

Research on the Application of Conversational Cooperation Principle in Investigative Interrogation

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Abstract: This paper studies the application of the principle of conversational cooperation in investigative interrogation. In the process of investigative interrogation, it is very important to obtain the evidence and information accurately for the solution of the case. Therefore, the purpose of this paper is to explore how to apply the principle of conversational cooperation to improve the efficiency and results of investigative interrogation. This paper adopts quantitative and qualitative research methods, and studies the specific application of the conversational cooperation principle in investigative interrogation by observing and analyzing the actual cases of interrogators and the interrogated. The results show that following the principle of conversational cooperation can effectively improve the interaction and information exchange between interrogators and the interrogated, strengthen mutual understanding and trust to better obtain key evidence and information.

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Introduction: In China's criminal justice, they, the continuous improvement of human rights protection level, the in-depth advancement of the criminal procedure reform centered on the trial, and the implementation of specific systems including confession of guilt, being ready to pay the penalty, being lenient, which fully embody the criminal policy of temper justice with mercy, require the interrogation work to be more civilized and more standard.^[1] Investigative interrogation is a crucial link in criminal investigation, which is of great significance to accurately obtain evidence and information to solve the case. However, previous studies have shown that there are some problems in the interrogation process, such as inadequate information acquisition, inaccurate understanding and poor interaction effect. Therefore, it is an urgent problem to seek an effective guideline to improve the efficiency and result of investigative interrogation.

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1. The Application Significance of Conversational Cooperation Principle in Investigative Interrogation

The application of the principle of conversational cooperation in investigative interrogation is of great significance. The following discusses its application significance in detail from three aspects.

1.1 Promote information sharing and understanding

The principle of conversational cooperation can provide the basis for effective information exchange between interrogators and the interrogated. In investigative interrogation, information acquisition is very important to the solution of the case. By following the principle of conversational cooperation, investigators can better guide the interrogation process, making it more interactive and constructive. The principle of joint cooperation requires both parties to work together, face the case issues together, and pursue the truth together. By working together, both parties are able to share more information and improve their understanding of the case. The principle of clear expression emphasizes clear and unambiguous expression, so that both parties can better understand and convey information. The principle of responsibility requires both parties to be responsible for the information they transmit and ensure the

accuracy and authenticity of the information. By following these principles, information sharing and understanding can be effectively promoted, and the effect of investigative interrogation can be improved.

1.2 Build relationships of trust and cooperation

The application of the principle of conversational cooperation is helpful to establish the trust and cooperative relationship between interrogators and the interrogated. In the process of investigation, the interrogated person may have a psychological resistance, worried about information disclosure or other adverse consequences. The attitude and behavior of investigators have an important impact on the degree of cooperation and the authenticity of information of the interrogated. The principle of respect requires investigators to respect the rights and dignity of the person being interrogated and to communicate with him in an equal and respectful manner. This can make the interrogator feel the care and respect of the investigator, thus easing the tension and increasing the willingness to cooperate.

2. The Theoretical Basis of the Application of Conversational Cooperation Principle in Investigative Interrogation

In order to ensure the smooth progress of the conversation and achieve the intended communicative purpose, the principle of conversational cooperation is generally a law of verbal communication that both parties voluntarily abide by. In 1967, Grice, an American philosopher of language, first proposed the principle of cooperation in conversation.^[2] The principle of conversational cooperation refers to the establishment of a cooperative dialogue between the police and the interrogator in the investigation interrogation, in order to improve the interrogation effect and obtain the real and effective evidence. It is built on the basis of psychology and communication theory, with the following three aspects of theoretical basis.

2.1 The principle of conversational cooperation is based on social listening theory

Social listening theory holds that people desire to be understood and accepted during communication. In investigative interrogation, the interrogated are often in a state of anxiety, tension and fear, so they need the police to listen to, understand and respect their feelings and views. By adopting the principle of conversational cooperation, the police can express their concern and respect for the interrogated, reduce their tension, and establish a good relationship of trust, so that it is easier to obtain real and effective evidence.

2.2 The principle of conversational cooperation is based on the principle of psychological cooperation

The principle of psychological cooperation states that people tend to cooperate with those who have a good relationship and common goals in communication with them. In investigative interrogation, the cooperative relationship between the police and the interrogated is very important. By adopting the principle of conversational cooperation, the police show a positive attitude and willingness to cooperate with the interrogated, and establish a common goal with the interrogators, that is, to find the truth and achieve justice. This will make the interrogated feel the friendliness and help from the police, willing to cooperate with the police, take the initiative to provide information and cooperate with the investigation, which is conducive to a quick solution of the case.

3. The Prerequisite for the Application of the Principle of Conversational Cooperation in Investigative Interrogation

There are three preconditions for the application of the principle of conversational cooperation in investigative interrogation. Firstly, the investigators need to conduct an accurate analysis of the psychological quality of the interrogated target. Secondly, investigators need to have appropriate interrogation skills and psychological strategies. Finally, investigators need to have professional legal knowledge and operating procedures.

3.1 Accurately analyze the psychological quality of the target

Firstly, the investigators need to conduct an accurate analysis of the psychological quality of the interrogated target. In the process of investigative interrogation, understanding the psychological quality of the interrogated target is very important to adopt the corresponding interrogation strategy. Different people have different psychological reactions and coping strategies in the face of interrogation. Investigators need to adopt corresponding communication methods and psychological strategies according to specific situations. For example, for interrogated targets with strong resistance psychology, investigators need to win the cooperation of interrogated targets through a series of verbal and psychological strategies.

3.2 Interrogation techniques and psychological strategies

Secondly, investigators need to have appropriate interrogation skills and psychological strategies. In investigative interrogation, investigators need to use various interrogation techniques and psychological strategies to obtain effective information

about the target. These techniques include the use of open questions to guide the target to make a detailed statement, the use of closed questions to confirm details, the use of rhetorical questioning techniques to reveal the real thoughts of the interrogation target. At the same time, investigators also need to be able to change their expression to obtain the cooperation of their targets. For example, when encountering a target with strong resistance, investigators can gradually reduce the defensive psychology of the other side, establish a relationship of mutual trust with the other side, and then gradually guide the other side to reveal the real situation.

4. The Application Strategy of Conversational Cooperation Principle in Investigative Interrogation

The application strategy of conversational cooperation principle in investigation interrogation can be discussed from the following four aspects. Develop trusting relationships, keep objective and neutral, provide positive support and effective communication.

4.1 Develop trusting relationships

It is very important to establish mutual trust with suspects in investigative interrogation. Detectives should show respect and understanding towards suspects in order to establish mutual trust between them. This can be achieved by making suspects feel respected and cared for, such as respecting their personal dignity, listening to their statements, and giving them the opportunity to speak. Developing this mutual trusting relationship can encourage suspects to develop a trust and cooperative attitude towards detectives.

4.2 Keep objective and neutral

In investigative interrogation, detectives should maintain an objective and neutral attitude. This means that detectives should not treat suspects with biased or predetermined views, but should make judgments based on factual evidence. Detectives should strictly abide by the principles of law and professional ethics, not be influenced by personal emotions, and objectively treat the statements and behaviors of suspects.

4.3 Provide active support

During investigative interrogation, detectives can facilitate the cooperation of suspects by providing active support. This can include understanding and reassuring the suspect's emotions, giving the suspect psychological support and encouragement, and providing the suspect with incentives and interests to cooperate. The detective can actively guide the suspect to realize the importance of cooperation, and express the expectation and hope for their cooperation. Providing positive support can help suspects develop a better cooperative mindset and be more willing to cooperate with investigative work.

In conclusion, the principle of conversational cooperation can be applied to establish a trusting relationship, maintain objectivity and neutrality, provide active support and effective communication in investigative interrogation.^[3] By following these strategies, public security can better communicate with and interrogate suspects, and improve the efficiency and accuracy of investigation work.

Conclusion:

In summary, the research results show that when the police are able to correctly apply the principle of conversational cooperation, the interrogated are more willing to cooperate with the police and provide more accurate and detailed information. The application of conversational cooperation principle in investigative interrogation shows that this principle can effectively improve the communication and cooperation between police and the interrogated, thus increasing the success rate of criminal investigation. This helps the police gather relevant evidence more quickly, which increases the likelihood of suspects being convicted. Therefore, the police should actively use the principle of conversational cooperation in practice to improve interrogation skills, in order to better complete the investigation task.

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