**Stanford Prison Experiment** – web tour

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*Answer the following questions regarding the discussion questions from the web tour of the Stanford Prison Experiment.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. *PRELUDE:* Consider the police procedures which make arrestees feel confused, fearful, and dehumanized. *Note that this policeman is wearing sunglasses just like those we had our “guards” wear and as did the head of the National Guards at Attica Prison during the bloody 1971 riot!* Why do you think these procedures would be put in place?
2. *SETTING UP:* What are the effects of living in an environment with no clocks, no view of the outside world and minimal sensory stimulation?
3. *ARRIVAL:* Consider the psychological consequences of stripping, delousing, and shaving the heads of prisoners or members of the military. What transformations take place
4. *GUARDS:* At first push-ups were not a very aversive form of punishment, but they became more so as the study wore on. Why the change?
5. *REBELLION:* How do you think *you* would have behaved if you were a prisoner in this situation? Would you have rejected these privileges in order to maintain prisoner solidarity?
6. *REBELLION:* Most prisoners believed that the subjects selected to be guards were chosen because they were bigger than those who were made prisoners, but actually, there was no difference in the average height of the two groups. What do you think caused this misperception?
7. *GRIEVANCES:* Compare the reactions of these visitors to the reactions of civilians in encounters with the police or other authorities. How typical was their behavior?
8. *CONCLUSION:* In the encounter sessions, all the prisoners were happy the experiment was over, but most of the guards were upset that the study was terminated prematurely. Why do you think the guards reacted this way?