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Patty Hearst and The S.L.A.

In 1974, Patricia Campbell Hearst, the heiress to William Randolph Hearst's newspaper fortune, was kidnapped from her apartment while attending UC Berkeley. According to Hearst, her kidnapers, who identified themselves as the Symbionese Liberation Army, kept her in a closet for two months both blindfolded and gagged, and subjected her to physical and sexual abuse. Her parents tried to negotiate with her captors and met their demands, but the S.L.A. still failed to return their daughter.

About two months after Patty Hearst was kidnapped, she was spotted robbing a bank brandishing an assault rifle. Later information was released and had showed that she had become a member and strong supporter of the S.L.A., under the pseudonym "Tania". Despite a few opportunities to escape her captors, Patty Hearst not only chose not to escape, but seemed to really want to be a part of the S.L.A.'s mission. Until her arrest in 1975 and her trial in 1976, Patty seemed to fully back her fellow S.L.A. members. Her attorney claimed that she had been brainwashed, and that she wasn't in her right mind because of it. The mystery of Patty Hearst pertains to whether or not she was willingly involved with the S.L.A.