

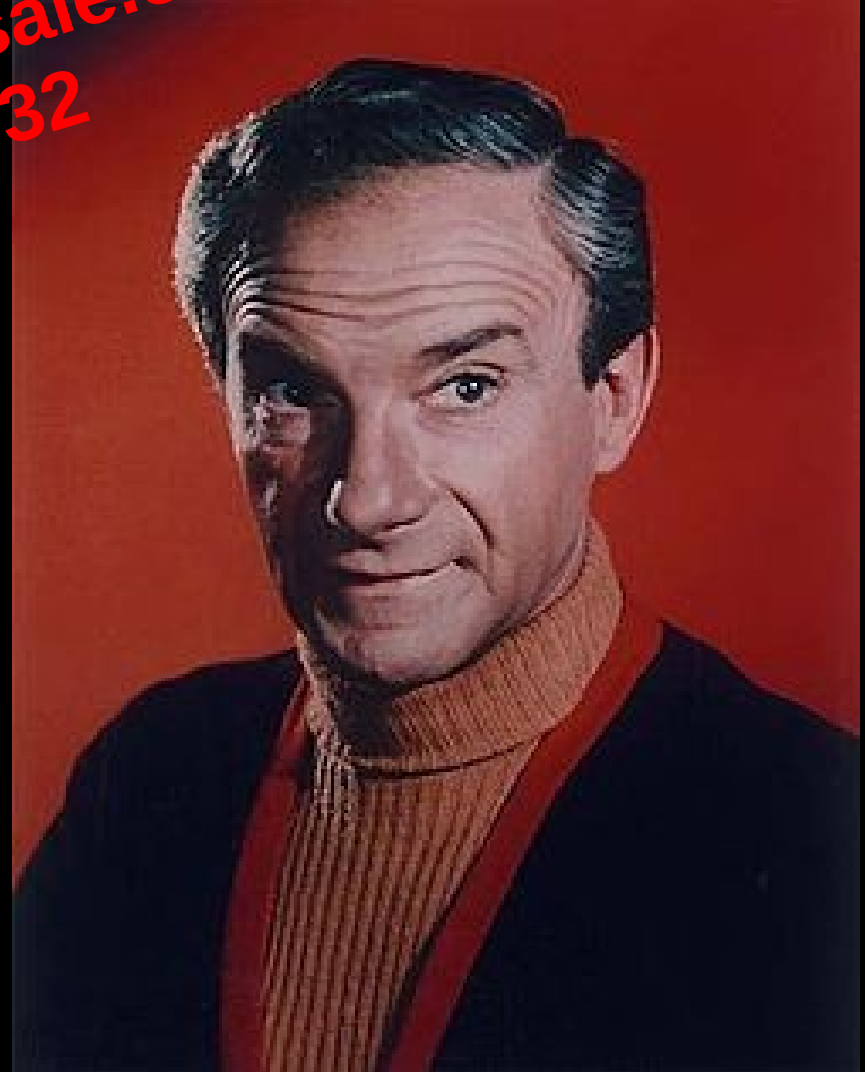
The experiment

- The nurses should have refused for several reasons
- The drugs limit was clearly marked as 10mg they shouldn't have exceeded this
- They aren't allowed to take orders over the phone for security reasons
- They aren't allowed to administer the drug unless in exceptional circumstances without a doctors permission and with appropriate paperwork completed



The experiment

- The experiment involved 22 nurses selected by Hofling
- Hofling would call by phone under the identity of Dr Smith and order the nurses to administer 20mg of a fictional drug called "Astroten" to a patient
- The drug was clearly marked as 10 mg being the maximum daily dose
- Dr Smith claimed he would complete call paperwork when he reached the hospital



The results

- Hofling found that 21 out of 22 nurses would have administered the drug to the patient
- Fortunately they were stopped
- Clearly the obedience to authority was powerful
- Furthermore Hofling found that 10 of the nurses had already done something similar with another drug

The rest of the experiment

- Guards continued to escalate their sadistic behaviour
- This can be seen in the treatment of the prisoners, for example when one prisoner complained about the conditions of other prisoners guards increased the abuse each received
- When another refused to eat his privilege meal guards put him inside a cupboard with no light and locked him in there
- To further control the whole prisoners were made to kick the cupboard and scream numbers at it
- Guards refused to stop it until all prisoners gave there blankets up
- Guards at this point showed definite signs of sadistic behaviour
- Zimbardo ended the experiment after only 6 days after Christina Maslach questioned the morality of the experiment, out of 50 who had seen the experiment she was only one to object to it

- Nialls answer:
- Do the torture and if its needed torture his wife, hundreds are at risk of dying in minutes and a quick reaction is needed to save them, torture is illegal so responsibility will need to be accepted later but for now you must do it in order to save the people in danger
- Torturing his innocent wife is needed wrong but necessary if it saves hundreds, I choose to save the majority and sacrifice one terrorist and potentially one innocent, I would accept responsibility later