

# Conflict & Dispute Resolution

## Structural Change During Escalation: *Psychological Changes*

Change	What is it? What influences it?	How does it follow the “Crude” Law of Escalation and the “Proliferation” Law of Structural Change?
Emotional		
1. Blame	<p>Blame is the feeling or perception that the Other is somehow responsible for the conflict. Party feels that Other should take responsibility for their actions.</p> <p>It is often encouraged when Party believes Other is informed, acting voluntarily, violating social norms, or acting abnormally.</p>	<p>It follows the crude law of escalation because Party’s blame towards Other may encourage Party to adopt heavy tactics, the results for which Other may then blame Party. In other words: Party blames Other, Party acts more aggressively towards Other, and now Other blames Party for being so aggressive.</p> <p>It follows the hydra law because blame towards someone or something often leads to anger and hostility towards that person or thing, which are also structural changes encouraging the use of heavier tactics.</p>
2. Anger		
3. Fear		

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Emotional (Continued)		

## Hostility

## 2. Hostile Goals