## Photography, Torture and the Memory

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There is much discussion about the connection between photography and memory, and many photographers cite explorations of this relationship as the basis for their work. A new series of studies presented in an article on <u>Wired Science Blog</u> show how the mind can be made to create false memories, in this case specifically related to interrogation, even when confronted with a visual record of a photograph.

"Using data from soldiers in a mock prisoner-of-war exercise within the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape programs of the U.S. military, new research shows that 85 percent of soldiers chose the man in the photograph - who was not involved in any way - instead of the man who had actually subjected them to what the military calls a "very stressful interrogation" that could have included a variety of physically demanding tasks and some violence."

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