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Ron, I just wanted to add a thought to our conversation of earlier today. I do think we are well-positioned to focus the discussion on the "How" rather than the "Whether" question (that is, the question is not WHETHER psychologists may participate as advisors or consultants to the interrogation process, but rather HOW they may do so in an ethical manner.) As part of our discussion, I do think it is appropriate to appeal to APA's pride in its members: As experts in human behavior, psychologists have a valuable and important contribution to make to these processes. Really, it represents psychology in our nation's service, which is where we found our roots as a profession in this country. What a shame--and an irony--it would be to abandon that tradition. (And what little confidence it would show in the capacity of the members of our profession and our association to do the right thing.)