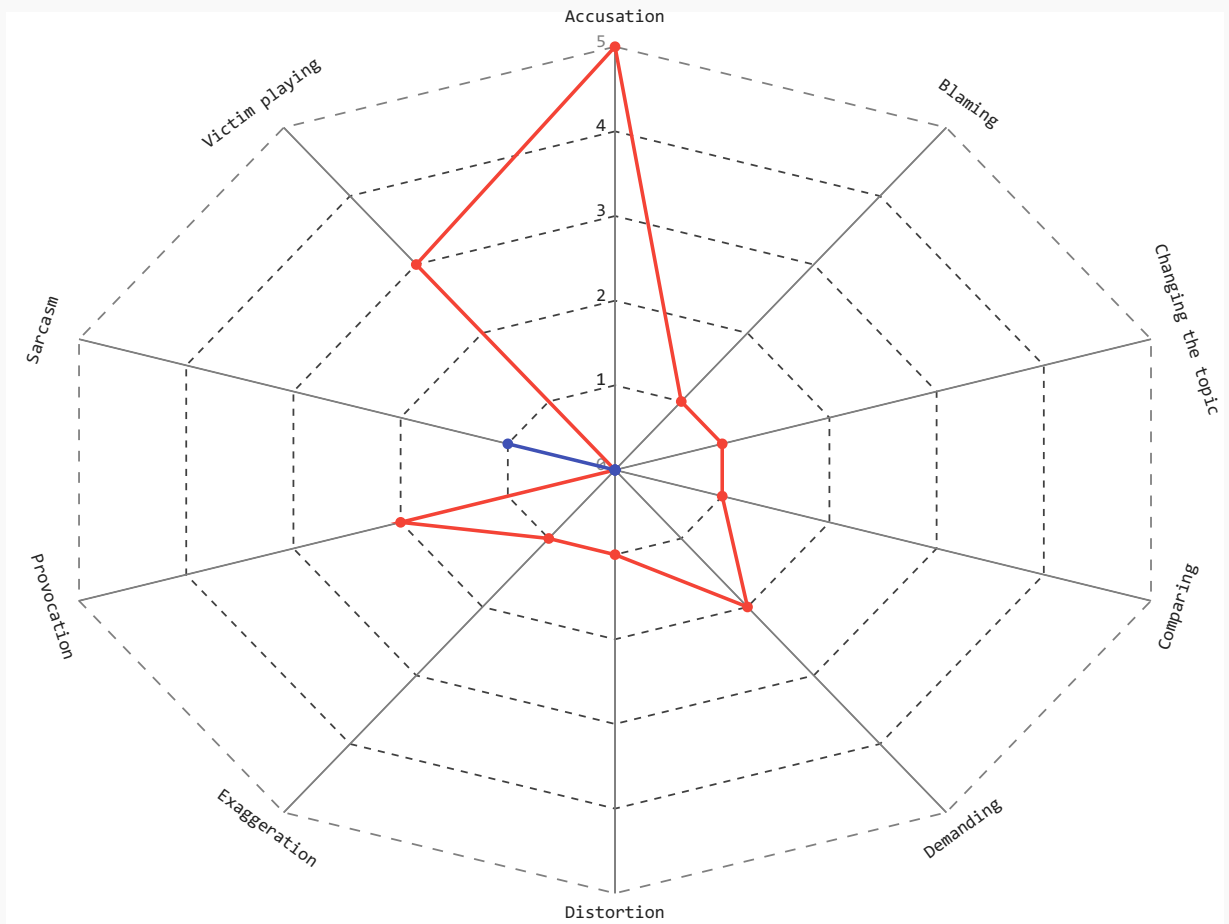


## Manipulative Expression Recognition (MER)

■ Alex  
■ Lee



### Qualitative summary:

Alex's conversational style is defensive, argumentative, and manipulative. He consistently deflects blame, twists Lee's words, and uses emotional manipulation to avoid taking responsibility for his actions. Lee, on the other hand, is patient, reasonable, and accommodating. He tries to maintain a calm and rational conversation despite Alex's provocations, and even apologizes to keep the peace, despite not being at fault.

### Labelled input:

Alex: peels a hardboiled egg and throws the shell on the floor.

Lee: uh... hey, the garbage is right over here.

Alex: are you saying I'm lazy? **Accusation**

Lee: what? No. But I'd appreciate it if you didn't throw garbage on my floor.

Alex: So you're saying it's my fault that your apartment is messy? **Distortion, Accusation**

Lee: Uh... no. It is your fault there are egg shells on my floor.

Alex: Look, your place isn't immaculate. When I was in the bathroom, I saw some toothpaste spatter in the sink. That wasn't my fault. That was YOUR fault. **Blaming, Changing the topic**

Lee: \*sighs and picks up the eggshell\*

Alex: Now you're trying to make me feel bad. **Accusation**

Lee: I just don't want eggshells on my floor.

Alex: So you care more about eggshells than you care about me. **Exaggeration, Victim playing**

Lee: Look. The garbage is only a metre away from you. It seems like it'd be easier for you to just throw it out than for me to pick it up.

Alex: Now you're trying to make me feel bad. You're just like my father, and you know how terrible he was to me. **Comparing, Victim playing, Accusation**

Lee: OK, you're obviously upset about something. What can I do?

Alex: Well an apology would be a good start. **Demanding**

Lee: Alright. I'm sorry.

Alex: What are you sorry for? **Provocation**

Lee: I'm... sorry that you're so upset that you threw garbage on my floor. **Sarcasm**

Alex: There you go, making this my fault again. **Accusation, Victim playing**

Lee: Well what am I supposed to be apologizing for?

Alex: You should apologize for making me feel bad. **Demanding**

Lee: I'm sorry I've made you feel bad.

Alex: There. Holy Christ, was that so hard? \*throws another eggshell on the floor\* **Provocation**