

# Difference between Extortion, Material Gain, and Bribery

## Material Extortion



### Definition:

Threatening a person to obtain a benefit—whether money, services, or specific actions—through intimidation, psychological pressure, or the threat of exposing something.

### Method:

Relies on threats and warnings, which may include disclosing information or causing psychological, social, or professional harm to the victim.

### Objective:

To obtain money or services by force, without the victim's genuine consent, making them feel compelled to comply out of fear of the consequences.

## Bribery



### Definition:

Offering something of value, such as money, gifts, or services, to gain a personal advantage or facilitate an illegal act.

### Method:

Relies on a secret agreement or cooperation between the parties, usually without direct threats, but in exchange for mutual benefit.

### Objective:

To influence another person's behavior to achieve a specific interest, even at the expense of the law or integrity.

## When Bribery Becomes Extortion?

**When someone demands something in exchange for covering up or threatens to expose certain information, or uses pressure and fear instead of an offer and agreement, the situation shifts from bribery to extortion.**