

Neutral periods = low opportunity zones

• Either price movements are small (low volatility), or traders simply prefer to wait until a clearer sentiment trend develops.

Market psychology insight

- Traders are not neutral players they act on emotions.
- This aligns with behavioral finance theory: trading intensity spikes when fear or greed dominate.

Traders are most active in emotional markets (Fear & Greed)

- The vast majority of trades happen when market sentiment is extreme (fear or greed).
- Neutral phases attract little participation → traders are less motivated when sentiment is balanced.

Possible overtrading in emotional states

- High volume of trades in greed could mean FOMO-driven entries (fear of missing out).
- High trades in fear could mean panic-driven exits or defensive trades.

Strategy implication

- Since almost 90% of trades occur in Fear/Greed phases, any trading strategy that only focuses on these two sentiment states will already cover most of the market activity.
- higher activity doesn't always mean higher profits so we must also check risk-adjusted performance (PnL per trade, win rate, drawdowns) to ensure that traders are not just overtrading in emotional markets.

One-Liner Summary

• Most trades happen in Fear and Greed states, showing that traders are driven by emotions, while neutral markets see little participation — suggesting that emotional sentiment drives trading volume far more than rational analysis.

classification	mean	median	count
Extreme Greed	205.816345058886	0.96048	5621
Fear	128.287950295911	0	13869
Greed	53.9880032444208	0	11292
Neutral	27.0888033309143	0	2756
Extreme Fear	1.89163222312983	0	2326

1. Extreme Greed → High risk, high reward

- Few traders profit massively, but the majority only scratch zero.
- Smart contrarian strategies (shorting greed rallies) could work.

2. Fear → Opportunity but volatile

- High trade activity, high variance.
- Proper risk management essential; panic creates sharp reversals.

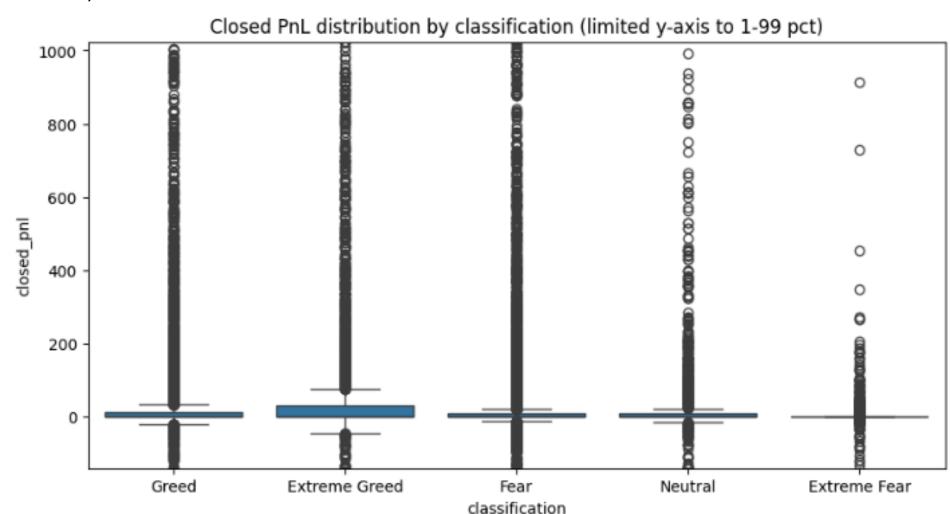
3. Neutral/Extreme Fear → Avoid trading

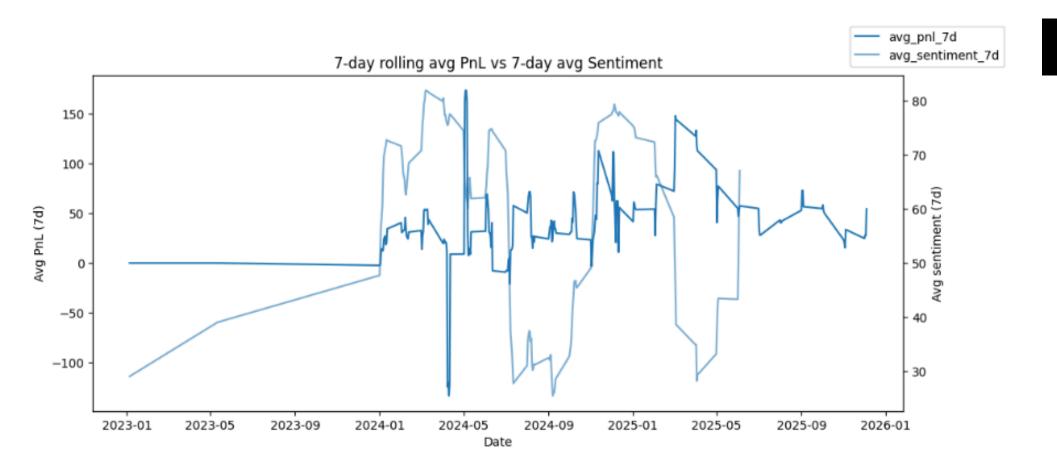
• Very low returns, no significant opportunities.

4. General Insight

 Mean ≠ Median → Most traders don't profit, but a few "outliers" (skilled or lucky) drive profits.

- Heavy-tailed distributions → Extreme Greed & Fear have the widest spread,
 with some trades making huge gains but many clustered near zero or losses.
- Median line across categories is flat at ~0 → Most traders don't gain much regardless of sentiment.
- Extreme Greed has the widest positive outliers → The few big winners are concentrated here.
- Extreme Fear & Neutral have very tight spreads → Limited opportunity or very cautious trading.
- Fear has many extreme outliers in both directions → Traders overreact during fear, leading to both big wins (timing reversals) and big losses (panic sells).





Insights for trading strategies

1. Greed phases align with profitable trades

- When sentiment crosses into "Greed/Extreme Greed", average trader profits rise.
- Possible reason: traders follow momentum and capture bullish moves.

2. Fear creates opportunities for skilled traders

- Although sentiment dips into fear, some traders still show positive average PnL.
- Suggests contrarians (buying fear) outperform the majority.

3.Lag effect

- PnL often reacts before sentiment adjusts (PnL spikes, then sentiment follows).
- Indicates sentiment index might be a lagging indicator, so traders should not rely on it alone.

4. Volatility management is key

• The sharp swings in average PnL mean that without risk control, traders can lose heavily even during "good sentiment".

Observation

1. Periods of strong positive correlation

- Around mid-2024, when sentiment index climbs above 70 (Greed), average PnL also spikes.
- Suggests traders make more profits when market sentiment is confident/optimistic.

2. Periods of divergence

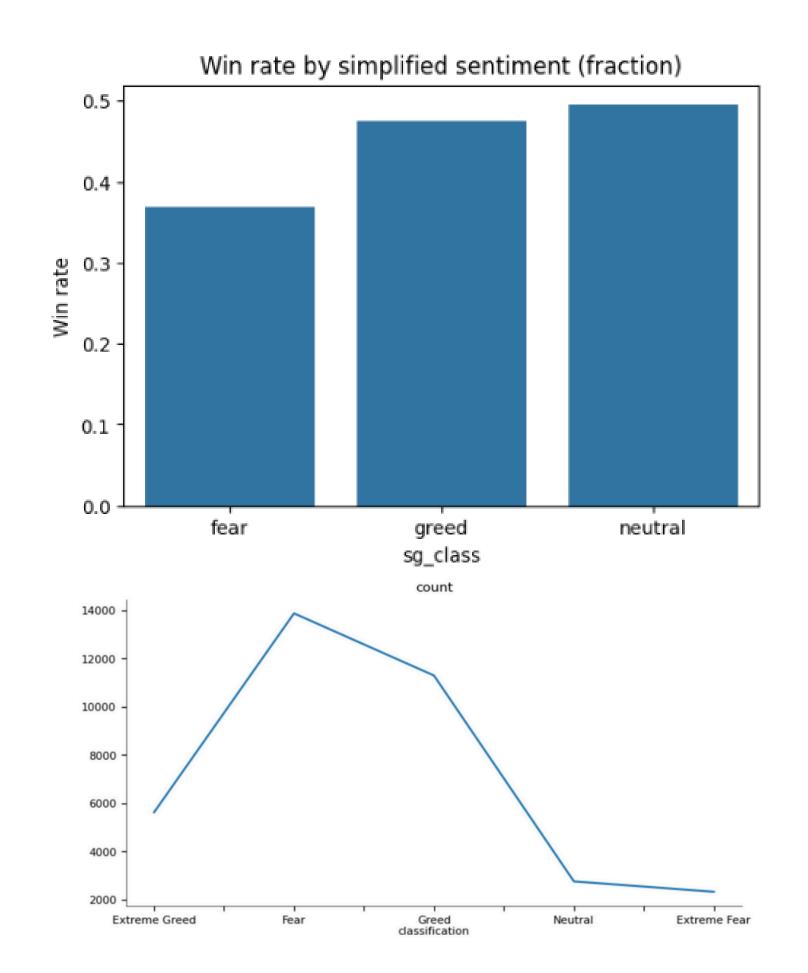
- Example: late 2024 → sentiment falls sharply (fear) but avg
 PnL stays positive.
- Suggests contrarian strategies (buying when others panic) may have worked.

3. High volatility in PnL relative to sentiment

- PnL shows sharp spikes and drops compared to smoother sentiment curve.
- Implies sentiment is more of a slow-moving indicator, while PnL reacts quickly to actual market

4. Flat region in early 2023

• Both PnL and sentiment remain subdued. Likely low trading activity or calm market conditions.



Top Features	
pnl_per_usd	0.417277
pnl_last_50	0.18205
is_buy	0.118923
account_trade_count	0.055986
value	0.044332
account_avg_pnl	0.038144
coin_BTC	0.013397
sg_class_fear	0.011426
coin_HYPE	0.010644
sg_class_greed	0.009682
coin_@107	0.009334
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