



Blind Complicity:
***Sign Language Interpreters Navigating
Ethics & Power***

Kellie L. Stewart



Street Leverage
#WeAreLeverage

Limits of Rational Thought: EDM

10-20 % of our brain
functions on a
conscious level.



Street Leverage
#WeAreLeverage

Milgram Experiment – July 1961:



Street Leverage
#WeAreLeverage

ABC Milgram Experiment Revisited



73% of women  150 volts

65% of men  150 volts

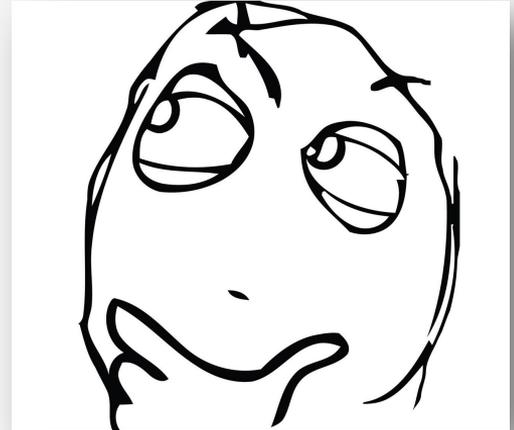
Two Patterns:

1. Deflected responsibility “not my experiment
2. Justified because “it was my job.”



Expert Power & Status

- *Symbols of Status*
- *Perception of, or authentic skills & expertise*



Street Leverage
#WeAreLeverage

Moral-Ethical Disengagement

Why do many
interpreters rarely
interrupt hearing and/or
d/Deaf speakers?



Street Leverage
#WeAreLeverage

Implications for Ethical Decision-Making

Do no harm
Confidentiality
Responsibility
Honesty
Competence
Integrity



Street Leverage
#WeAreLeverage