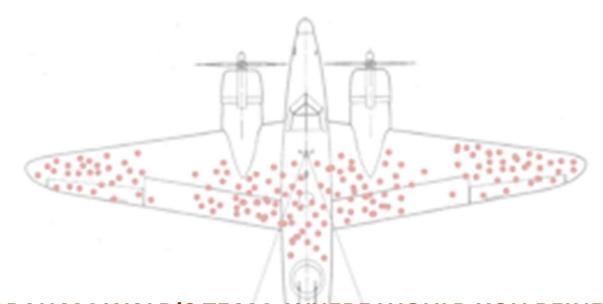


In the Second World War, Abraham Wald's team analyzed every plane returning from battle and highlighted the areas with the most bullet marks.

The distribution of the perforations was not uniform: the marks in red represent the areas most frequently hit on the planes.



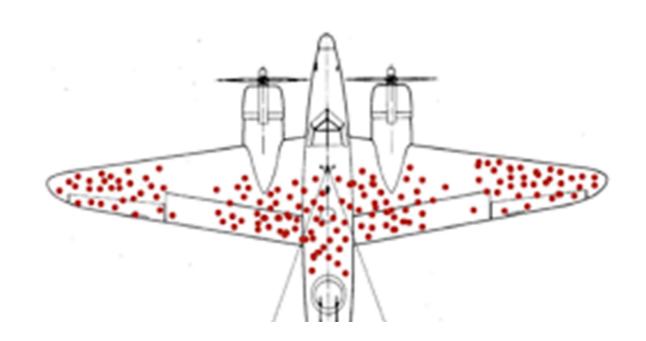
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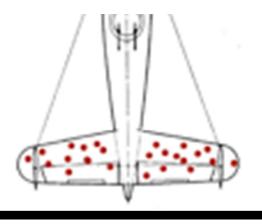




WOULD YOU SHIELD THE MOST FREQUENTLY HIT AREAS?

Survival Bias: Type of selection which consists of the logical error of focusing on things or people that have survived some process while ignoring those that have been eliminated due to their lack of visibility.





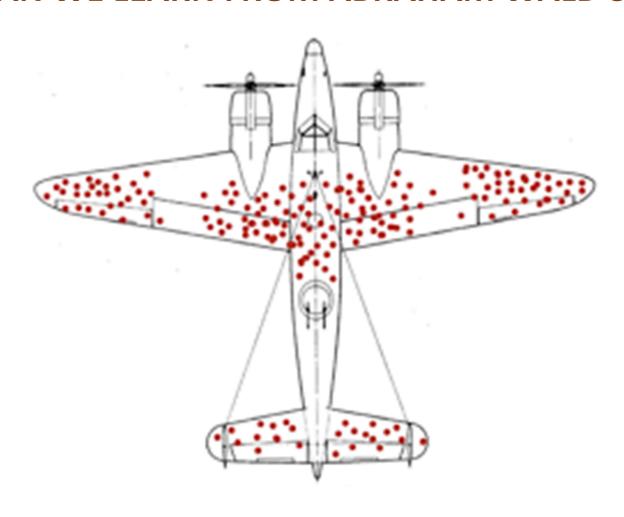
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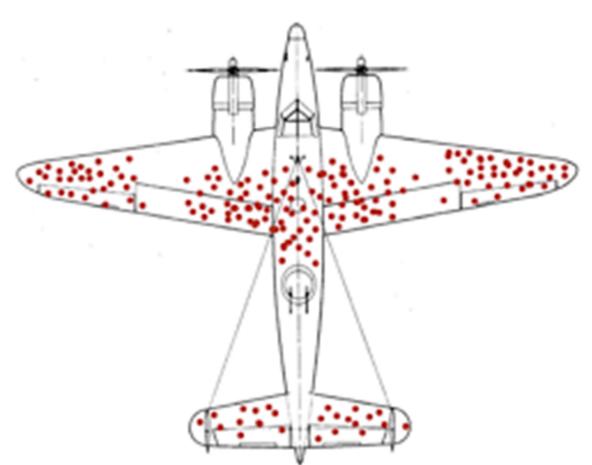
✓ Do not reinforce the worst hit areas

✓ Shield the areas without any markings

The planes that received the most shots in the highlighted areas were able to fly back. But those that were hit in the unmarked areas did not even come back.

#### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM ABRAHAM WALD'S TEAM?





Strenghen the invisible parts (agents) through effective anticorruption preventive methods.

Promote anticorruption culture within organizations in order to achieve high standards of behaviour in Public Administrations.









# OECD ACADEMY FOR TAX AND FINANCIAL CRIME INVESTIGATION

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### Introduction



**Corruption** is a major challenge that affects governments and companies worldwide.

This presentation will approach the topic through **Internal Affairs** point of view, the role played by **public agents** and will encourage participants to discuss the subject through practical cases.



"Corruption is the abuse of power for private gain" (Transparency International)



# Forms of Corruption

**BRIBERY** 

COUNTERFEITS

**NEPOTISM** 

**ILLICIT TRADE** 

**LOBBYING** 

SELL SENSITIVE INFORMATION

VAT FRAUD

MONEY LAUNDERING

**CONFLICT OF INTERESTS** 





# **Corruption Worlwide**



# CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2022

The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries/territories around the world.



Corruption has made our world a more dangerous place. As governments have collectively failed to make progress against it, they fuel the current rise in violence and conflict – and endanger people everywhere. The only way out is for states to do the hard work, rooting

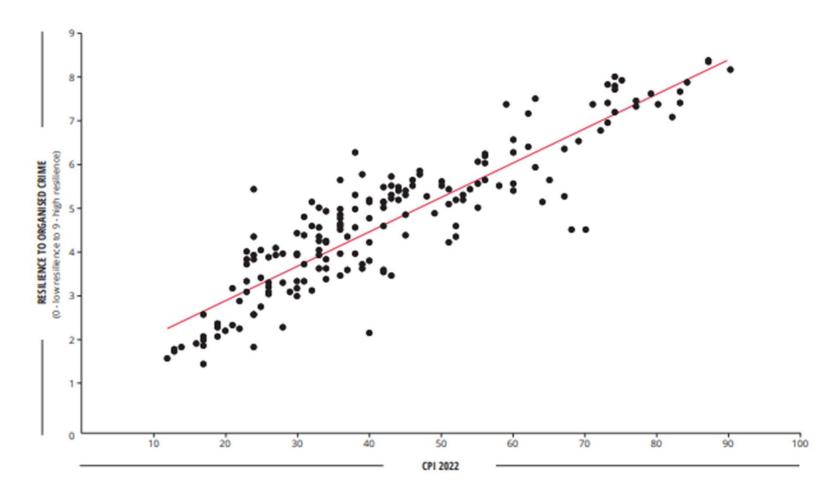
for all people, not just an elite few.

out corruption at all levels to ensure governments work

**Delia Ferreira Rubio** Chair, Transparency International

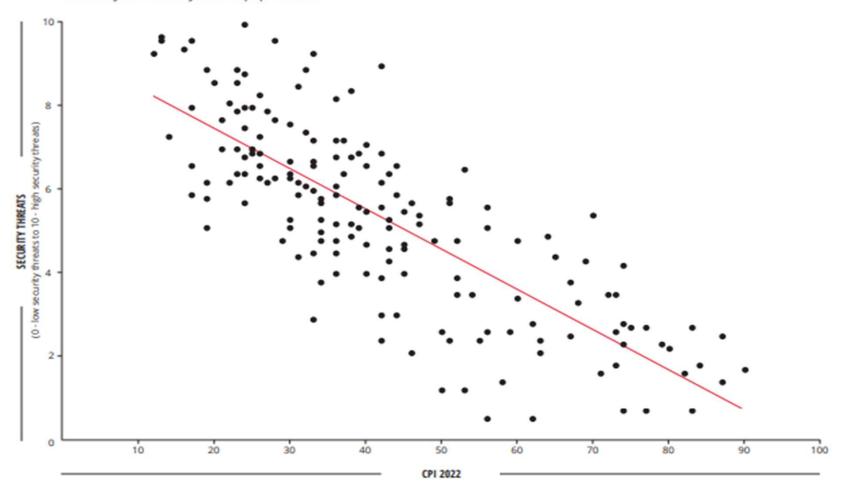
### Corruption and Resilience to Organised Crime

Countries with high CPI scores are more resilient to the threats posed by organised criminal groups.



#### **Corruption and Security Threats**

Countries with low CPI scores tend to experience more violent threats, and be worse at dealing with them and guaranteeing the safety and security of their populations.



#### **Internal Affairs**



#### The role of internal affairs

Internal affairs is responsible for ensuring that organizations comply with laws, regulations, and ethical standards. It plays a crucial role in preventing and detecting corruption. Internal affairs can establish policies, procedures, and controls to reduce the risk of corruption. It can also investigate and punish corrupt behavior.

#### **Internal Affairs**



**People** are in the center of organizations and governments. They are one of the key elements for the success or failure in companies.



**Public Agents** are entrusted with protecting the public interest. When engaged in corrupt behavior they can undermine the institutions they serve and its credibility.



#### **Internal Affairs**

# Public Agents:

- Speak for and in the name of the Public Administration
- Public Integrity Orientated
- Code of Conduct



# DO YOU KNOW ABOUT A CODE OF CONDUCT WITHIN YOUR AGENCY?



#### **GROUP WORK #1**

Ethical dilemmas
Corruption cases
Behaviours









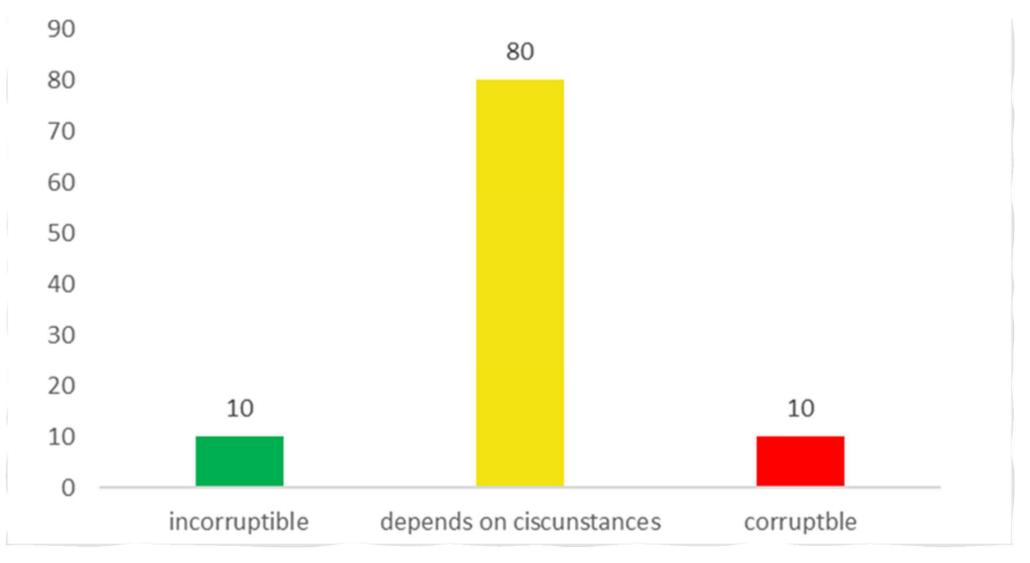


WHY DO PEOPLE
GET INTO
CORRUPT ACTS?



## Honest People and Corruption – Findings

- People are not as ethical as they think
- Guilt becomes smaller when shared
- Transparency is not an end in itself
- Unethical choices are often made by people who want to behave ethically
- Social dynamics impact individual behaviour
- Making choices in the public interest requires trust in the system













# **Preventing Corruption**

Code of Checks and Integrity Conduct balances Program Clear Compliance Transparency Reporting Engagement Tone at the Ombudsman of Civil Society top **OECD** Public School Governance Nudges Programme Reports

HOW DO YOU
DETECT/REPORT A
CORRUPT PUBLIC
AGENT IN YOUR
ORGANIZATION?



# **Detecting Corruption**



Internal Affairs procedures
Checks and balances
Ombusman
Senior report
Internal Control
Audit

Whistleblower

# **Detecting Corruption**



Whistleblower	

#### Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Definition - 1/6



The International Labour Organization (ILO) defines it as "the reporting by employees or former employees of illegal, irregular, dangerous or unethical practices by employers."

OECD Anti-Bribery Recommendation refers to protection from "discriminatory or disciplinary action public and private sector employees who report in **good faith** and on **reasonable grounds** to the competent authorities ..."

#### Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Scope of Coverage - 2/6



- Persons Afforded Protection as broad as possible
- **Subject** of Protected Disclosures ilegal, unethical or dangerous activities

#### Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Mechanisms for Protection - 3/6



#### Box 2. Comprehensive protection in South Africa

#### **Definitions**

- (vi) "occupational detriment", in relation to the working environment of an employee, means—
- (a) being subjected to any disciplinary action;
- (b) being dismissed, suspended, demoted, harassed or intimidated;
- (c) being transferred against his or her will;
- (d) being refused transfer or promotion;
- (e) being subjected to a term or condition of employment or retirement which is altered or kept altered to his or her disadvantage;
  - (f)being refused a reference. or being provided with an adverse reference, from his or her employer;
  - (g) being denied appointment to any employment, profession or office;
  - (h) being threatened with any of the actions referred to paragraphs (a) to (g) above; or
- (i) being otherwise adversely affected in respect of his or her employment, profession or office, including employment opportunities and work security.

Source: South Africa Protected Disclosures Act of 2000, Section vi.

#### Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Mechanisms for Protection - 3/6



#### **Anonymity and Confidentiality**

\*anonymous disclosures: According to Brazil's Supreme Court an anonymous tip cannot **by itself** warrant the opening of a criminal investigation. (Supreme Court of Brazil, Inquiry No. 1.957, 11 May 2005)

#### Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Reporting - 4/6



- Channels for Reporting
- Use of Incentives to Encourage Reporting
- Anti-corruption bodies
- Ombudsman
- Police/Prosecutor
- Trade Unions

# Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Barriers - 5/6



- Cultural
- Lack of trust in Institutions
- Retaliation

# Detecting Corruption – Whistleblower – Awareness raising - 6/6



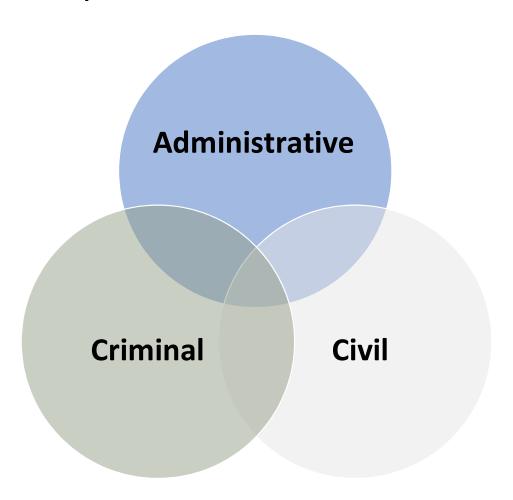
- Effective communication
- Training
- Guidelines
- Periodic Reports

#### **GROUP WORK #2**

Based on the dilemma you discussed with your group, what kind of preventive/detecting corruption measure would you apply for that particular situation?

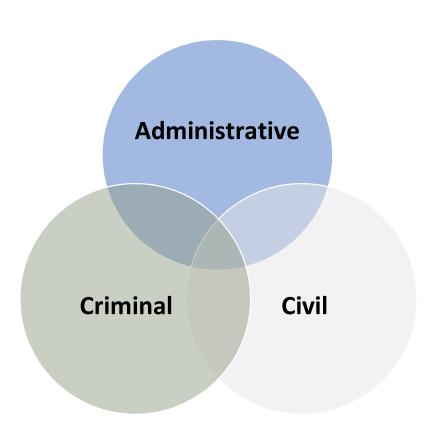


# Law Enforcement - System



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Possibility of evidences sharing



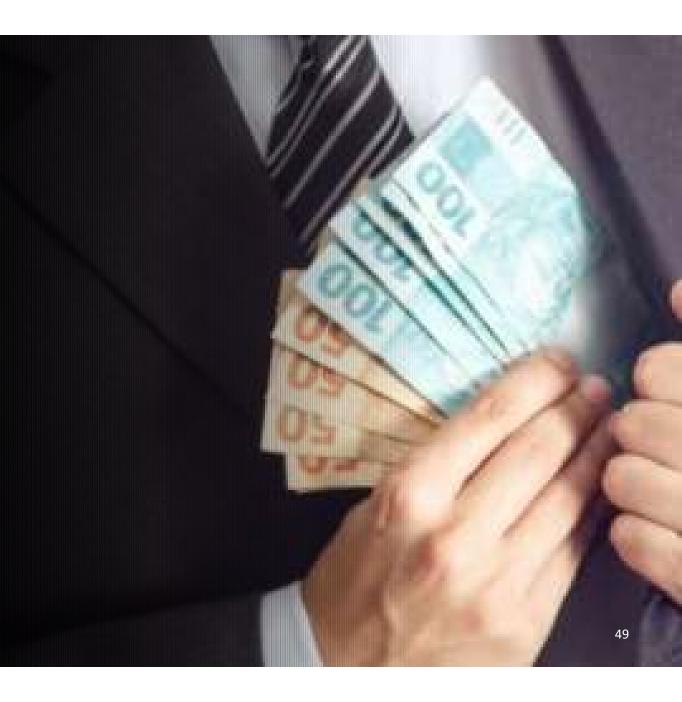
# Internal Affairs

#### **Administrative Procedure**

Disciplinary nature

Direct investigation

Not public



# Internal Affairs

#### **Administrative Procedure**

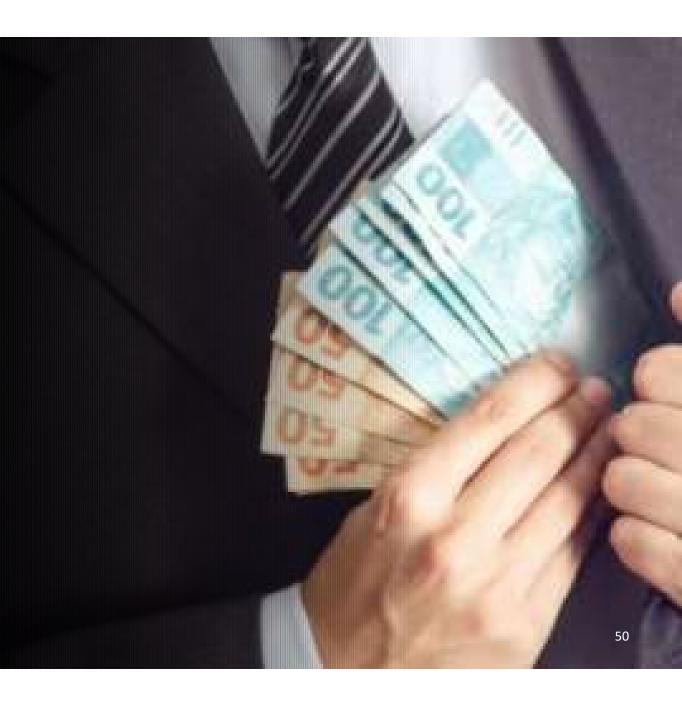
Possible Sanctions:

Fine

Warning

Suspension

Dismissal

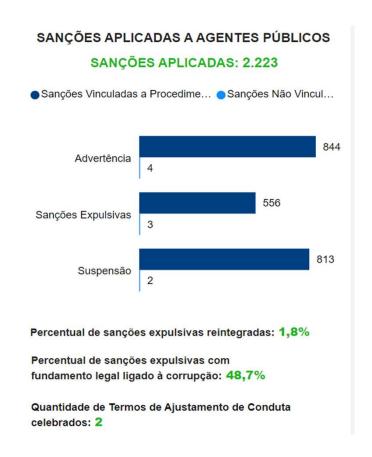


#### **Internal Affairs**

Year of 2023 - Brazil

% of dismissive sanctions applied with legal basis related to corruption in the federal public service after administrative proceedings

48,7%



https://centralpaineis.cgu.gov.br/visualizar/corregedorias







- Incompatible living stardard for financial compensation as a public agent.
- Brazil is a pioneer country in creating rules to comprehensively oblige public agents to annually submit information to the Public Administration about their income and assets.



- Look for external signs (luxury goods such as yachts, watches, vehicles, real estate and property renovations)
- Luxury and frequent parties
- Works of Art, jewels, etc
- Social media and ostentatious lifestyle
- Sudden or drastic change in lifestyle or comsumption behaviour





- Heritage
- Prizes
- Cross border operations
- Loans/mortgages

As they may be used to launder illicit funds





- Inter-institutional Cooperation
- Participation in international organizations
- International Cooperation
- Technical cooperation and cooperation networks



# INTERVIEWING IS MORE THAN JUST ASKING QUESTIONS!!!



Set up an Interview with the person under investigation

#### Purpose:

- Confession (suspect)
- Gathering information (witness)
- Conclusive statement (suspect and witness)



#### PREPARATION – 1/4

- Know the case
- Know the person
- Know the evidences
- Prepare an interview plan



#### PREPARATION – 2/4

- Place (agency, organization, police department)
- Prepare the room (clean table, good light, position where people sit)
- Tell why the person is there and what you want from him/her



#### PREPARATION – 3/4

- Try to "sell" the interview
- Establish empathy and cooperation
- Greeting, offer something to drink, make sure the person is comfortable
- Start interview with na icebreak type of conversation (Weather, sports, etc)







Maslow's hierarchy of needs

PREPARATION – 4/4

- Be confident, calm, polite (=professional)
- Never accept insults





"Everyone charged with a criminal offence shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law."

Article 6 paragraph 2 European Convention of Human Rights





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#### **GROUP WORK #3**

Based on the dilemma you discussed with your group write possible questions you would ask your suspect during the interview.

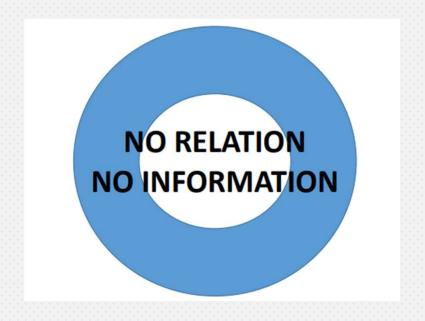


# COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR



#### COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR - 1/4





circle of contact: soft on the relation, firm on the facts

#### COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR – 2/4



#### Investigator's behaviour:

- Self-knowledge (your strength is also your pitfall)
- Curious, interested
- Flexible and open minded (it can always be different)
- Dare to confront
- No assumptions, no judgement
- Be transparent, professional

#### COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR - 3/4



Active listening Nodding, yes/no, taking

notes

Attentive behaviour Eye contact, active position,

non-verbal communication

Emotional reflection Tell what you see, nervous,

unconfortable

Silence Just wait and watch

Summarize "This is how I understand it

..... Am I right?"

Paraphrase Repeat one word or part of

the sentence

Confrontation "How is it possible that..."

"Please explain this

evidence"

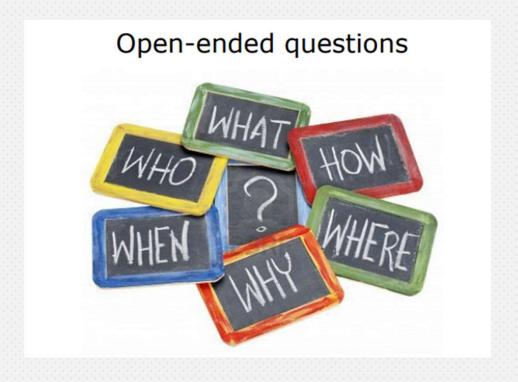
#### COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR - 4/4



# Tunnelvision is a risk for your investigation!!!

- No open mind
- Only looking for incriminating evidence
- Judicial errors

**DURING - 1/10** 





**DURING - 2/10** 

• DON'T INDUCE ANSWERS WITH QUESTIONS!!!!

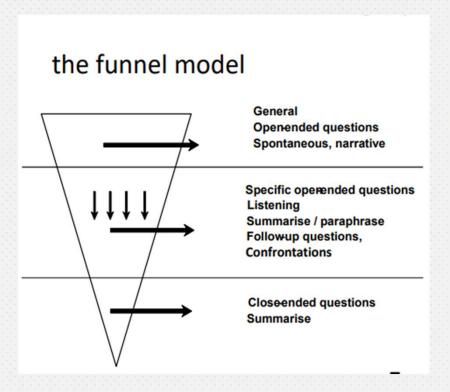
Don't ask if he/she bought the yacht. Instead, ask WHO bought it.





#### **DURING - 3/10**

- Allow the person to express him/herself with less possible interference.
- Ask specific questions for details later



**DURING - 4/10** 

- Confront him/her with inconsistencies
- Confront him/her with evidences



**DURING - 5/10** 

• Use reliable standards

i.e. inverviewer may say "you told me you bought the yatch from a tall man. How tall? Tall like me or tall like (name someone famous)?"



**DURING - 6/10** 

- Be firm and assertive
- Dont allow being interrupted while you speak



**DURING - 7/10** 

 If the interviewed is still lying and you need to encourage him/her to tell the truth:

**APPLY RATIONALIZATION TECHNIQUES!** 



**DURING - 8/10** 

Rationalization to get confession

Criminals will only confess if it is the best rational (not emotional) alternative according to his/her mental evaluation. Interviewer has to demonstrate that confession will bring more benefits than silence.



**DURING - 8/10** 

 Refocus blame: (it can make him/her feel less guilty and confess)

"I know it wasn't your idea to clear up tax debt information from the system, but from those other guys that were already dismissed from the agency. Am I right?"



**DURING - 9/10** 

 Show a good reason or intention: (it can make him/her feel less guilty and confess)

"I am sure the money was needed in your family, but to avoid things from getting worse for you I need your collaboration."



**DURING - 10/10** 

• Decrease the magnitude:

"Under my perspective, there are much worse things than that. It was only a yacht. Now, I need to know how you got the money to buy it"



We are not offering legal excuses for the interviewed, but applying rationalization techniques to make him confess/colaborate more

**IMPORTANT!!!!** 



#### Report of the Interview

- Audio visual recording (best practice)
- Written questions and anserws

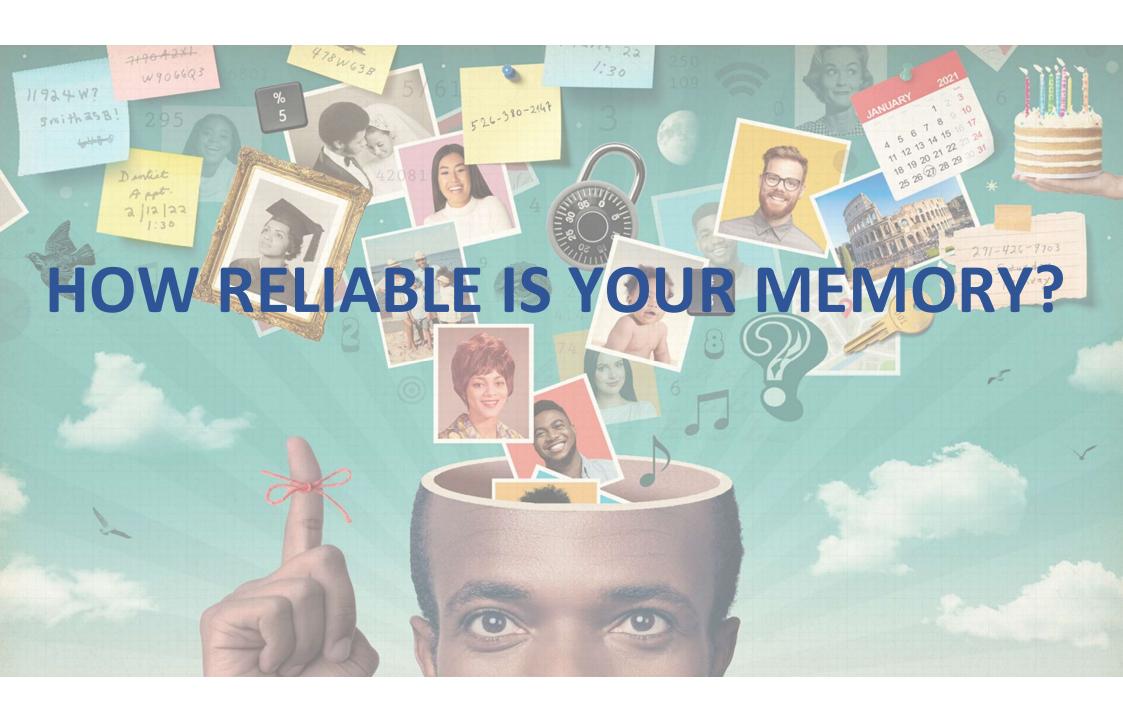


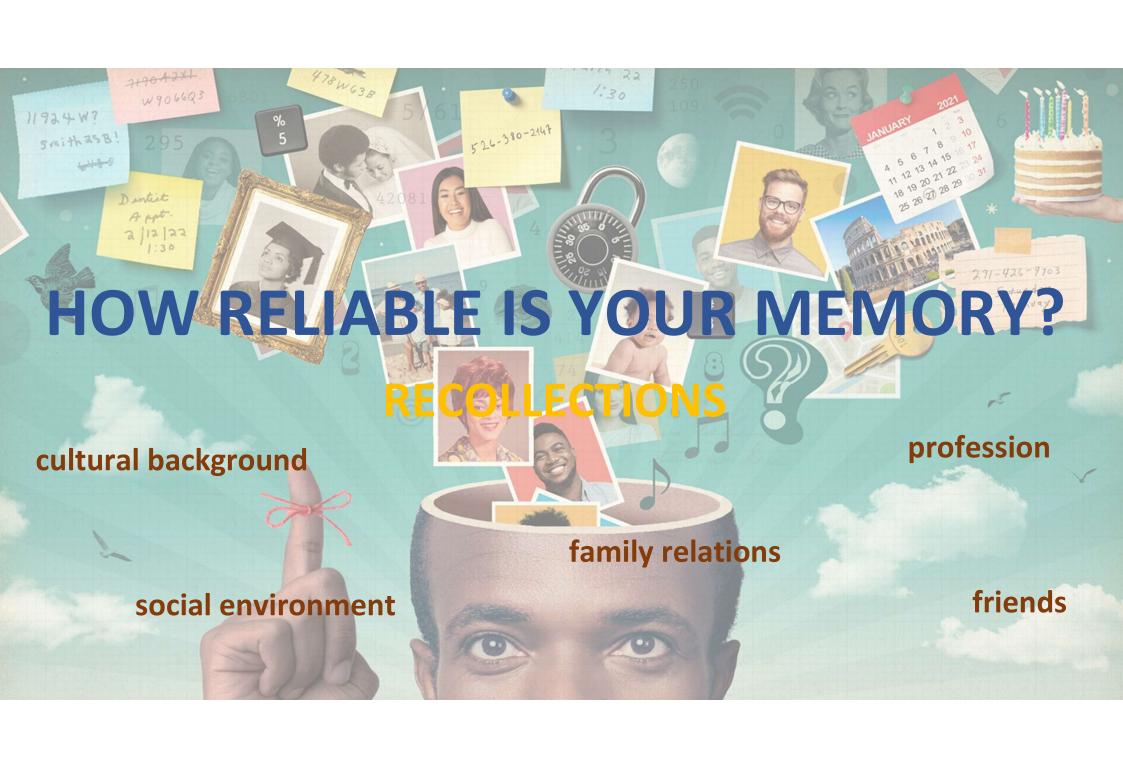


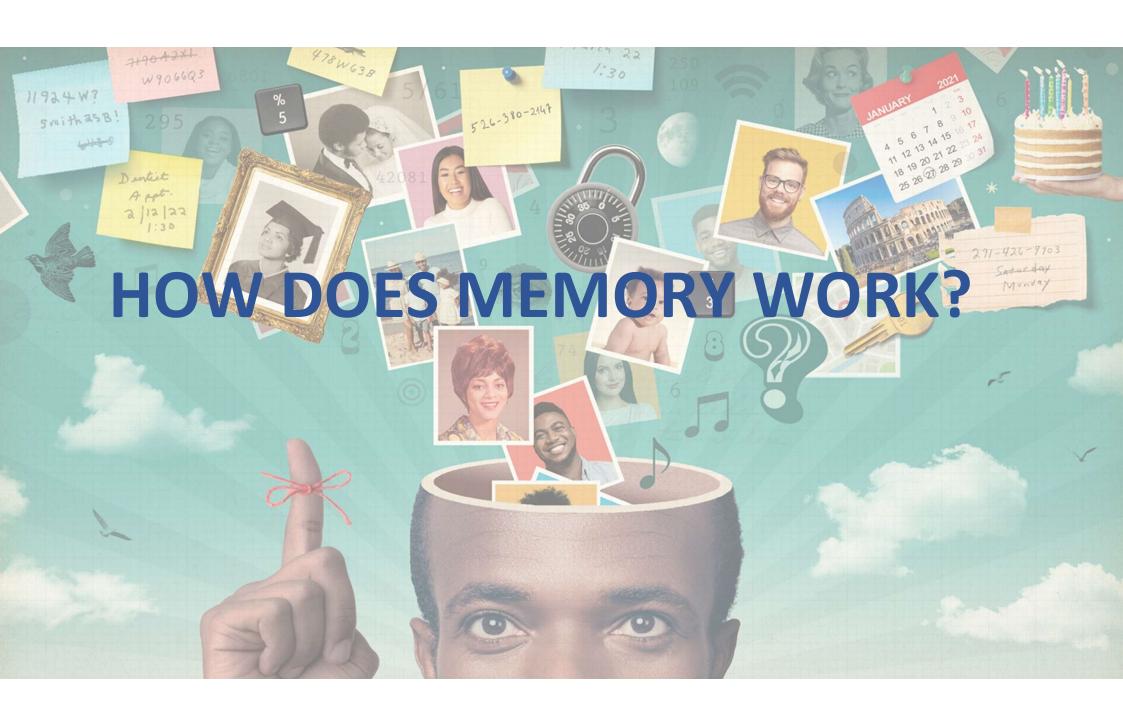
# VIDEO "A FEW GOOD MAN" INTERVIEW SCENE

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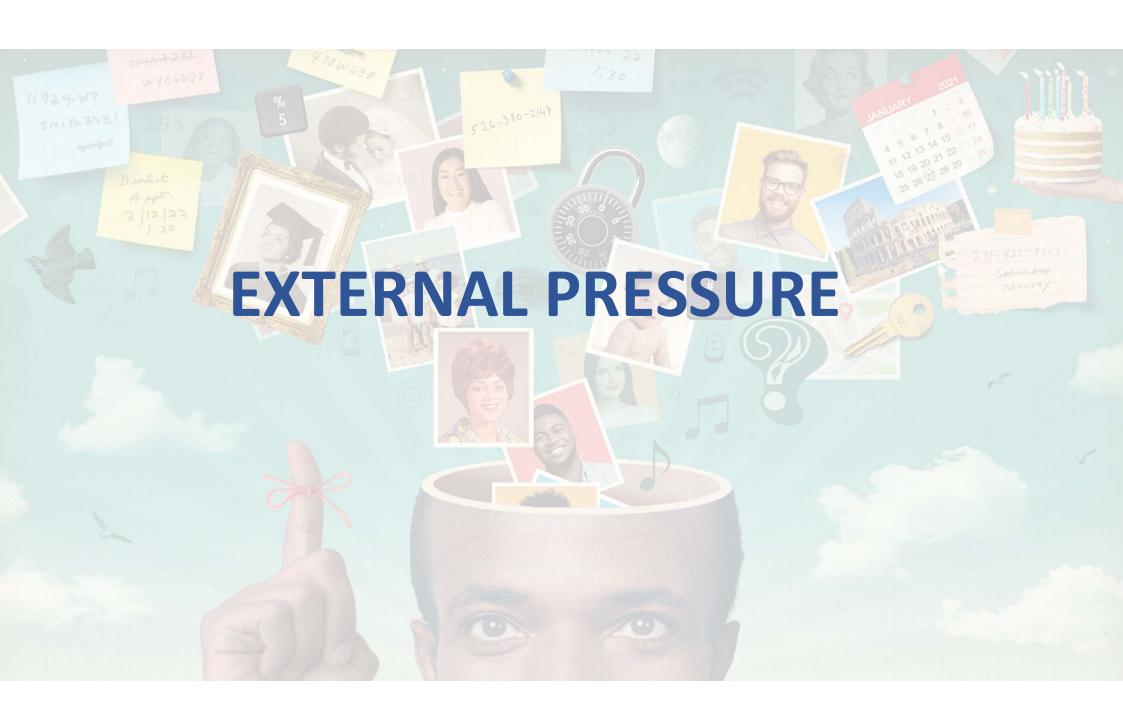






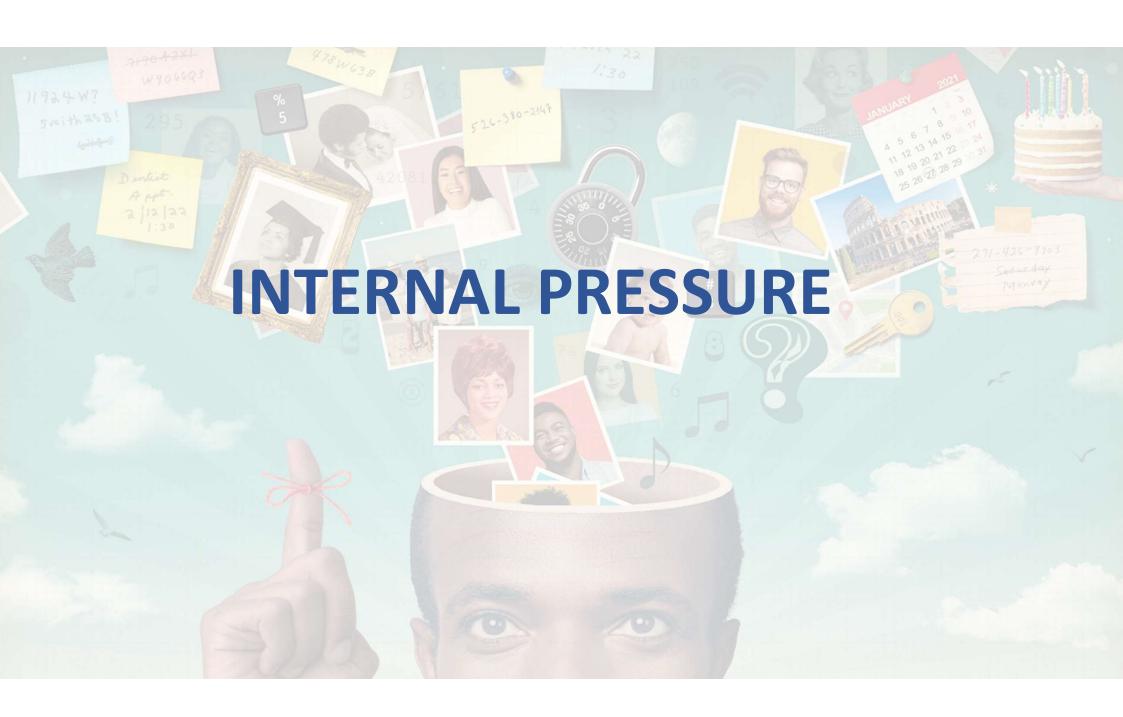








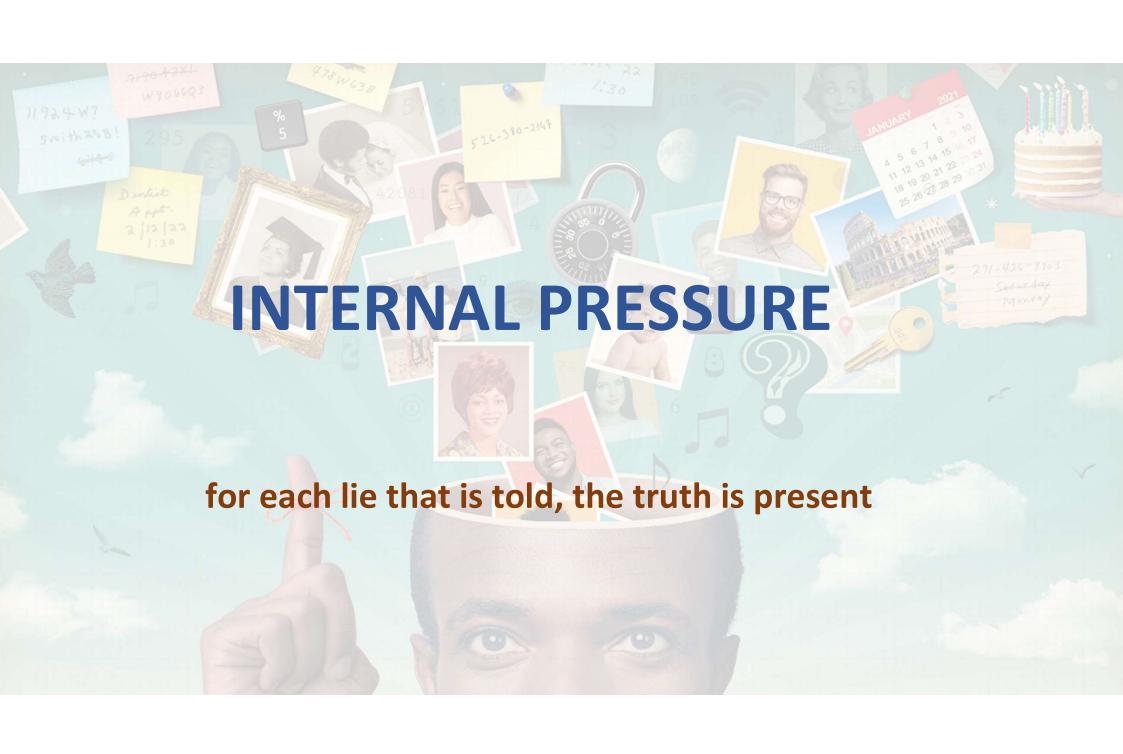




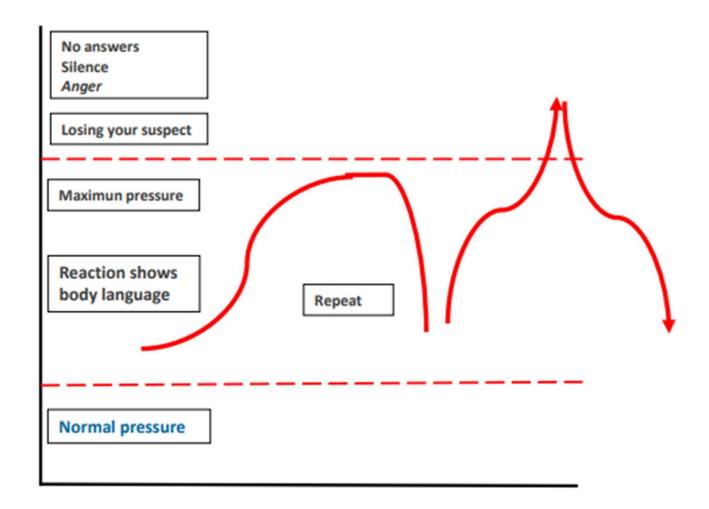


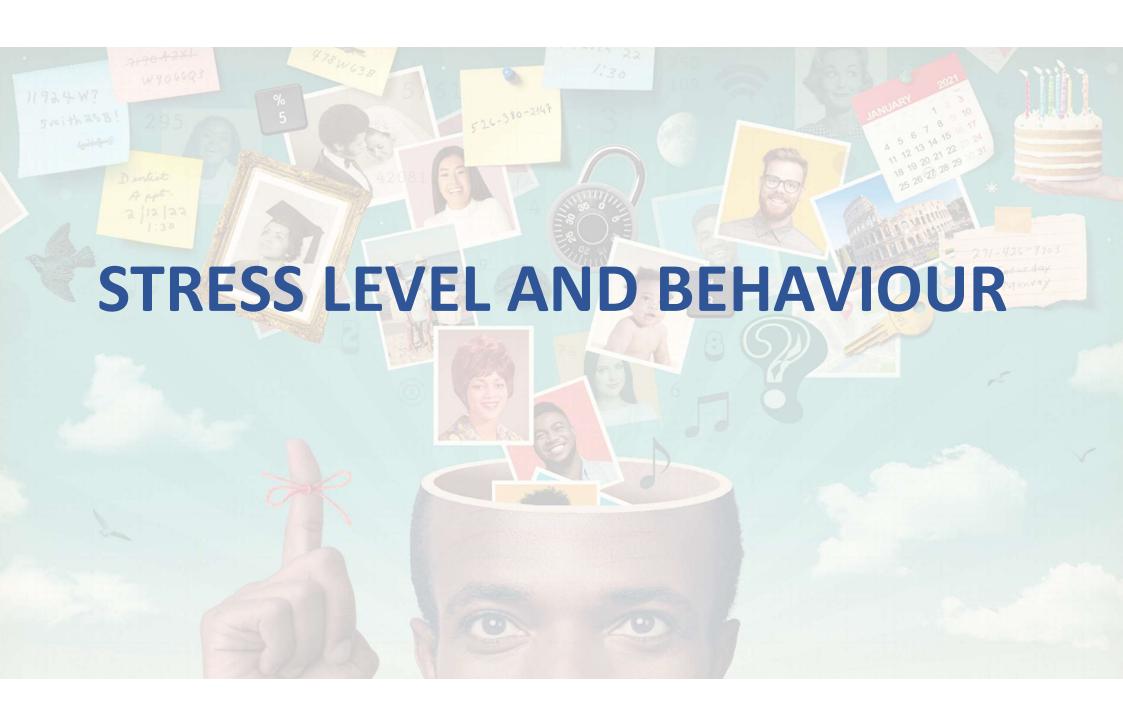
confrontation (facts, evidences, inconsistencies)

check statement/explanation instead of not believing



## Internal pressure





## STRESS LEVEL AND BEHAVIOUR

**Physical reactions** 

Sweating, blushing, shaking, smelling, tension of the jaws/muscles/veins

**Body movements** 

Facial expressions, tics, legs, mouth

Voice

Change in volume, pace, pauses, hesitations

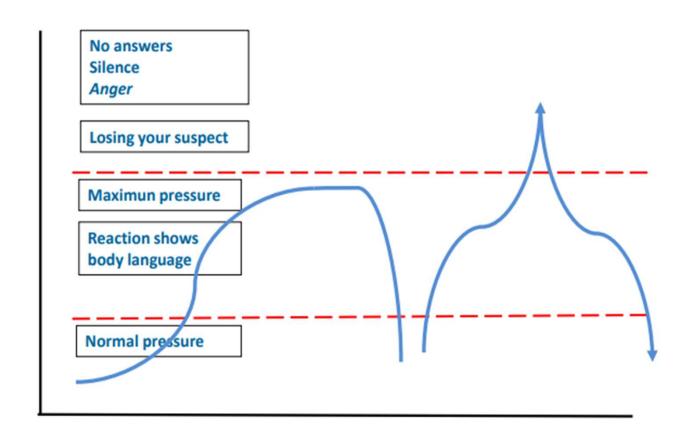
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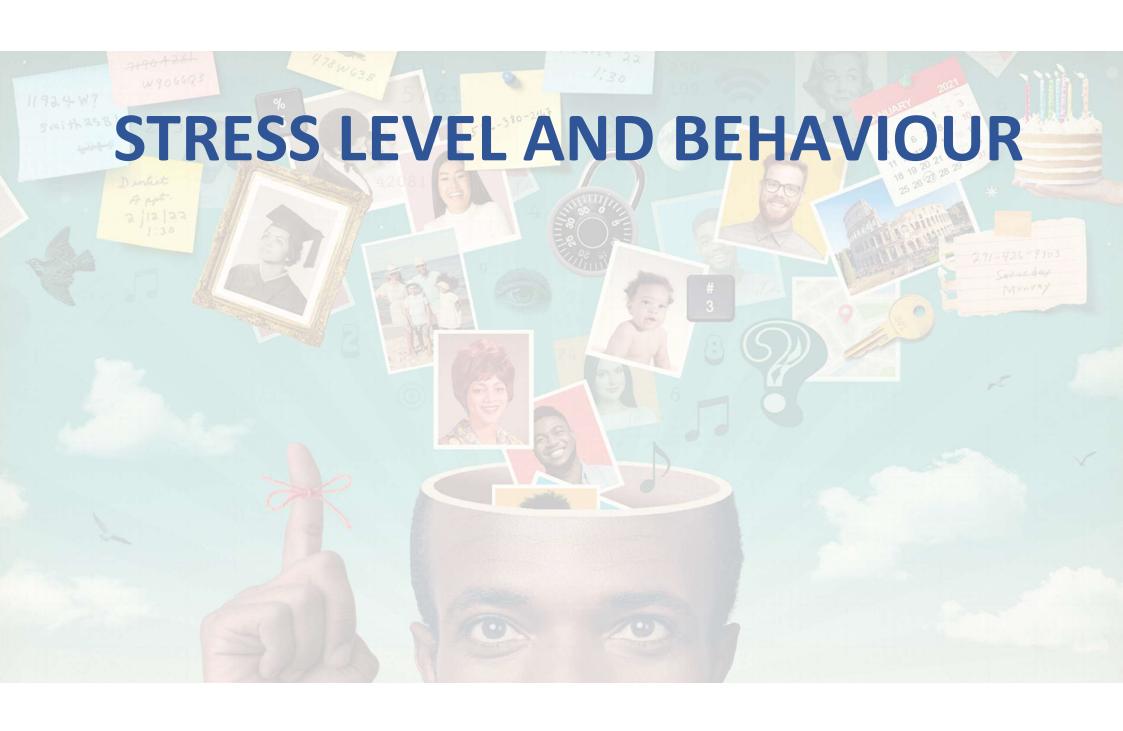
Length of sentences change, mistakes, stopgaps, being vague, rude, etc

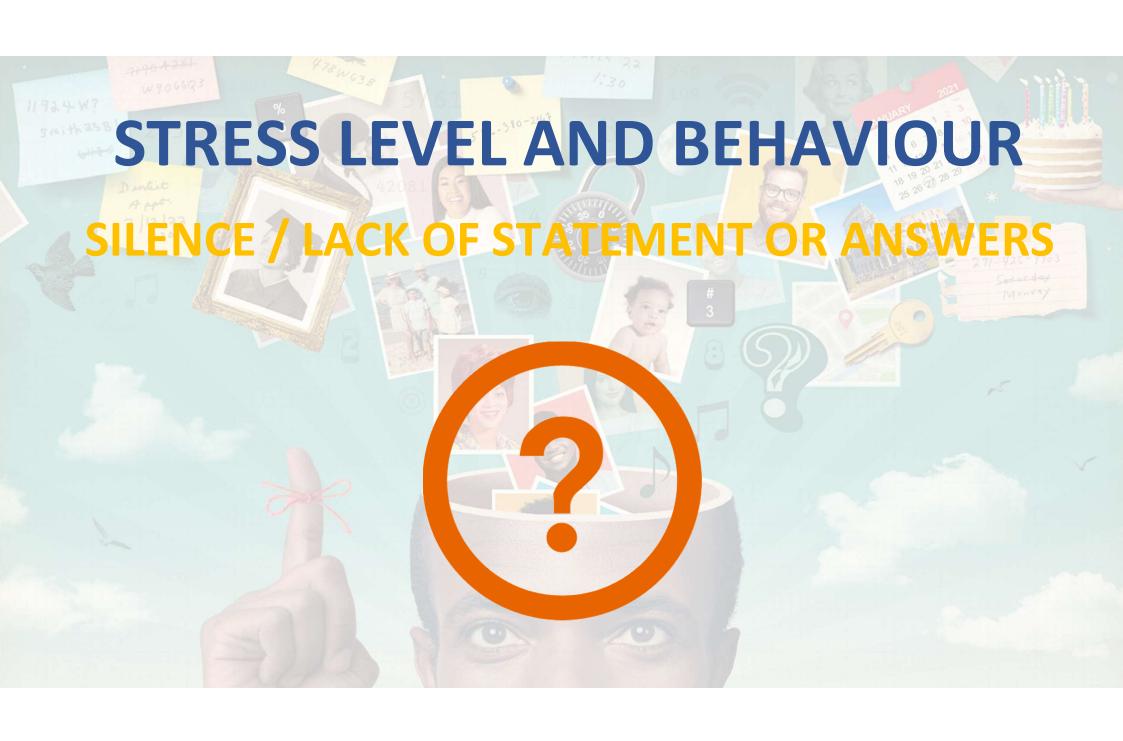
Other characteristics

Smoking, asking for food/drink/toilet, changing subject, answering questions with other questions, etc.

#### The stress level







# STRESS LEVEL AND BEHAVIOUR

## SILENCE / LACK OF STATEMENT OR ANSWERS

Become impatient	Watch behaviour <sup>#</sup>	
Expect the resistance to disappear	Tell him/her what you see	
Power struggle	Ask questions	
Too much insistance to make a statement	Try to find out the reasons of the silence. Once found, apply rationalization techniques	
Give up	Keep asking questions (funnel)	
Stop talking too	Point out the consequences of his/her silence. It may affect the conviction, sentence, defence, etc	

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apply







# REASONS OF SILENCE

#### **STRATEGY**

- Statement about a part of the investigation
- Lawyers's advice
- Assumption of too much/too little evidence
- Hope to gain priviledges
- Interviewer is too hard
- Confession/Statement will only be done before Prosecutor or Court
- Fear of revenge
- Cultural / group pressure





# REASONS OF SILENCE

### CAUSES DURING INTEVIEW

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- Lack of trust (investigator, interpreter, legal system, etc)
- Pressure is too high
- Behaviour of the interviewer evokes resistance



show the benefits from his/her colaboration (rationalize)

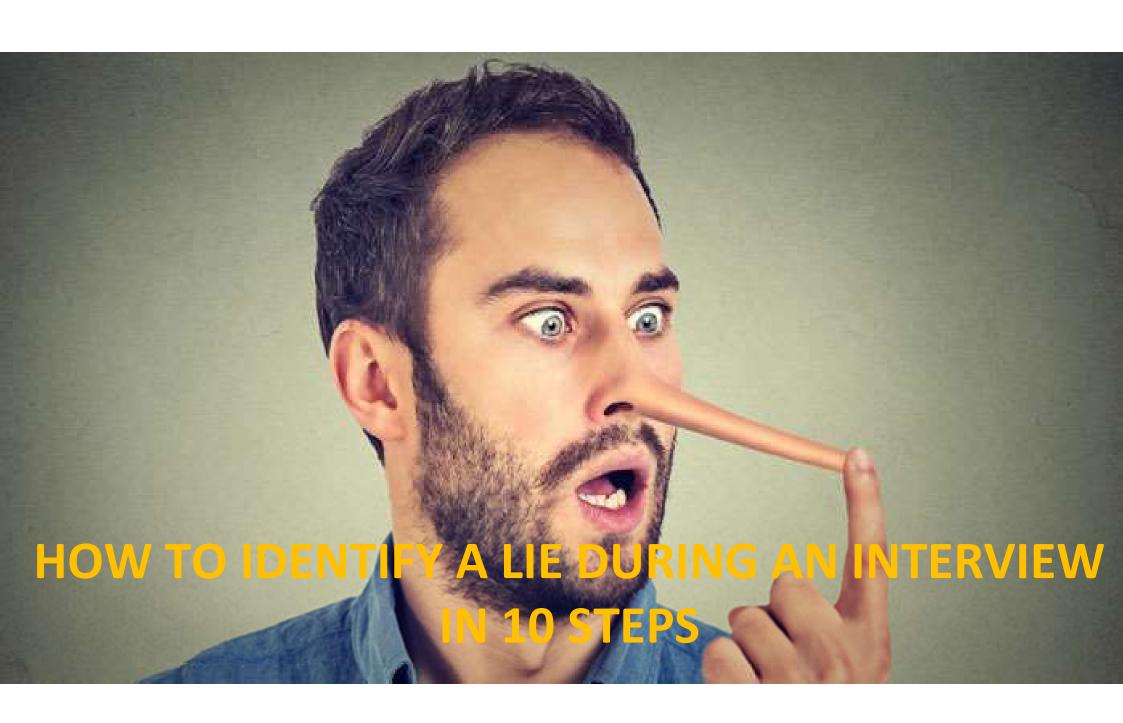












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#### **GROUP WORK #4**

#### **KAHOOT QUIZ**









# Thank you very much Muito Obrigada आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद

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