now, I don't expect to get the last word in here. I find it amusing that an apparent young person's request for help on a school report gets us into a discussion which will get us nowhere. But if our young Sarah still reads this forum, I hope she keeps in mind one thing: Most of the so-called experts on this website, although having failed the polygraph and/or erroneously taken the side of those who have, all have the same glaring deficiency when they want to convince others that they know what they are talking about. Yes, that's right: They haven't been there.

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on: Nov 15th, 2006, 12:49pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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EosJ:

Unless you are or have been a polygrapher, you have no practical experience. Taking polygraph tests is not the same as conducting them. That should go without saying, but I find myself repeatedly saying it to the "anti-" crowd on this website. Reading a few selected lab studies and biased publications, regularly visiting a website of mostly like-minded individuals, and taking a polygraph or two does not make one an expert on the polygraph process.

So you passed a polygraph or two while using "countermeasures" and you were lucky enough not to get caught. How do you know you wouldn't have passed the test anyhow? It's not very scientific for a self-proclaimed scientist/engineer type like yourself to use such subjective and impossible-to-prove support for your opinion.

Aaaah, are we back to that silly "countermeasures challenge" again? I get tired of addressing that topic, but I will do so once again.

Regarding the "countermeasures challenge": Even if the pro-polygraph community were to accept such a challenge and "prove" its own agenda, the "pro-" people wouldn't really prove anything since they couldn't effectively equate their laboratory findings to the real world. At the same time, the "anti-" crowd, which eagerly accepts any favorable laboratory study as "proof" of its own agenda, would justifiably, albeit uncharacteristically, reject such findings on the same basis. So what's the point? For those reasons, as well as such a study's prohibitive cost in dollars and time, the "challenge" is ignored.

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EosJ,

You seem to be an intelligent guy. Therefore, I think that if you were given the opportunity to attend DoDPI or another similar polygraph institution, you might actually pass the course. I can tell you that the DoDPI curriculum is extremely rigorous and intense, and that every class has bright, intelligent people fail. And it's not a matter of how long one goes to school, but rather the quality and intensity of the training, as well as whether the course is simply theory from books or actual practical learning in a lab setting. You might belittle "trade" schools, but there are a lot of extremely intelligent people who have no more than a trade school degree. A lot of them decided that they would rather attend an institution that would let them concentrate solely on their desired vocation rather than make them pay an exorbitant amount of money to take courses like basket weaving or ballroom dancing or a foreign language in the name of a "well-rounded education." Colleges and universities do teach, but so many of them also scam their students by making them pay thousands and thousands of dollars studying courses that have absolutely nothing to do with the students' occupational goals and needs.

The point is that polygraphers can be just as well-trained and professional in their careers as anyone else. We could argue all day and all night for a year about the scientific basis--or lack thereof--for the polygraph. I wouldn't convince you, and you wouldn't convince me. But at least I would be basing my arguments on theory AND experience, which is more than you would have on your side.

Regards.

233 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: School report, NEED HELP ASAP!](#)
on: Nov 8th, 2006, 6:54pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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George,

You obviously responded to my post without having seen my last edit which came just minutes before your response. Otherwise, you would have seen that I did acknowledge your pointing Sarah in the right direction with DoDPI's manual on numerical evaluation. I believe you are biased and misled in your "anti-" stance against the polygraph, but one thing I must admit is that you do allow and even seem to encourage discussion from both sides of the fence. I told Sarah to *start* at the APA website for her report because it has what I believe are all the *basics* that a person would need to write a report on the polygraph. Of course, Sarah seems interested in delving deeper with her investigation of test data analysis, and you did assist her with that task.

EosJ:

You are correct that polygraphers might be biased due to the polygraph being their instrument to earn a living. However, don't forget that at least on a Federal level, most of the polygraphers were employees first and later became polygraphers; therefore, most of them would not fail to earn a living even if the polygraph suddenly became obsolete. But even those polygraphers who *do* rely on the polygraph to earn a living should not be generalized as being biased. Would you label all doctors biased because they encourage people to visit them for regular health checkups or when they are seriously ill? Would you label all auto mechanics and attorneys biased because they recommend regular maintenance and binding legal contracts, respectively? Just because someone earns a living doing something doesn't mean that the person can not view his/her job objectively.

Twoblock:

With regard to polygrapher bias, I refer you to what I just said to EosJ. Now, I agree that Dr. Richardson is an intelligent fellow. And yes, he has experience conducting polygraph exams. But remember, he is but *one* opposing voice against thousands of current and former polygraph examiners who champion the polygraph as the only reliable instrument ever designed to verify truth and detect deception.

234 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Federal Polygraph Lawsuit / Re: Federal Polygraph Lawsuit Dismissed](#)
on: Nov 8th, 2006, 4:10pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Nice link, EosJ. It presents opinions on both sides of the argument.

235 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Procedure / Re: School report, NEED HELP ASAP!](#)
on: Nov 8th, 2006, 4:07pm

Started by SK | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Sarah,

If you wanted to know about brain surgery, you'd probably want to talk to a surgeon. If you wanted to know about auto mechanics, you might want to talk to an auto mechanic. If you wanted to know about law, you should probably talk to an attorney. Don't you think you should get your information about the polygraph from a polygrapher who actually uses it? This website has some good information, but it is very biased, and most of the people posting here are not polygraphers. They get their knowledge second- or third-hand, from the opinions of other people. Just like you, most of them knew nothing about the polygraph until they read what others wrote, and even then they simply chose those opinions that supported the bias they held due to their anger or disappointment after failing a polygraph exam. Many of them failed the polygraph, but almost none of them has ever conducted a polygraph exam. All they have are a handful of questionable laboratory studies to support any of their claims, not actual experience. Do you think that you, as a student, will be an expert on polygraph simply because you do a little research on a website and quote the people here who aren't even experts themselves? Well, that's what these people have done: they have read a few articles about the polygraph and listened to other people who have also read a few articles, and now they think they are experts.

Fortunately, despite his bias as the founder of this "anti-" polygraph website, George Maschke did point you in the right direction regarding polygraph test data analysis as described in DoDPI's manual on numerical evaluation. That document very clearly explains how polygraphers examine all of those squiggly lines or "spikes," as you call them.

Now, the publication "The Lie Behind the Lie Detector" also contains some good information regarding test data analysis and some of the theory behind it. However, remember when you read this document that it is very biased in its interpretation. One might compare it to a Bible after someone who is not a Christian goes through it and crosses out whatever he doesn't agree with and adds his own opinions that were not originally there. In other words, take it with "a grain of salt."

If you want to know about the polygraph, here's a good place to start before you take the word of most of these disappointed polygraph failures:

<http://www.polygraph.org/>

Look specifically at the FAQ section (frequently asked questions). That will give you most of what you need to know. Then you can simply add to your report that there are some people who question the reliability of the polygraph, although they are a tiny minority.

Best of luck in your report. 😊

236 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: DNA Frees Polygraph Victim Jeffrey Mark](#)
[Deskov](#)
on: Sep 22nd, 2006, 6:50pm

Started by George W. Maschke | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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Last posts made by LieBabyCryBaby

George,

This is a very interesting article. Interesting enough that I wanted to respond, which I rarely do. This is what interested me most about the article:

"Police soon focused their attention on Deskovic, then 16, and concluded that he was obsessed with the dead girl and may have been her killer. They claimed he constantly went to them, offering information, and knew some key details that had not been disclosed."

"Two months later, he agreed to take a polygraph test. After several hours, when he was convinced he had done poorly, he broke down, telling Detective Thomas McIntyre that he had hit Correa over the head with a Gatorade bottle and smothered her."

The detectives claimed that Deskovic "knew some key details that had not been disclosed." Later, he was "convinced he had done poorly" on the polygraph test, so he "broke down" and confessed.

I would sure like to know the actual results of that polygraph test. If he passed it, then the detectives must have been so convinced of their case against him, due to his knowledge of details that only the killer would know, that they ignored the polygraph results and pursued the interrogation, using the polygraph as a prop in spite of the actual results. Then again, if he actually failed the polygraph, then it makes me wonder whether he had guilty knowledge of undisclosed details of the crime, as claimed by the detectives. Perhaps he wasn't the actual rapist/murderer, but perhaps he was an accomplice or witness.

Remember, the jury had to be quite sure, based on the facts of the case, not just an allegedly forced confession from a teenager, to ultimately convict him. Also remember that the appellate judges agreed with the jury.

I know this is an ANTI-polygraph website, but perhaps we don't know enough about this case to assume that the polygraph failed, or that this "victim" was completely innocent in this crime despite the lack of his own DNA evidence.

Sure, I'm viewing this case through the eyes of the PRO-polygraph side, but it ought to make even some of the ANTI- folks wonder a little bit, don't you think?

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: The kind of people that this forum draws.](#)
on: Sep 15th, 2006, 10:34pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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Digithead, while EosJ's last post is so weak that it isn't worth responding to, and your last post is almost as pathetic, I will respond briefly to yours. Lucky you.

You say that the Willis vs. Smith, et. al case "demonstrates that there is documented evidence that offenders are becoming aware of countermeasures and their effectiveness." My reply is, so what? The case doesn't show that the countermeasures worked for the defendant, do they? No. So what's your point and how does it refute anything I said? And what the judge said or "a staff member" said makes no difference. We aren't arguing a point of law here. Go back to Snowball's post that initiated this topic if you need to figure out where we are.

Also, why would I have to "face it," because of what someone said in an ancient and obscure 1971 study, that the polygraph's only utility is the "bogus pipeline effect," when I know from experience, as well as from studies that support MY view, that the polygraph actually works and is not dependent on faith, superstition, or a placebo effect?

The reason that most polygraphers like myself don't hang around this site for long is certainly not because you, George, Drew, or anyone else in the anti-polygraph crowd have superior studies or facts on your side. It is simply because OUR studies and facts will never be accepted by people with your agenda, and because ALL you have to support you are easily refutable lab studies and wishful thinking. You might say the same thing about polygraphers, but you would be wrong because at least we have actual experience with the little "box" you hate so much.

Now I think I am done with this topic. It bores me. Call it a cop-out if you want to, or claim a false victory. The fact is simply that, as usual, bantering back and forth with close-minded people is a tiresome waste of time.

"Regards."

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: The kind of people that this forum draws.](#)
on: Sep 15th, 2006, 6:59pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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EosJupiter wrote on Sep 15th, 2006, 5:25pm:

LieBabyCryBaby,

So you openly admit that your polygraph and procedures can't and won't stand up to scientific rigor. See what a little truth can do, it can clarify just how much the parlor trick your process really is. And isn't a poly suite a clinical setting by design, removing outside interference, your conclusion is non sequitor. Oh but wait, thats right it not your house were you have your power base and support. And why is it now that all the Fed Agencies are telling applicants not to research polygraphy. Again the key word is impotence, as you can't defeat those of intellect and audacity. You want willing sheep, and anyone worthy of having intellect will never go blindly as sheep. Passing or No Opinion is far better than a failure, because in either case it reflects that your abilities are highly questionable, if not negated.

Regards

Don't worry, EosJ. I don't intend, nor can I hope, to get the last word in here. I am not an "Especially Senior User," so I don't post here that often. Today has been quite an exception for me. However, sometimes I simply can't resist replying when the response I get is so inane.

No, I don't openly admit anything of the sort. You and other misinformed pretenders just don't get it--the lab does NOT equate to the real world. You can do all sorts of things in an attempt to create a laboratory simulation, but it just doesn't have the impact on the examinee that the real life threat of failing the polygraph does. For example, you can tell the examinee, "Ok, if you can fool the examiner I'll give you 50 dollars," or you can say to the examinees in your experiment, "Here's 50 dollars each, but if you don't fool the examiner you have to give it back." Either of these manipulations would be an attempt to make the exam and the reward or consequences more significant to the examinee, but would any rational scientist believe that these manipulations would match the real-life threat of facing a lengthy prison sentence, public humiliation, etc.?

Many of the studies used to support the polygraph are, in fact, field studies rather than lab studies. They use post-polygraph confessions to confirm what the charts already showed. This is great because they are using real-world polygraph results rather than lab results. But the argument could always come from the anti-polygraph side that these real-life criminals both believed in the legitimacy of the polygraph AND failed to use countermeasures.

Either way you look at it--lab manipulations or outcome verification--there are going to be people on both sides who believe what they want to believe and refute the results.

So, we are back to the question I keep asking you, which I know you can't really answer: Where are the criminals and applicants who used the information on this site to beat the polygraph while lying to the relevant questions? All we see here are people who used the information they got here and then attribute their passing to the use of that information without any evidence that they wouldn't have passed the polygraph anyhow.

I agree that No Opinion or Inconclusive is better than failing. Of course it is. But there's no way you can reasonably say that an innocent examinee can push himself or herself DOWN to inconclusive because the countermeasures worked. And where are the actual guilty people who pushed themselves UP from failing into the gray inconclusive area by lying to crime questions?

Your arguments are pretty weak, EosJ. But I wouldn't expect more from someone who has no actual experience, but who is simply a parrot who repeats what other parrots are saying.

"Regards."

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums](#) / [Polygraph Policy](#) / [Re: The kind of people that this forum draws.](#)
on: Sep 15th, 2006, 4:58pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJupiter wrote **on Sep 15th, 2006, 4:35pm:**

LieBabyCryBaby,

Feed their fears, I highly doubt it. Once someone comes here, and understands the process of polygraphy they relax and the fear and anxiety is greatly reduced. At worst you get inconclusive, after inconclusive. Which really does look quite bad for you doesn't it.

Now if your the great god of polygraphs, then take Drew Richardsons challenge, prove your schlock machine really can detect countermeasures. But again I think you would rather hide behind your machine, and continue to dupe people. But thats fine, everytime you give a polygraph, you increase the numbers of those that will eventually help eliminate it. I reiterate once the fear and anxiety is gone, and the veil of secrets removed from your process. You and your machine are impotent. Your greatest fear is an informed public.

EosJ,

I'm afraid I've shaken you too much. You can't even write complete sentences.

If the advice on this site actually did produce "inconclusive after inconclusive," that would be quite revealing indeed. What it would say is that a guilty examinee did just enough to pull himself or herself from the depths of failure to the gray area of inconclusive. If the information actually worked for innocent examinees, why would they end up inconclusive, going in the opposite direction TOWARD failure rather than away from it into higher positive numbers?

As for Drew's challenge, it is an empty challenge. It could only be done in a lab setting or, worse, in a public setting where outside factors would likely contaminate and skew the results. Lab studies can not duplicate real-world conditions. And where would we find REAL criminals willing to put their lives on the line simply to satisfy a bunch of disgruntled polygraph failures? Drew, George, and their minions make this challenge, but most of them know it isn't practical or even possible to implement an event that would prove anything one way or another. So, no serious polygrapher is going to bother responding to it.

I repeat, EosJ, where are all the criminals who have used the advice on this site to pass the polygraph? And where are all the applicants who have used this same advice to pass the polygraph while lying their asses off to relevant questions? All we hear on this site are a few people saying they used the information and it helped them pass, but can they prove they passed because of the information rather than simply because they were innocent to begin with? I think not.

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on: Sep 15th, 2006, 4:16pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

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EosJupiter wrote **on Sep 15th, 2006, 3:07pm:**

LieBabyCryBaby,

You must be either pretty arrogant or greatly scared of this website to spew forth such venom. . . . why would you come here and try to scare readers with, oh if you read "The Lie Behind the Lie Detector", You will fail and fail badly. Funny I see more testimonials on this website about those that have been successful then those who have been caught. And I for one will take my chances with my own council, and capabilities. And on a personal note, I would by far take Georges advice, over some BS peddling polygrapher every time.

Regards ...

EosJ,

If memory serves me correctly, you are the one who regularly brushes shoulders with engineer types, and you mention such associations in an effort to bolster your perceived credibility and intelligence, right?

As for arrogance, your posts are quite arrogant in tone, yet you have even less to support your views than does George. No doubt, you are a fair debater, often hiding behind your verbosity when you lack actual substance in your arguments. However, cattle excrement is cattle excrement no matter how you dress it up.

I wasn't aware that I was spewing any venom, but if it has that effect on anyone in this forum, I must liken it to plain water melting the wicked witch in the Wizard of Oz.

You asked me a question, so I will ask you one back:

Why would you come here and try to scare readers with, Oh if you DON'T read "The Lie Behind the Lie Detector" and follow its advice, you will fail and fail badly?

I don't need to scare anybody, EosJ. They are already scared when they come here. This site further feeds their fears, and many of them end up messing with their own heads and ruining their prospects.

You may ask, Where is the evidence that polygraphers can detect the countermeasures advocated on this site?

Well, where are all the people who actually committed a serious criminal act and then passed the polygraph by following the advice on this site? Funny, but we don't hear from them, do we? And if thousands of people come to this site, take the advice, and then pass the polygraph, why do none of them come on this site and admit that they actually passed the polygraph while lying their asses off with regard to relevant issues? I believe that the advice on this site may serve as a placebo for the innocent, but nothing more. If it makes them feel better, that's fine and dandy, but I've seen their world come crashing down when they've been caught and disqualified.

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on: Sep 15th, 2006, 1:59pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



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George,

I don't know if I could stand being you, pretending to be a polygraph expert when all you have are selective laboratory studies, the subjective opinions of other people, and your own polygraph failures to support your views.

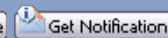
You can call polygraph a "pseudoscience" and continue to rationalize and justify both this site's existence and its goals, but it doesn't change anything. You are still simply a polygraph failure who surely deserved to fail. After all, didn't you fail not simply one of the relevant questions on your FBI polygraph, but ALL of them?

I know I'm not going to convince you of anything because you have too much at stake personally in maintaining this site. Likewise, with only the above listed supports for your viewpoint, you won't convince many experienced polygraphers to follow the pied piper's call into the river. But if examinees read your material and buy into it enough to use it, they either have something serious they are attempting to hide, or they are innocent examinees taking a big risk of ending their application processes.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: The kind of people that this forum draws.](#)
on: Sep 15th, 2006, 12:41pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby



digithead wrote on Sep 14th, 2006, 8:31pm:

So is it the examiner or the machine that matters? What makes someone a competent examiner?

How many articles on the effectiveness of countermeasures are in *Polygraph*? Do you not believe in your own field's literature and research?

And since you're posting on this site leads me to believe that if countermeasures did not matter then you wouldn't be here trying to persuade people not to use them...

And I don't think George is unwittingly aiding criminals, he is simply giving methods for defeating a pseudoscientific test and demonstrating the danger and folly of its use by showing how easy it is to fool...

A "competent" examiner, in my experience, will often spot countermeasures because most examinees do not have the ability to selectively fine tune their responses to make them appear natural. When I have caught countermeasures, they have stood out like a sore thumb. COULD I be fooled by someone very skilled at manipulating his or her physiology enough to make the responses actually appear natural? Of course. With a lot of practice, a person might become skilled enough to do this. However, even with my knowledge and experience AND access to the equipment and assistance from other experienced examiners, I can't even convincingly do it myself. But for those readers who want to try it with a competent examiner, I say, in the words of Dirty Harry, "Do you feel lucky . . . punk?"

Actually, I'm NOT trying to persuade people not to use countermeasures. It's fine with me if they use them. I've caught examinees using countermeasures, and it simply ends the process for them. Each time this happens, it allows us to avoid hiring a person who lacks integrity.

You can spout off all you want about this or that study. Yes, I have read most of the studies used to reinforce the arguments on both sides of the fence. But when it comes right down to it, I'll take actual experience over laboratory experiments, conjecture, hopes, fears, and hearsay. Have you used the polygraph as an examiner hundreds or thousands of times to gain experience, or are you just repeating the words of others because their words support your own wishes?

And as for George being "unwitting," again we should question the rationalization that it is justifiable to try to help the "innocent" by making weapons equally available to both them and the guilty.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: The kind of people that this forum draws.](#)

on: Sep 14th, 2006, 5:41pm

Started by PrivateSnowball | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

I see where you're coming from, Snowball. But here is my own opinion as an experienced polygrapher:

I believe, based on experience rather than heresy, fantasy, desire, or personal agenda, that the countermeasures information on this site does NOT help a guilty examinee pass a polygraph exam administered by a competent examiner. When I say "guilty examinee," I'm referring to someone who really has something serious to hide, such as sex offenders, which you refer to in your post. Questions such as "Did you use marijuana more than five times?" MIGHT--and I repeat MIGHT--not have the same response impetus as sex crime or other more serious crimes questions, of course.

However, I understand how you feel about this site possibly catering to criminals. The fact that George and others on this site actually believe the information they provide works speaks to us on two levels. First, they believe they are doing a service for innocent examinees. If this were actually the case, then I would say, "Good job and God bless George et. al for their service." But on another level, since they DO believe in the validity of their information, we have to question their priorities and reasoning, because they MUST feel that the benefits to the "innocent" outweigh the harm that could be caused when bad people are assisted by good intentions. In this case, your analogy of known criminals being unwittingly given weapons by people who don't know any better rings true.

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / The Lie Behind the Lie Detector / Re: More Anti-polygraph literature ...](#)
on: Aug 9th, 2006, 6:46pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

Onesimus wrote on Aug 9th, 2006, 2:00pm:

Sorry

Apology accepted. 😊

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[Polygraph and CVSA Forums / The Lie Behind the Lie Detector / Re: More Anti-polygraph literature ...](#)
on: Aug 9th, 2006, 12:33pm

Started by EosJupiter | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

cesium_133 wrote on Aug 8th, 2006, 7:06pm:

My hope? That as many people as possible come to this site; read TLBTLD; read that wikisite on CM's and beating the poly; and view and engage in the discussion on these boards.

Every once in awhile I visit this site. For quite some time now, I have found this site boring and stale. Same old people who failed polygraphs and get their "knowledge" second-hand or third-hand, vs. same old people who actually know about the polygraph because they use it. The discussions are like Philosophy 101: Much debate, with no one proving anything. Only ignorant people would come to this site and think they found the "holy grail" of how to pass a polygraph; and only ignorant people would take everything either side says as more than biased opinion.

One thing that continually amuses me is how the "Very Senior" users and "Especially Senior" users have posted on this site hundreds of times--enough that they should have bored themselves to tears--yet they still hang around this site as if the whole world actually pays attention to them. That's the funny thing about internet forums, whether they be polygraph forums, religious forums, teen forums, game forums, etc.--the people who hang around those forums voicing their opinions devote so much of their own time and energy to the forum that they over-inflate the importance of the forum, thinking that the rest of the world is as focused on their daily drivel as they are. The fact is that the vast majority of examinees who undergo polygraph screening exams--surprise, surprise--PASS the exam. Compared to the number who pass the exam, the few disgruntled polygraph failures who pose as experts on this site are a TINY minority.

But I guess this site serves a purpose, despite its merely placebo effect for worried people who have to take a polygraph: It makes the tiny minority of polygraph failures feel better about themselves, and it acts as a catharsis as they voice their woes.

246 [Polygraph and CVSA Forums / Polygraph Policy / Re: sexual predator...PLEASE READ](#)
on: Apr 28th, 2006, 2:06pm

Started by Mr. Mystery | Post by LieBabyCryBaby

With regard to countermeasures, there are several studies--some old, some new--to which I may refer you. These studies are based almost entirely on laboratory experiments, upon which the "anti-polygraph" crowd--so often relies. I question the credibility and practicality of applying any laboratory study of the polygraph to the real world, but since the "anti-" crowd really has nothing but laboratory studies to support many of its arguments, these studies should suffice. The studies I refer to are the following:

Ben-Shakhar, G. and Dolev, K. (1996) Psychophysiological detection through the guilty knowledge technique: the effects of mental countermeasures. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 81, 273-281.

Elaad, E. and Ben-Shakhar, G. (1991) Effects of mental countermeasures on psychophysiological detection in the guilty knowledge test. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, 11, 99-108.

Honts, C.R., Raskin, D.C. and Kircher, J.C. (1987) Effects of physical countermeasures and their electromyographic detection during polygraph tests for deception. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 1, 241-247.

Now, what these studies show is that, while countermeasures may increase false negative outcomes (guilty suspects classified as "innocents"), they have absolutely no effect on innocent examinees. (Ben-Shakhar, G. "A critical review of the control questions test." *Handbook of Polygraph Testing*. Academic Press, 2002.)

What does that last statement mean to this forum? It means that by providing countermeasure knowledge, this site does absolutely nothing to help the innocent except make them screw with their own heads and possibly be detected by the polygrapher. Meanwhile, it provides the guilty with knowledge that *may* (not will, but *may*) help them avoid being detected altogether. When seen in that light, so much for this site being a service to the innocent.

The "challenge" issued to polygraph examiners by people on this site is an empty challenge. Even if the pro-polygraph community were to accept such a challenge and "prove" its own agenda, the "pro-" people wouldn't really prove anything since they couldn't effectively equate their laboratory findings to the real world. At the same time, the "anti-" crowd, which eagerly accepts any favorable laboratory study as "proof" of its own agenda, would justifiably, albeit uncharacteristically, reject such findings on the same basis. So what's the point? For those reasons, as well as such a study's prohibitive cost in dollars and time, the "challenge" is ignored.

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