

The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation for Investigators

Part One: An Overview

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The Original

John E. Reid and Associates began developing interview and interrogation techniques in 1947. The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation is now the most widely used approach to question subjects in the world. The content of our instructional material has continued to develop and change over the years. John E. Reid and Associates is the only organization that can teach the current version of our training program on The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation.

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U. S. Supreme Court Recognition

In June 2004 in the case of *Missouri v. Seibert*, the United State Supreme Court referenced our company and our book, Criminal Interrogation and Confessions, as examples of law enforcement resources that offered proper training. In 1994 the United States Supreme Court referenced our textbook, Criminal Interrogation and Confessions, in making their decision in the case *Stansbury v. California*. Courts throughout the country have recognized The Reid Technique as the leading interview and interrogation approach used today in both the law enforcement and business communities (see our web page for details).

International Recognition

Our firm has been awarded contracts for training from NATO; the Bavarian and Berlin Law Enforcement communities in Germany; and have conducted training programs in Bosnia-Herzegovina; the Czech Republic; the United Arab Emirates; Singapore; Japan; Mexico; Canada; Belgium; Israel, Brazil, Jordan, Kuwait, Iraq, India, Malaysia, South Korea, and Canada. Our training manual has been translated into both Spanish and German.

The Authoritative Text

Our book, *Criminal Interrogation and Confessions* (5th edition, 2011) is considered by the courts and practitioners to be the "Bible" for interviewing and interrogation techniques. The book has been translated into Chinese, Japanese and Turkish.

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THE REID TECHNIQUE OF INTERVIEWING and INTERROGATION for Criminal Justice Students

I. INTRODUCTION

A. History of Material

- * Founded in 1947
- * Original research initiated over 65 years ago
- * 1962 Criminal Interrogation and Confessions, Fred Inbau & John Reid; second edition 1967; third edition 1986; fourth edition 2001, fifth edition 2011.
- * Training programs since 1974

B. Program Content

Behavior Symptom Analysis – *The verbal and nonverbal behavioral characteristics that distinguish a truthful person from one who is withholding or fabricating relevant information*

The Behavior Analysis Interview – *The structure for the interview that is designed to elicit both factual and behavioral information so as to suggest investigative direction*

The Reid Nine Steps of Interrogation – *The interrogation process that is designed to obtain an admission of guilt*

C. Distinction between an Interview and an Interrogation

Characteristics of an Interview

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Interview Goals:

- Develop Investigative Information:* The subject's version of events
 The details of the event – who, what, when, where, why and how questions
 Independent sources to corroborate the story/facts
 Possible motives and opportunity to commit the crime
- Develop Behavioral Information:* Based on the verbal and nonverbal channels of communication assess whether or not the subject's behavior symptoms fit the "profile" of a truthful or deceptive individual

*Introduction****Characteristics of an Interrogation***

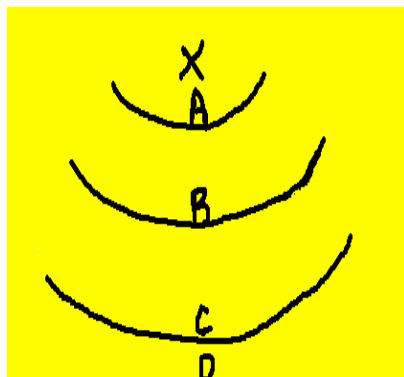
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D. Always try to conduct a non-accusatory interview prior to any interrogation. The purpose for doing so is to develop rapport with the subject; assess their general attitude and demeanor; give them an opportunity to tell their story; and, develop insight into possible interrogational approaches.

E. The Interview Room

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F. Seating Arrangement



Control over the environment (Setting and Proxemics)

A is the _____ zone, extending out about _____

B is the _____ zone, extending from _____ to _____

C is the _____ zone, extending from _____ to _____

D is the _____ zone, extending beyond _____

Review Items:

The Interview is a non-accusatory information gathering conversation, conducted in a question and answer format.

The interview should combine both investigative and behavior provoking questions..

The purpose of the interview is to develop both investigative and behavioral information to determine the direction of the investigation.

The interrogation is accusatory and consists of a monologue in which the investigator gives the subject psychological justification for committing the act in question.

The interview/interrogation environment should be quite and free of distractions, as private as possible, and set up so that there is no physical barrier between the investigator and the subject.

Generally speaking an interview should be conducted before any interrogation.

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Resources: Criminal Interrogation and Confessions, Inbau, Reid, Buckley and Jayne 5th ed, 2011 Jones and Bartlett, Burlington, MA

The Essentials of the Reid Technique: Criminal Interrogation and Confessions. Inbau, Reid, Buckley and Jayne , 2nd ed published in 2013, Jones and Bartlett, Burlington, MA

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