The usage of polygraph technology in investigation and auditing

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# What is polygraph?

Poly: Many Graph: Writing Lie Detector Fact Finder

#### Why Should You use Polygraph Technology?

- 1. A Tool to assist you in your investigation
- 1. To find the truth professionally
- 2. To detect a liar
- 3. To Prove Your Innocent & Clear Your name
- 4. Solve your case immediately
- 5. Possibility to use as a tool to detain suspect under 117 (Remand)

# Polygraph

The Polygraph measures and records changes in bodily functions brought about by stress:

- Breathing patterns
- Blood pressure, pulse rate & strength
- Galvanic skin response
- By asking question



#### **Definition....**

....a person is telling the truth or not by detecting changes in body functions such as *pulse*, *blood pressure* and *perspiration* which can be stimulated by emotional stress of lying response to a QUESTION

# Polygraph.....

The instrument is not a lie detector.

I'm a lie detector and just as often I'm a truth verifier"

#### Accuracy

It has been used in more than
 80 countries in the world and one of
 the most accurate tool to detect
 deception or truthful
 Under Good Hands it is 98% accurate
 You Cannot Beat Polygraph



- In 1917, the first polygraph examination was used for counterintelligence work during World War I.
   The FBI began using polygraph examinations in 1938.
- Polygraph systems and research have advanced dramatically throughout the last 70 years and
   In 1986 the introduction of computerized polygraph systems began which has led to today's advanced state of the art systems.







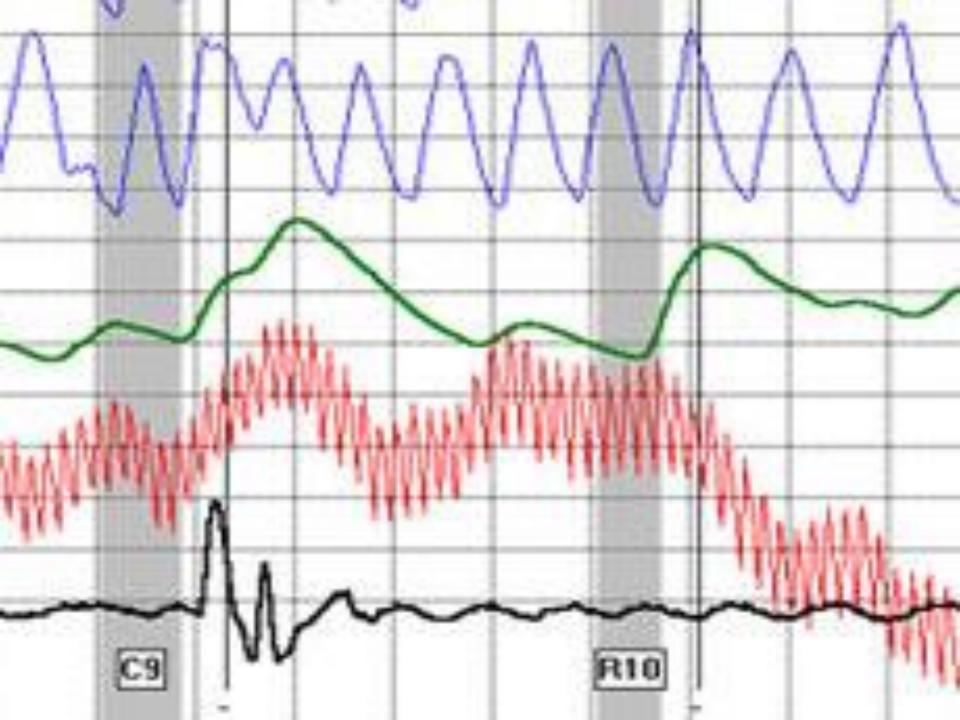












# MMMMMMMM Amount of the spiration of the

# Skin conductance

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### Heart Beat



# COMPONENTS OF POLYGRAPH...

Convoluted rubber tubes
Two small metal plates
Blood pressure culf

#### **STAGES OF EXAMINATIONS**

Pre testing
Testing
Post testing

**Pre Testing** Interview on Background Construction of Questions Takes about 2-3 hours **Testing Stage** Sit quietly on the special chair Exam: 3 times Answering : Yes or No only Takes about 5 minutes per exam **Post Testing Diagnostic Analysis** Interrogation A few hours- Depend on the skill

## **QUESTIONS FORMULATION**

Relevant
Control
Irrelevant

#### USAGE

 CRIMINAL - Internal Investigation
 ADMINISTRATIVE – Employment Screening

► Internal investigation Proof your innocent > Theft > Arson ➢ False claims ➢ Fraud Misuse of power Pre employment Establish truthfulness of witnesses Establish truthfulness of complainants Establish truthfulness of suspects

Internal leakage - information  $\succ$  Cheating Criminal breach of trust **Forgery** Fake robbery by security officers > Past conviction Drug or dadah > Corruption Lost of "exhibit"

Loyalty to Organization > Integrity Testing Industrial espionage Unfair Dismissal High Risk Job - Security Fake Robbery Involvement in Militant Group Selling Sensitive Information

#### **Pre Employment Screening**

> Did you falsify your application form? ► Involvement in criminal activities > Involvement in any militant's group > Involvement in illegal organization > Involvement in drug, dadah, estacy, bribery Involvement in stealing...money, commission Selling sensitive information Previous conviction Previous Employment – being Fired!

In US, the polygraph is used extensively in counter-intelligence, counter-terrorism, and counternarcotics programs in addition to criminal investigations, intelligence operations, presidential protection and nuclear materials containment

#### **Case Studies**

Screening ➢ Fraud cases − CBT Falsifying document Stealing money, computer & gold Stealing mould –platinum Sabotage the factory Industrial espionage Stealing Formula > Corruption Conflict of Interest

# LEGAL ASPECTS OF POLYGRAPHY EXAMINATION

- To date, the question of relevancy and admissibility of the opinion evidence of the polygraph expert has not been discussed in the Malaysian courts.
- Nevertheless there is growing awareness of this field of 'liedetector' as can be seen in the Singapore case of Eldon where the plaintiff lawyer argued that his client's testimony was unshakeable and that the plaintiff was willing to even undergo a polygraph test to prove his truthfulness.
- It is expected that more such applications on the relevance and admissibility of such evidence would be made in Malaysian courts.

#### The Polygraph in Asia

- China: Courts, police (PSB)
- ➤ Taiwan: Police
- Singapore: CPIB, Police -Since 1974
- > Malaysia: Police, Customs, ATM, ACA
- > The Philippines (also private security)
- South Korea, Police, military
- > Japan: Police, Since 1937
- > Thailand: Police & Foreigners
- > Indonesia: Police
- > Brunei : Police & Anti Corruption Bureau

# **Polygraph Around the World**

- United States- 4,500
- Canada- 400
- South Africa-330
- Israel- 220
- Singapore 100
- Russia-704
- Japan- 190
- Mexico-100
- Germany-40
- Poland-106
- Slovenia-79
- Lithuania-78
- ➤ Thailand- 22
- Malaysia- 20 ?
- > Brunei- 10
- Indonesia 20

### How to become q Certified Polygraph Examiner

- Good moral character
- College or University graduate or experience
- Demonstrated (APA rep) competency
- Undergo intensive polygraph examiner's course for 6-8 weeks.

## Who Use Polygraph

- FBI, CIA Arm Forces: Recruitment & Investigations
- Law Enforcement: Recruitment & Investigation
- **KKK : Recruitment**
- Corporate & Legal Firms: Recruitment & Internal Investigation

#### Conclusion

Investigate: As a tool for Investigation – a short cut in solving any case
 Detect : Liar and to clear the name
 Deter: Act as deterrence and reduce the risk







