1 – Violence is bad. Results from commitment/trust problem. Explain comm/trust problem.

2 – What does it mean to trust a group? Collective action problem. Sambanis: “peace can be derailed by a few radicals.” Footnote that people have talked about collective action in conflict being about compelling group members to sacrifice to defeat the other group [@bornstein and others]

3 – Comm problems between groups usually solved by 3rd parties or reputations/repeated interactions. Problems with both.

4 – problems with 3rd parties

5 – problems with reputation/repeated interactions.

* Can have incentives to act tough to get best deal.

6 – the solution needs to (1) remove psych/social barriers to trusting other side, (2) signal that each group has solved its collective action problem and can compel radical group members to not take aggressive action against outgroup.

7 – structured intergroup contact to remove psych/social barriers to trust (prejudice): contact must show the groups that it is in the other side’s interest to cooperate. H.L. Mencken: “It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you would lie in his place.” Show that cooperation is in both groups interest: contact helps each group achieve something they desire/achieve a goal. Groups need a reason to get along. Contact is Confidence-building measure

8 – Joint criminal justice institutions: outgroup policing defectors bad because chance that ingroup perceives outgroup punishment as too harsh, causes spiral. Ingroup policing defectors bad because chance that outgroup perceives ingroup punishment too lenient, causes outgroup punishment.

* Ingroup only punishment: reactive devaluation.

9 – Perspective/Application:

* Nigeria farmer-pastoralist: pastoralists graze cattle on farmland, farmers attack cattle and sow seeds in grazing lands. Farmers do not know whose cattle, pastoralists do not know who attacked their cattle. Attack outgroup generally. Through a contact intervention, groups established joint criminal punishment institutions when a farmer/pastoralist have grievances. Representative from each side’s “government” (chiefs) meet and agree on punishment, make sure ingroup abides by ruling.
* Race Protests/Riots 2020: black people (ingroup) following social rules, punished extremely by cops (outgroup) anyway, no punishment for outgroup defectors, eventually ingroup starts punishing members of outgroup == spiral equilibrium (F&L). Ingroup cannot identify outgroup members who defected so punish any others perceived as outgroup. Low trust in criminal justice system, low legitimacy, low compliance.
  + Use trials; need members of ingroup and outgroup at trial.
  + Describe: black people following laws/social contract, being punished by society’s enforcers (cops) anyway, and nobody is punishing the faulty enforcers. Eventually black people start punishing enforcers: Black Panther Party. Long-term, social institutions lose legitimacy: why follow the legal/social contract if they will be punished as if they are not?
  + Rethought: the joint judicial institution is breaking the rules we agreed upon.

10 – Outstanding issues: (1) Onset of these structures: How to get the ball rolling? A place for 3rd parties? (2) What to do if no bargaining range: how to increase bargaining range so that there are agreements each side accepts?

10 – Implications for peacebuilding programs

* Enforcement to prevent violence initially
* Contact that achieves a goal so both groups (1) want to cooperate and (2) believe other wants to cooperate. EXTERNAL TO THIRD PARTY, incentive remains even after 3rd party leaves.
* Joint criminal justice institutions that both sides see as credible and legitimate.