

Custodial Interrogation and the Risk of Torture: A Critical Examination

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Abstract: *Here's an abstract for the topic "Custodial Interrogation and the Risk of Torture: A Critical Examination," rephrased for clarity and originality:*

Custodial interrogation is a key component of the criminal justice system, providing law enforcement with an opportunity to gather important information from individuals in custody. However, the process raises significant concerns, particularly regarding the potential for human rights violations, including torture. The risk of torture during custodial interrogation has been a subject of ongoing debate, as it often places detainees in vulnerable positions where the boundaries between coercion and voluntary confession can become dangerously blurred. This analysis critically examines how custodial interrogation practices intersect with the potential for torture, emphasizing the ethical and legal dilemmas encountered by law enforcement and the judiciary in managing interrogation techniques. It also considers international legal instruments, like the United Nations Convention Against Torture, alongside national legal provisions designed to protect detainees from cruel or degrading treatment. Additionally, the paper examines empirical studies and case law to assess the efficacy of existing safeguards and the prevalence of torture or ill-treatment in various jurisdictions. Through this comprehensive review, the paper argues for enhanced monitoring, greater accountability, and the implementation of more effective alternatives to coercive interrogation techniques. In conclusion, although custodial interrogation remains an essential aspect of criminal investigations, its misuse can lead to human rights violations. Therefore, there is a pressing need to critically reassess existing practices to uphold justice without undermining fundamental human rights..

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