ANARCHIST SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR UNDERSTANDING GESTAPO SWINE INTERROGATION MIND GAMES

STAYING FREE BY SHUTTING THE FUCK UP!

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The primary thought you must have firmly in your mind, keep in your mind's forefront, when questioned by police is if they, your police interrogators, possessed a solid, airtight, open and shut case against you they would not be bothering to question you at all. When you are approached refuse to be questioned and immediately demand an attorney be present to advise you of your constitutional rights before any questioning takes place. In an ideal world, and by well established law, at this point all questioning is supposed to stop but that does not always happen as "clever" ploys are used by police to get you to volunteer for questioning or be forthcoming with information that rarely benefits you, a suspect but furthers the goal of their investigation. Never answer any questions, no matter how innocent they sound, after you have invoked your right to an attorney. Do not respond to any question no matter how tempting or how harmless you think it to be! When read the Miranda rights you were told anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law and that is precisely what it means! Anything you might say of even a microscopic incriminating nature will be interpreted as a major admission by creative minds which can and will be used against you. You can take that fact to the bank.

Police interrogators aren't your friends! Don't provide them with anything to use against you, only provide your basic statistical personal information such as name, age, address, birthday and social security! They're your enemy if questioning you! Volunteer nothing! Either you are a suspect, friends or comrades are suspects or they are attempting to gather information to be used against you or your associates in the future. Your best interests, you as a person, is the last thing on their minds. They're merely performing their government job. Don't allow yourself to become frightened or worse still to be lulled into a false sense of security. If they assault you can practice the popular American martial art of "I Sue!" Politely listen to their games. Remain silent no matter how long questioning lasts and, don't allow yourself to be wore down with time, a favorite tactic employed by skilled questioners. Recognize their games and realize their societal job function is to lock you up to clear a case file that may result in destruction of your life, making you, your family and loved ones suffer, sometimes for months and in the worse scenario for years! Remain silent. Sooner or later they will give up questioning you altogether. They will move on to a weak willed person to manipulate into prolonged imprisonment.

There are two logical outcomes to interrogations. When questioning is done you are free to leave to join family, friends or comrades within the movement, a wiser, stronger willed soldier tested by fire, or you are locked up. If locked up, and you kept your mouth shut, as soon as possible and the opportunity presents itself after you request your one allowed phone call then call a bail bonding company or your lawyer. Your attorney will be pleased he/she has a client who remained silent and did not give no statement! Because of your wise silence your attorney may be able to perform the magic taught in law universities and colleges of law. Your attorney may be able to have the case dismissed in court later due to the lack of evidence at preliminary hearing if you are charged with a crime! If you have felt the need of confession other than to a priest then forget about lack of evidence dismissals. You volunteered so endeavor to enjoy your unique incarceration experience, dummy! Should there be other evidence against you ("Oops! Forgot my gloves! Fingertips are Hollywood bull shit, right?!") by choosing to remain silent you have expanded your lawyer's defense strategy choices which may win your case in court in front of a jury made up of people of average ignorance. Those of you who immediately thought of the O.J. jury, shame on you!

Give up nothing! Give up nobody! Don't let your mouth put your ass in jail! Retain your rights! Remember
you have the right not to incriminate yourself! Say nothing you or your friends will regret later in court while facing a stern faced judge and anal retentive, irate government prosecutor!

If you stayed with me to this point, the following will be some shallow, laughable mind games they may try to play on you with all the intensity of a child examining the first insect they encountered! Remember the cops talking to you, cajoling you to bear your soul, clear your conscience, "make yourself feel better" by telling them what happened because they "understand" after you do will laugh in your face, later in their locker room howl with laughter with each other about how utterly naive and gullible you are, call you an ignoramus and various other things, pat each other and themselves on the back and then pleased with their day's work go home to screw their wife, boyfriend or girlfriend and kick their dog, or vice versa.

After the interrogation is over as a just reward for your cooperation with these hardworking public servants who serve and protect the public, you will be led away to a filthy barren cell reeking with combined odors of sweat, body waste in liquid and solid form, stale tobacco smoke and hopelessness with dubious characters as your cell mates. You may have to fight to keep a food tray, a place to sit or sleep if you aren't immediately bailed out, you may discover yourself in a struggle to retain your shoes, shirt or jacket from predatory social prisoners. Remember how you felt your privacy was violated when a bathroom door was accidentally opened by another person on you at home, office, workplace, or elsewhere? Well, prepare yourself to forfeit all privacy expectation when Nature calls and you must answer the call in the sight, presence or within arm's reach of other hapless people! You may be forced to learn what it means to literally and figuratively stand your ground for the first time in your life in a jail or in prison. You may be forced to defend your sexuality, defend yourself against sexual predators or some people are forced to temporarily switch their sexual preferences becoming bisexual by circumstance to survive incarceration intact. Yell for help? None is forthcoming except in cases of extreme brutality or mutual combative situations as those who swore to serve and protect usually turn a blind eye to prisoners. If you confessed to police interrogators, aided with the crime investigation efforts, in an ill-fated effort to prove yourself intellectually superior to those questioning you stuck your foot in your mouth, you have condemned yourself with your own words, then you will in all likelihood, not pay the slightest attention to the following word of caution. Once booked, fingerprinted and slammed in a cell you should not talk about your case with those around you who may express interest in why you are locked up! Each prisoner willing to listen to your tale of woe is a potential threat of showing up in court to testify against you as a jailhouse informant or a cop put in the cell with you whose sole purpose was to gain confidence and solicit a confession! You may be a target so realize this fact and shut the fuck up! A classic example of this is years ago in the early 1980's, a State prisoner in Tennessee named Gary Hartman confided to a cell partner, Raymond Frazier, about a murder in which he was involved. Frazier got with another prisoner, Kenneth King, and they, with the aid of prison officials, contacted the attorney general's office and law enforcement, collected a $1,000 reward and Hartman was convicted and sentenced to death. After a decade plus on death row Hartman's death sentence was overturned on appeal and he was sentenced to life in prison. Just like during W.W. I and W.W. II, loose lips sink ships!

If you made a statement you may as well be pleased with your lousy career, life and health choices since you have volunteered for a stint, however prolonged or brief, in your chosen hell by "cooperating" with police? Not exactly a Norman Rockwell picture, is it? I refuse to "sugarcoat" this
description of a potential first confinement experience horror to save your sensitivity or cater to your squeamishness. I would rather shock you to serious thought by speaking truth motivated by love for my sincere activist brothers and sisters engaged in struggle against the monsters of the earth guided by their hearts and knowledge of what is right rather than let you find out the painful hard way and begin a nightmare which will rob you of your life, of your productive years, and the progress you could have made during those forever lost years to the struggle.

GESTAPO STYLE INTERROGATION, 101

SUBJECT CREDIT: REMAINING FREE

Following are some of the mind games the police play on the unwary to extract "voluntary" confessions. Know your enemy well, recognize their games and the many variations of them, as many and as varied as personalities of the accused and their interrogators. Your ability to remain free may someday well depend on your strength of character and knowledge of the tactics used, techniques employed and psychological pressures. Each one is designed to elicit a response from the person on whom they are employed.

1. The interrogator displays confidence in the guilt of the suspect with an air of "Convince me otherwise?"

2. The questioner points out some, but by no means all, of the circumstantial evidence indicative of a subject's guilt. This is a variation of "I know more than I am saying and you are fucked if your story does not match what I know." More often than not they know zip, nothing, and so

further explanation as it has been portrayed ad nauseam in cheap B-Grade gangster movies for decades. This is a tried and true, timeworn, method of obtaining confessions which few accused should logically fall for but many do in the criminal world due to distrust of their associates. With politically motivated suspects divide and conquer ploys have much smaller success rate but still sometimes succeed.

17. Interrogators will seek admissions of knowledge of a crime being investigated by asking if a suspect knows "why" they are being questioned. A grievous error is committed when a suspect volunteers information or any knowledge of a crime providing details which he/she could only possess if that person committed the crime or was present when it was committed. Admission of such knowledge aids investigation efforts as the interrogator is aware the subject of questioning is either the perpetrator of the crime, was complicit in the commission of the crime or is a witness. The best advice is volunteer nothing and remain mute except for required personal identity information. Protestations of innocence only serve to open a dialogue with questioners, often proving counterproductive to the interest of the accused.

18. The interrogator begins a questioning session by asking a subject to relate all he/she knows about the victim and other possible suspects leading up to questions about the actual incident/offense/crime. It often proves difficult for most subjects of questioning to stop talking once they have started than to never start talking in the first place. People enjoy talking and trying to impress others with what they know on any subject.

19. Skilled interrogators will attempt to obtain detailed information from the subject about their activities before, at the time of and after the crime. Some subjects will
attempt to place themselves at the scene either before or after a crime has been committed or in close proximity to where the crime occurred thereby driving nails into their own coffin at future prosecution.

20. When facts of a crime are already known by police interrogators they will often ask about these known facts in a casual manner as though the facts was not already known by the authorities to rattle a suspect's nerves and make them more vulnerable to aggressive interrogation techniques. This is done in order to create suspicion in a suspect others involved have already made a confession. The volatile emotional mixture of fear, distrust and suspicion has turned friends, lovers, partners and family members against each other. If interrogators can pit one against another to achieve a confession they will do it with immense pleasure, wrecking friendships, causing betrayed trust and destroying families! Your family, friends and you are about as important to them as discarded toilet tissue! If you realize this you are light-years ahead of falling for pressure tactic mind games!

At demonstrations where there is even the slightest chance of a cop riot try to always to stay close to trusted friends in case you get swooped up by the cops! Trust them if you are arrested or if you all are nicked! If you are arrested in the chaos and confusion of a cop riot, they will know what happened and can get you a bail bondsman or attorney while you are trucked off to jail. If you are all busted then there is morale strength in numbers, you can pool resources and all get out of the can. The old concept of all for one and one for all! Go to demonstrations and other direct action activities with your trusted friends. Take only those tried and true friends you trust on all direct action operations! When your ass is on the line then it is the wrong time to test their loyalty. Realize the strength of your comrades during questioning, shut the fuck up, stifle any urge to talk, and definitely don’t confess to anything to effectively volunteer to become a jail or prison population statistic.

21. An interrogator during a questioning session will sometimes at intervals ask a suspect questions about other people in a manner implying correct answers are already known. One such question would be asking how long you have known John Smith rather than if you knew John Smith. Another ploy consists of prefacing a question that does not bear directly on guilt or innocence with an admonishment to think carefully before you answer the next question. It is most commonly used while the interrogator shuffles through papers or while holding papers, a question is posed and followed by an expression of doubt after you give an answer to whatever question was asked. This type of questioning is a probe for a justification response from you. Offer nothing whether you think it is already known or not and ignore this category of question entirely.

22. An interrogator might refer to some nonexistent piece of incriminating "evidence" to see if the suspect will attempt to explain it away. If a suspect does it suggests guilt as the guilty are concerned about covering their tracks and worry about the police discovering incriminating evidence inadvertently overlooked at the crime scene. An innocent suspect has no tracks to cover so obviously does not have to speculate about the discovery of incriminating evidence.

23. A skilled questioner may ask if a person being questioned has ever "thought" about committing the offense being investigated or one similar to it. If you are clue less enough to answer such an inquiry your questioner is likely to show up in court to testify about how you bragged or boasted about thinking of committing the crime! A resounding reply of "No!" is a characteristic response of innocent people. If you allowed yourself to slip and answer in the affirmative the next logical question will be something like "Thinking like that
finally got to the point where during one of your weakest moments, when you were under the extreme pressure, you gave in? I can understand that so tell me about it?" Duh!

24. With vandalism, property destruction or theft cases the interrogator will attempt to coerce a suspect into an offer of restitution which is a clear indicator of guilt. The normal response of an innocent suspect when restitution is mentioned is a loud and clear statement from them they are not going to pay for something they did not do or steal. The response being fished for from a guilty person is agreement the aggrieved individual, party or business should be reimbursed for their loss followed by a proclamation the suspect did not have anything to do with whatever it was defaced, destroyed or stolen. The suspect has placed himself in the position of appearing to be a guilty dunce!

25. A suspect is often asked if they are willing to take a polygraph test? Innocent people almost always agree to take practically any test immediately to prove their innocence. A guilty person is prone to refuse a lie detector test immediately or find excuses to back out of taking it after agreeing. The truth is few communities have this service available as an investigative tool and are using the only resource available, a skilled, common sense interrogation without aid of electronic instrument assistance in their quest to pin the tail on the donkey. Should you agree to take a polygraph examination 99.9% of the time the offer to provide the test proves nothing but a smoke screen, a bluff or ploy to determine your willingness to prove your innocence. A savvy person will press the issue and demand such a test in these circumstances. The back pedaling of the authority figure might even prove amusing to watch for comic relief in a stressful situation?

26. Police investigators know, beyond any doubt, the suspect who states something like "All right, I will tell you what you want but I didn't do it!" is, in all probability, guilty.

THERE ARE AS MANY VARIATIONS OF INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES AS THERE ARE COPS! THOSE PREVIOUSLY LISTED ARE MERELY A FEW OF THE MOST POPULAR, THE MOST OFTEN USED ONES.

THE BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE REGARDING POLICE INTERROGATION, IF THE ENEMY PERSIST IN QUESTIONING YOU IN SPITE OF YOUR REQUEST FOR AN ATTORNEY, IS TO REMAIN SILENT DURING ALL QUESTIONING AND ANSWER NOTHING ASKED!

DO NOT OFFER INFORMATION, NO MATTER HOW UNIMPORTANT OR TRIVIAL YOU DEEM IT TO BE, BECAUSE YOU MAY UNBEKOWNST BE OFFERING UP THE TIDBIT OF INFORMATION WHICH IS THE PIECE THAT COMPLETES THE PUZZLE FOR THEM TO PROSECUTE YOU OR OTHERS!

NEVER TRY TO FISH FOR INFORMATION AS POLICE WILL ALWAYS OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION THAN THEY GIVE! ALWAYS! NEVER FORGET IT!

PLAIN AND SIMPLE, STAY QUIET, MUTE, AND FREE OR GIVE YOURSELF THE BEST CHANCE TO WIN YOUR CASE IF BROUGHT TO TRIAL BY USING YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!

I APOLOGIZE TO ALL PIGS EVERYWHERE FOR DEFAMING YOUR SPECIES BUT I AM A PRODUCT OF THE SIXTIES WHEN JACK BOOTED GESTAPO SNOUTS WITH BADGES WAS CALLED "PIGS!" TO POLICE EVERYWHERE I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT LEAVING MONEY ON YOUR MOTHER'S NIGHTSTAND WHEN I LEFT BUT I WAS SHORT ON CASH THAT DAY SO GOT A FREEBIE! YOU MAD? WHY? SHE LIKED IT!

I WISH ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN STRUGGLE THE BEST OF LUCK! I HOPE I NEVER SEE YOU IN HERE WITH ME! CONFUSION TO OUR ENEMIES! STAY SILENT! STAY FREE! THEY WILL NEVER GET US ALL!
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Harold states the reason he put together this pamphlet is it saddens him when he hears stories of animal rights activists, environmentalists and anarchists being arrested and put through the judicial mill by the monsters of the earth. Harold is a strict vegetarian, supports those brave comrades struggling for animal rights and against those raping our earth for corporate greed. He will be imprisoned twenty one years in November, 2000. A support campaign has been formed in England to help Harold with living expenses, court filing fees, typing supplies, etc. Contributions can be sent to Friends Of Harold H. Thompson, P.O. Box 375, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, GU21 2XL, England, or to Chirevnet, % Box-Holder, P.O. Box 578042, Chicago, Illinois 60657-8042. Harold welcomes mail. He can be reached at the following address: Harold H. Thompson, #93992, Northwest Correctional Complex, Route 1, Box 660, Tiptonville, Tennessee 38079. He is allowed to receive via mail US postal money orders, stamps and photos but only if commercially developed. Contributions can also be sent to the address below:

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