Webinar: An Insider's Guide to Intelligence & Interrogation

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Overview

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• The field of Intelligence
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• Preparing for your career
• Training
• Interviewing and interrogation
Presenter’s Background

- Former CIA Chief Polygraph Examiner and Interrogator
- Published author and teacher of detecting deception and eliciting responses techniques
- Over 30 years of clandestine intelligence and law enforcement experience
Presenter’s Background

• Vice President, Deception Detection Services – Abraxas Corporation
• 21 years - CIA Polygraph Examiner/Interrogator; 11 years as Chief Polygraph Examiner
• Stationed overseas as Chief Polygrapher during the Fall of the Berlin Wall and during Gulf War I
• Polygraphed and interrogated subjects in 130 countries
• Polygraphed and interrogated over 1500 Arab/ Middle Eastern or Muslim subjects
• Worked in liaison capacity with Intelligence Services of Great Britain, France, Israel, Albania, Georgia, Jordan, Germany, former Soviet Union, etc.
• Developed and currently teach Introduction to Terrorism at Northern Virginia Community College
• Awarded Counter-Terrorism Center Commendation for outstanding support
• Awarded Directorate of Operations Iraqi Operations Group Unit Citation
• Awarded Career Intelligence Medal
CIA’s Field of Intelligence

• Directorate of Intelligence
• National Clandestine Service
• Directorate of Science & Technology
• Directorate of Support
Polygraph

*Detecting Deception - The Tools of the Trade or ...The Search for a Better Mousetrap!*

There are no absolute, infallible ways to detect deception based solely on behavioral analysis. However, you can become a better collector of information using polygraph and behavioral analysis as a complement to your elicitation skills.
Preparing for your Career

• 4 year degree at an accredited university
• GPA 3.0 > (The higher the GPA, the better)
• Well-read in world events
• Excellent writer
• Excellent communication skills
• Ability to successfully complete the screening process*
  – Medical
  – Psychological
  – Polygraph

*For more information visit the CIA or other Federal Intelligence Agency websites.
Training

- 11-13 weeks of intense training at National Center for Credibility Assessment, aka NCCA, the Center, (formerly DACA). The Center falls under the Defense Intelligence Agency.  [http://www.ncca.mil/](http://www.ncca.mil/)

- Master’s level program

- All Federal law enforcement officers attend DACA

- Provides inspection oversight for all 25 federal polygraph programs
Interviewing and Interrogation

• An interview is a non-confrontational “discussion” whose primary goal is to elicit information from a Subject, suspect, witness, victim or Source and not to elicit admissions of guilt or wrongdoing.

• An interrogation is an accusatory process designed to elicit from a Subject, an admission that he or she did not tell the truth during the initial interview or deliberately withheld information pertaining to the issue or incident in question.
Obtaining Reliable Information for Intelligence Purposes

- Determining Deception
- Collecting or Eliciting Information
- Understanding a Person’s Culture
- Hard Techniques vs. Soft Techniques
Wrapping It Up

• Questions?
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