

CONFLICT & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Psychological Structural Changes Encouraging Heavier Contentious Tactics

Change	What is it?	What Encourages It?	How does it follow the Crude Law of Escalation and the Proliferation Law of Structural Change?
Emotional			
1. Blame:	Blame is the feeling or perception that Other is somehow responsible for the conflict. Party feels that Other should take responsibility for their actions.	Blame is often encouraged when Party believes Other is informed, acting voluntarily, but also causing harm to Party, violating social norms, and/or acting abnormally.	<p>Blame 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. For example, Party blames Other and so Party acts violently towards Other. Consequently, Other blames Party for acting violently. So, in this example, blame both encourages and is encouraged by violence.</p> <p>Blame follows the proliferation law of structural change because blaming Other often leads to anger and hostile perceptions towards Other. So blame usually generates further structural changes (like anger and hostile perceptions) that also encourage heavier tactics.</p>
2. Anger:			
3. Fear:			

Psychological Structural Changes Encouraging Heavier Contentious Tactics (Continued)

Tactic	What is it?	Advantages	Advantages
--------	-------------	------------	------------

Emotional (Continued)

4. Image Threats:

Hostility

1. Hostile Attitudes & Perceptions:

2. Hostile Goals: