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Manipulative Interrogation in U.S. Criminal Justice System

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ABSTRACT

I am interested in the ways in which false confessions are produced through manipulative interrogation tactics. In the criminal justice system, there is nothing more valuable than a confession. Civilians rely on laws such as Miranda and the integrity of the police to prevent maltreatment, and yet, it still occurs. Twenty-five percent of overturned wrongful convictions involve a false confession, and the Reid Technique can be found at partial blame. (California Innocence Project, 2019). This psychologically manipulative version of third-degree tactics has trained the majority of criminal justice personnel in the United States on the intricacies of interrogation. This technique underwent severe scrutiny for its ability to generate false confessions and has been subjected to improvement since this discovery. In this project, I will examine how manipulative interrogation tactics, such as the Reid Technique, is a process that engenders false confessions in relationship to its reformed model.