

Conflict & Dispute Resolution

The Persistence of Structural Change: *Psychological Changes*

Change	To what extent does this change tend to persist and protract escalation?
Emotional	
1. Blame, Anger, Fear & Image Threats	While emotions are extremely powerful, they usually dissipate quickly. So as long as the conflict remains emotional, escalation may not persist. However, recalling the proliferation law of structural change, these emotions may quickly turn into hostile attitudes, perceptions, and goals. Once hostility develops, however, a never-ending feedback loop may form: blame, anger, fear, and image threats encourage further hostility while that hostility encourages those emotions to become even stronger.
Hostility	
1. Hostile Goals	

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The Persistence of Structural Change: *Psychological Changes* (Continued)

Change	To what extent does this change tend to persist and protract escalation?
Hostility (Continued)	
2. Hostile Attitudes and Perceptions	
- <i>The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy</i>	
- <i>Rationalization of Behavior</i>	
- <i>Self-Serving Evaluation of Behavior</i>	
- <i>The “Discovery” of Confirming Evidence</i>	
- <i>Attributional Distortion</i>	
- <i>Autistic Hostility</i>	