



Middle Eastern Counterintelligence Interview Simulation

Summary

- Users practice developing a relationship with an Egyptian living in the United States through simulated conversation with Rasheed Ali Abdullah, a man with a wife and three children, living in this country through a green card.
- Intended for users focusing on counterintelligence activities, and applicable to anyone who desires training in cultural awareness.
- Engaging, different conversations promote repeated practice and generalizable skill building.
- Users receive ongoing feedback as well as a post-conversation assessment of their mastery of the learning objectives.

Scenario

- Users assume the role of a counterintelligence agent talking to Rasheed Ali Abdullah, an Egyptian working as a computer programmer in Middletown, USA.
- Rasheed behaves differently in every conversation, based on variations in personality, personal history, receptiveness to you, and current work and family situation.
- Rasheed's level of trust will change based on the rapport the user is able to build with him.
- Topics that the user can discuss include the following:
 - Background
 - Family life
 - Personal preferences
 - Social life



Learning Objectives

After achieving mastery through repeated conversations, the user will be able to:

- Identify the best way to contact a subject
- Demonstrate an awareness of things to avoid when creating interview questions
- Demonstrate an understanding of general interview techniques
- Describe a Middle Easterner's cultural expectations regarding age, gender, family, friends, money and status, and Islam.
- Describe Middle Eastern opinions of the US government and its agencies.



Seat Time

- Approximately 5 hours of e-learning material, including:
 - Extensive history and cultural information.
- Simulated conversations last 10-15 minutes.
- Average user will require 5 hours to achieve mastery of the learning objectives, but can learn the basics in a few hours.
NOTE: Figure does not account for longer-term "refresher" sessions, which will vary by user.