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HOW TO SPOT A LIAR

by Desmond Morris

(This is the second part of an article which was begun in the December, 1977 issue.)

(The film study of the student nurses involved in the deception behavior study, two particular gestures)...receive a special boost. These are the Nose Touch and the Mouth Cover.

The Mouth cover is the easier to understand. False words are emerging from the mouth of the speaker, and part of the brain is uncomfortable about this and sends a message to the hand to "cover up" what he is doing. The other part of the brain can not permit the cover-up to work. The verbal lie must continue to flow. The result is an abortive cover-up, with the hand-to-mouth action ending up as no more than a partial contact. There are several typical forms of this; for example, the fingers fanned over the lips, the forefinger resting on the upper lip, or the hand at the side of the mouth.

It is important to add that if you notice someone performing this partial Mouth Cover it does not mean that he must be lying. It only means that he is more likely to be lying than at the times when the hand has not strayed mouthward.

The Mouth Cover has an obvious weakness - the message is too transparent. This is overcome by an increase in the deflection element, which brings us to the other important action cue - the Nose Touch.

Several observers have noticed that nose touching and deceit go together in a remarkable way, but no one has ventured to suggest why this should be. There appears to be a double answer. First, the hand coming up to block the mouth lie has to be deflected and the nose is conveniently nearby. The hand could go to the chin, but this would fall short of the mouth, or to the cheek, but this would take it away to the side. The nose however, being protrusive,

and right above the mouth, is in the ideal position. The hand has only to travel a few inches up beyond the lips and it can continue to cover the mouth region partially, while ostensibly attending to the nose.

As a disguised Mouth Cover, the Nose Touch has become the most overworked of all decept actions, but there is a second reason for its popularity. When the moment of the deliberate lie occurs, there is, even in the most experienced liars, a slight increase in tension. This increase leads to minor physiological changes, some of which may affect the lining of the nasal cavity, making the nose itch. This almost imperceptible sensation may help make the nose more attractive site for the hand touch.

± When lying, the nurses showed an increase in the number of body shifts they made as they spoke. A child who squirms in his chair is obviously trying to escape, and any parent recognizes these symptoms immediately. In adults they are reduced and suppressed - again because they are such obvious signs of unease - but they do not vanish. Watched closely, the adult liar can be seen to make tiny, vestigial body shifts and to make them more frequently than when telling the truth.

± When lying, the nurses made greater use of one particular hand action, the Hand Shrug. While other gesticulations decreased sharply, this became more common. It is almost as if the hands were disclaiming responsibility for the statements being made.

± When lying, the nurses displayed facial expressions that were almost indistinguishable from those given during truthful statements. Almost, but not quite, for there were, even in the most self aware faces, micro-expressions that leaked the truth.

These micro-expressions are caused

by the face's all too rapid efficiency in registering inner feelings. When a mood change seeks expression, it can expect to be registered by the alteration in the set of facial muscles in much less than a second. The counter-message from the brain, telling the face to "shut-up" often fails to catch up with the primary mood-change message. The result is that facial expression begins, and then, a split second later, is canceled by the counter-message. This hint of an expression is suppressed so quickly that most people never see it, but if watched for carefully during lying sessions, it can be detected and is then one of the best deception clues.

There is one serious criticism of these experiments. The American research workers' laboratory test proves that there is an increase in hand-to-face contacts and a decrease in gesticulations when people start to lie, but it fails to rule out the possibility that lying is only one of the conditions that would produce this effect. In other words, is lying the key or only part of the key?

Field studies seem to indicate that it is only part of the key. To give an example: Two people are talking when suddenly one of them explodes with a sharp insult. The insulted person sits dumb for several minutes while the stream of insults continues. Eventually he answers and does so coolly and collectedly. During this verbal exchange, there is a moment of high tension - the moment of the initial insult - and it is precisely then that the insulted person moves his hand up to his face and touches the side of his nose. It is the Nose Touch that we already know occurs at the moment of lying. But this Nose Toucher cannot be lying, because he is silent. Long before he replies, the hand has left the nose, so that when the answer does come, he is once again composed and coolheaded.

A Second example: One man is interviewing another. The interviewer asks easy questions and gets straightforward answers.

Then he asks a difficult, complex question. As the interviewee answers, rather hesitatingly, he allows his finger to flick up to touch his nose. But he is not about to lie. The question is not one which requires a false answer, merely a complicated one which he has to think out carefully.

In these two examples there is no deceit and yet the nose touching seems remarkably reminiscent of the action that occurs during moments of lying. What do all three situations have in common? All involve an initial moment of tension. The insulted nose toucher remains silent, but inwardly his mind is reeling under the impact of the unanticipated attack. His inner behavior (his thinking) and his outer behavior (his inactivity) do not match each other. Similarly, the person asked a sudden, difficult question experiences a split between his thoughts and his actions. He tries to answer smoothly and easily, but his brain is working furiously to cope with the complexity of the question. Again his thoughts and his actions don't match.

Comparing these two situations with the moment of lying, it is now clear that they have a great deal in common. The essence of deliberate deceit is that what is going on in the brain is not reflected in the outward verbal behavior. What non-verbal leakage really shows, therefore, is not merely lying, but a basic inner-outer conflict of an acute kind, with thoughts and actions mismatching at a moment of tension. But if this means that we can not be certain that a Nose Toucher is lying, we can still be sure that something is going on in his brain which he is failing to externalize and communicate to us verbally. He may not be lying in the strict sense of the word, but he is certainly hiding something from us, and his nose touching is leaking that fact to us.

This article is reprinted from the October 17, 1977 issue of New York magazine. Desmond Morris is an anthropologist and is the author of The Naked Ape.

GRAND TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY

1976 Dhd

Spring 1907

Holy Roman Empire

SACKS ABDICATES TO DOEHRER. MCGEE FORMS
MASSIVE UNION OF REBEL PRINCES. AUSTRIA
JUST ABOUT HAD IT.

R. Sacks

(king with no unit) abdicate
to C. Doehrer

B. Normand

A Boh-Tyo

A Ven (S) A Tri

A Smy-Ank

A Tri (S) A Boh-Tyo

European People's Democratic Republic

P (king with no unit)

V. Tsao

A War-Pru

A Gal (S) CEAR A Vie-Bud

A Swe (S) F Den

A Mos-Sev

Madiera

D. Klien

F Por-Spa(sc), defect to
the Confederate States of
Eurasia

F Bre-Eng, def. as above

F Lpl-Cly, def. as above

Central European Associated Republic

P. McGee

A Bul-Ser, dec grand duchy,
Confederate States of
Eurasia

F Con (S) Moldavian A Arm-Ank,
dec. as above

A Vie-Bud, dec. as above

F Den-H, dec. as above

A Nwy-H, dec. as above

acc. def. F Por, F Bre, F Lpl,

F Lon, F Nap, F Rom, F Gre,

A Rum, A Arm

Moldavia

D. Klein

A Rum (S) CEAR A Vie-Bud,
defect to the Confederate
States of Eurasia

A Arm-Ank, def. as above

Corsica

J. Machir

F Ion-Tun, defect to the
Confederate States of Eurasia

F Nap-Tyr, def. as above

F Rom-H, def. as above

F Gre-H, def. as above

France

H. Jordan

A Par-Gas

C. Doehrer

F Mar-NMR

C. Dupuis

F Pie-Lyo

F Eng (C) A Pic-Wal (NSU)

F Nth (S) GERMAN A Kie-Den

F Mar-Spa(sc) (Ill)

Note: Under the new rules, there is no
election for Grand Duke in the C.S.E.
Phil McGee is Grand Duke by declaration.

The C.S.E. now owns only those centers
which are now occupied by C.S.E. units.
Centers belonging to Madiers, Corsica
and the CEAR, which are not now occupied
by CSE units, still belongs to those
respective principalities. This means
that Vie, Bul, Por, Lpl, and Naples do not
belong to the CSE.

Germany

J. Kador

A Ber-Sil

C. Doehrer

A Ruh-NMR

A Mun-H, dec. independent
Principality of Barvaria

C. Dupuis

A Kie-Den

New Blood: Let's welcome a new player to the
game -

Austria-Hungary

C. Doehrer

(king with no unit)

H. Jordan

A Bud-Vie (surrender)

A Ser-Rum (dis)

Mr. August Wolf

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FIRST REGULAR GAME

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|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| 1976 BE | Spring 1908 | <u>England</u> R. Kelly | A Edi-Kie A Bur-Mun A Swe-Fin A Nwy (S) A Swe-Fin A Ber (S) A Edi-Kie F Nth (C) A Edi-Kie F Pru-Liv F Hel (C) A Edi-Kie F Fin-Bot |
| <u>France</u> B. Normand | F MAO-Naf F Tun-H F Lyo (S) A Mar-Pie F Wes (S) F Tun A Mar-Pie F Spa(sc) (S) F Lyo A Ruh (S) English A Bur-Mun | <u>Austria</u> D. Malmquist | A Bud-Gal F Adr-Ion A Boh (S) Italian A Gal-Sil F Ank-Con A Mos (S) Italian A Stp (impos) A Tyo (S) Italian F Tus-Pie (NSO) A War-Pru A Mun-Kie (dis)(surrender) |
| <u>Italy</u> J. Rogowski | F Tyo-Lyo F Tus (S) F Tyo-Lyo F Ion-Tyr A Pie-Mar A Gal-Sil F Con-Aeg F Nap(S) F Ion-Tyr A Stp-Fin | | |

SECOND REGULAR GAME

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|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| 1976 DG | Spring 1906 | <u>France</u> J. Machir | A Par-Bur A Bre-Por A Kie-Ber A Ber-Pru A Ruh-Mun F Mar-H F Nth (C) English A Lon-Nwy A Sil (S) A Ber-Pru A Mun-Boh |
| <u>Austria</u> C. Gibson | A War-Gal A Bud (S) A Tri-Vie F Alb-Ion A Tyo-Ven (dis) A Tri-Vie | <u>Italy</u> C. Mann | A Ven (S) A Pie-Tyo F Tyr-Ion A Pie-Tyo A Vie-Tri (surrender) F Ion-Adr |
| <u>Turkey</u> B. Normand | F Smy (S) F Con-Aeg F Con-Aeg F Bul(ec)-Rum F Bla-Con A Sev (S) A Rum-Ukr A Rum-Ukr | | |
| <u>England</u> R. Kelly | A Edi-H A Lon-Nwy A Mos-War A Stp-Mos A Nwy-Stp F Bar-H A Liv (S) A Mos-War F Bal (S) A Liv F Bot (S) A Liv | | |

THIRD REGULAR GAME

1976 IL

Fall 1905

Austria
R. Kelly

A Ser ret. OTB (NRR)

BAKICH BITES THE DUST

Turkey
J. Rogowski
A Sev-Mos
F Eas (S) F Aeg
A Ukr-Gal
F Bul(ec) (S) A Rum (dis)
F Aeg (S) F Bul(ec)
A Mos-H
A Rum (S) A Ukr-Gal

France
E. Vesneske

A Pic-Bel
F Eng (S) F Nth
F Nth (S) F Cly-Edi
F Cly-Edi
A Ruh (S) A Hol-Kie
F Bel-Hol
A Hol-Kie
A Bur-Mun

Germany
Civ. Dis.
A Sil-NMR
F Den-NMR
A Liv-NMR
A War-NMR
F Edi-NMR
A Kie-NMR (dis)

Italy
M Berch

F Nap-Ion
A Ser (S) F Gre-Bul(sc)
F Tyr (S) F Nap-Ion
A Vie-Gal
A Ven-Tri
F Ion-Aeg
A Bud-Rum
F Gre-Bul(sc)

Note: The German position has been filled.
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Supply Center Chart 1905

England
G. Bakich
F Den (dis) Ret OTB
F Swe-NMR
A Lon-NMR

Austria
~~Set~~ (out)
England

Lon, ~~Den~~, Swe (2-even)

France
Par, Mar, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel, Lpl, Nwy,
Edi, Hol, Mun, Kie (8-build 4)

Germany
Ber, ~~War~~, Kie, Hol, Edi, War, Stp, Den
(4-remove 2)

Turkey
Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Mos, Rum, ~~War~~ (6-remove 1)

Italy
Rom, Nap, Ven, Vie, Tun, Tri, Gre, Bud
Bul, Ser (10-build 2)

Note: George Bakich is out of the game.

LETTERS

Dear Drew,

I was recently informed that you intend to cease running Diplomacy games in Rebus after the end of the first three regular games, thus devoting Rebus totally to GTD. I was very sorry to hear this.

Rebus is a very good 'zine. The printing is high quality, the content is above-average, and the games are well-run. (My only objection is that there's hardly ever any press, but that has nothing to do with the editor or the 'zine.) You've built

up a fairly substantial circulation. Unfortunately, if you chance Rebus into a completely specialized CTD-zine, you're going to lose quite a bit of your subscribers. The merits of CTD aside (though it does seem to be a very interesting variant), I don't think you can afford to get rid of the Diplomacy pages entirely. However, that's obviously your decision as editor.

Unfortunately, this means that I'm going to have to start looking for another 'zine, since my first love is still regular diplomacy.

Sincerely,
Edward R. Varneske, Jr.

(Thanks. We do not now plan to end regular Diplomacy pages. We will begin another section once a game en's. Editor)

PRESS

1976 Dnl

(Moscow) Comrade Chairman McGee was finishing up the last couple of hours of his twenty hour work day, building socialism in one and 1/3 countries. He was dictating and discussing his latest tract, The Tenets of Marxist-McGeeism, to Comrade Leon Trotsky. Trotsky was pointing out that it was Sneezykoff who first postulated the concept of realist concomitants of the workers state in 1893, in his tract, What's bound to happen, published in Milan well before Hijinsky published his famous treatise on the subject in Leipzig in 1897, when the two socialist visionaries were interrupted by Comrade Djucoshvilli (later Stalin).

Djucoshvilli gave Trotsky an icy stare and said that he must speak to the Comrade Chairman privately about an emergency involving state security and party discipline. When Trotsky had left, Djucoshvilli announced that he had overheard Comrade Lenin complaining that the Soldiers and Sailors Soviet had too much power in the Supreme Soviet, and that the Lumpen-bourgeois Intellectuals Soviet had too little.

Comrade Chairman McGee sent for Beria and ordered Lenin arrested and detained in the Peter and Paul Fortress (later the Institute for the Re-Education of the Enemies of the People). Once Beria left, Djucoshvilli asked the chairman to consider him for the minor post of general secretary of the People's Progressive Party, a post which Djucoshvilli described

as of little authority and much responsibility. McGee told Djucoshvilli that such an appointment was up to the Central Committee of the P.P.P. of the E.P.D.R. but that he guessed that Djucoshvilli's chances would be improved if he got a name that was easier to pronounce and spell. Which Djucoshvilli interpreted as an answer of "new'e."

In the morning, McGee told Beria to have Lenin brought to his office, but Beria could not remember who Lenin was and said he had never heard of him. McGee ordered Beria to remember who Lenin was and bring him to the Winter Palace (later Palace of Socialist Anti-Cynisims). Then McGee sent for Trotsky and began to dictate him for his slow progress writing McGee's book, the Tenets of Marxist-McGeeism, which McGee wanted to be published by the first anniversary of the revolution.

An hour later Beria returned and in a nervous stutter announced that Lenin had died of a hunger strike sometime around dawn. Beria left McGee's office quickly. McGee turned to Trotsky and ordered him to have Djucoshvilli (later Stalin) watched night and day and his movements reported to the chairman. Trotsky smiled and said it was no problem. Trotsky was already having Djucoshvilli watched around the clock.

Next Month: Trotsky decides it's politically safe to have Stalin (formerly Djucoshvilli) assassinated. Trotsky becomes General Secretary of the P.P.P.

Month After That: The publication of the

Tenets of Marxism-McGeeism. Trotsky goes on trial for the murder of Joseph Stalin, hero of the revolution.

(Bravo! -Ed.)

1976 DG

(Warsaw) The Poles, enjoying liberty and

justice for the first time in many years, have time for few jokes for a change. One is that France has lost at least three armies in Germany now, as they've been there so long they speak Deutch, and the French girls will never marry them.

(Propoganda? Funny? What? -Ed.)

NOTA BENE

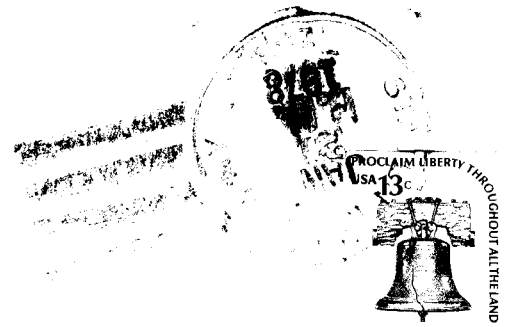
1. Deadline. The deadline for all games is February 15, 1978.
2. Standbys. Always needed. Please VOLUNTEER.
3. GTD RULES: I'll fit in a rules question here. Please note that once a country has met the conditions for victory, there are no more moves, no purges, no defections, no coups.
4. Consumer Notes: Gibbons Beer, brewed (though manufactured is a better word) by the Lion, Inc., is terrible. Don't buy it!
5. C.O.A.:

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