

Program: Detecting Lies – What works and what doesn't work, and what may produce a false confession

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Today's speaker requested that we do NOT provide a recording of his presentation.

The speaker started the talk by asking the audience to raise their hands if they believe Body Language to be better than Spoken Word in the detection of lies. There was an overwhelming show of hands for body language as the more important information in detection.

He then described several systems in the detection of lies. The first system is Mehrhians 7% Rule which concluded that body language is the most important while spoken language is the least important. Reid Interrogation Technique is the second system and also relies on body language to determine the truthfulness of interview by eye movements or hand movements.

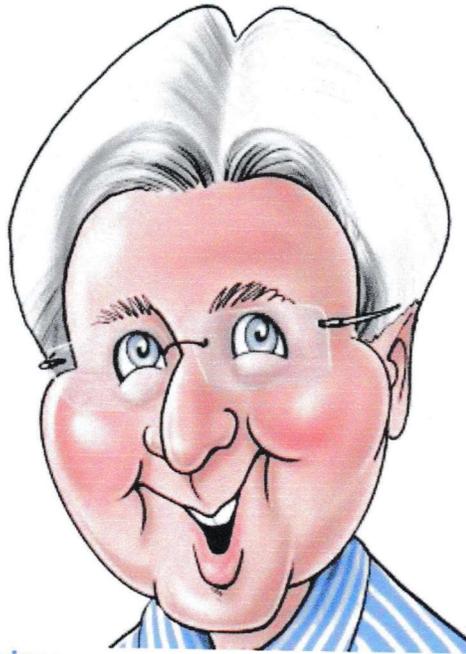
However, there are problems in the interpretations. Different ethnic groups and culture may have normal facial and hand movements and could be interpreted as signs of lie or guilt. There are short comings and have been shown by DNA technique to be inaccurate in the interpretations. Neither of the two are scientific methods.

Polygraph or lie detectors are the more scientific technique in the interrogation but have been beaten by people using physiological methods like tightening of anal sphincter causing changes in the polygraph. The technique can be fooled. It is said that polygraph had no validity as diagnostic tool.

However, Polygraph and Reid technique are widely used by legal authorities including police, FBI, CIA and Homeland Security.

The speaker himself uses an UK technique called, P.E.A.C.E.. It is a non-confrontational technique. It uses politeness, calmness and tries to make the interviewee tell the truth. He admitted that it is being used by a minority of experts, however.

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