

What would you do?

Imagine yourself at a party with friends. You are in a friend's garden late in the evening with your family. It is a warm summer day and you have been enjoying good wine, good food and good conversation. Suddenly the party is interrupted by a man with a gun demanding money from you and the other people present. He points the gun at your friend's head, then the head of your partner. It is then that you realise that none of you have any money.

Ask your partner these questions. Report to the class what they say.

How do you think you would feel in this situation?

How do you think you would react if this happened to you?

What do you think would be the best thing to do in this situation?

What do you think the craziest thing to do in this situation would be?

**“She Offered The Robber A Glass Of Wine, And That Flipped The Script”
- From NPR by ALIX SPIEGEL**

“Flip the Script” - To do the unexpected. To deviate from the norm.

A. You are going to watch a video about how someone “flipped the script” on a man holding a gun to their head. While you watch try to answer the following questions in as much detail as possible.

Describe the party before the man with the gun appeared. Who was there? Why were they celebrating?

What happened after the man was offered a glass of wine? How did the mood change? Did he like the wine? What did the man want to do? After the man left how did the people feel? What happened to the glass?

B. Now think with a partner and try to answer this question.

Why did offering the glass of wine change the mans behaviour?

C. Now watch the rest of the video and find out the phycology of what happened to the gunman. Answer this question.

What is “noncomplemenatry” behaviour?

Vocabulary and Discussion

Vocabulary

Instructions: Complete these sentences using the words on this list.

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theory version

1. He's always nervous about _____ with people at parties.
2. We _____ our high school friendship for many years.
3. I asked her a question, but she did not _____ .
4. He showed great _____ when he refused to lie for his employer.
5. He decided to test out his _____ .
6. His _____ of what happened was quite different from hers.
7. Copper wire is a _____ for conducting electricity.
8. You shouldn't make such an important decision without considering the _____ .
9. She likes doing things that require _____ skill such as fine embroidery.

Discussion

Have you ever had to defuse a tense or difficult situation? What happened? How did you get people to clam down?

Have you ever dissuaded someone from doing something? What was it? Has anyone dissuaded you from it?

What would you do to make someone like you? How would you change someones opinion of you?

Links

Video and Introduction - <http://tinyurl.com/j89gwgf>

Transcript - <http://tinyurl.com/gmwkoxy>