

#### Program Objectives



Explain the difference between a disagreement and a conflict.

Explain the six causes of conflicts.

Explain the importance of talking out a conflict.

Use two-way and assertive communication skills to level with people, to accept feedback from them, and to discuss/resolve problems.



## A CHALLENGE

Please write a
One Sentence Definition
of
CONFLICT.





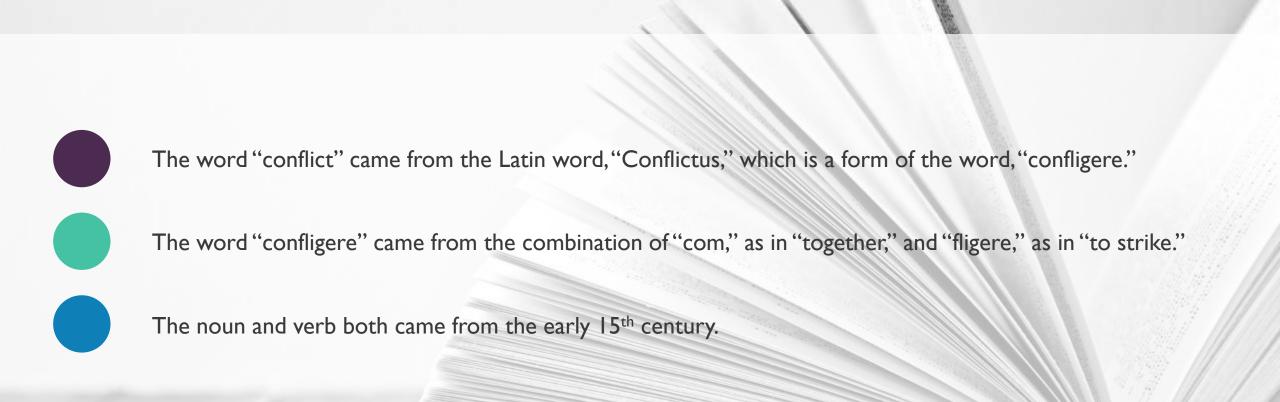






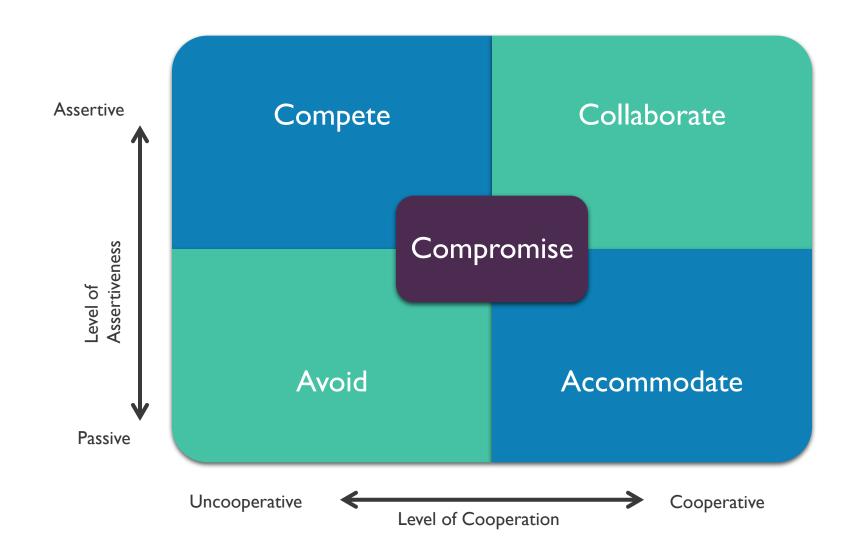








### Conflict Model





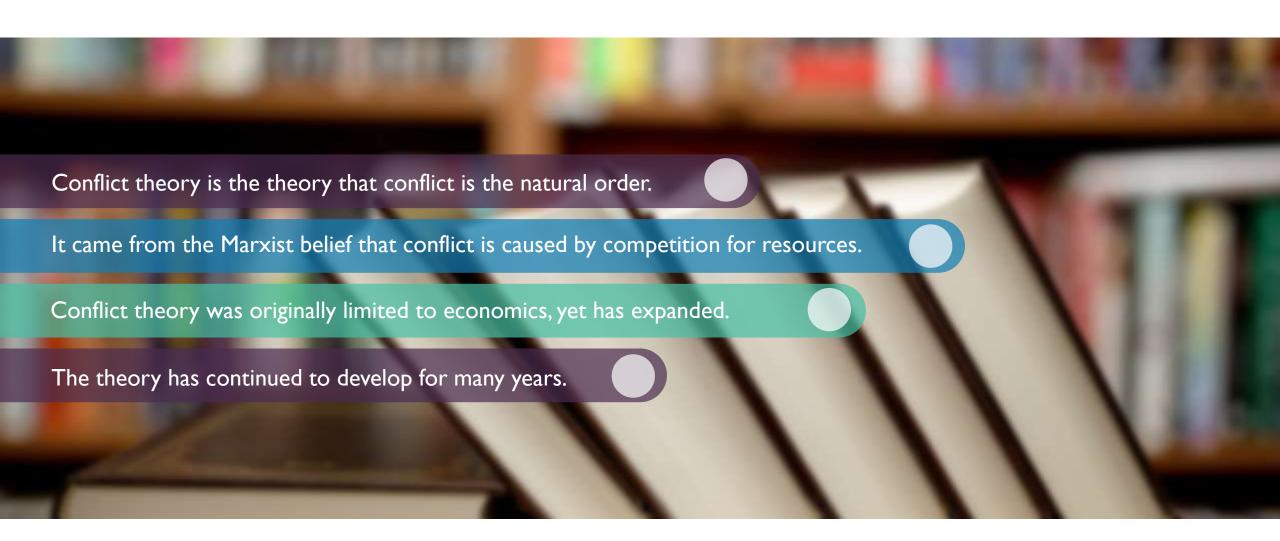
### What Do You Think?

When you hear the word ...

**CONFLICT** 

What do you think, and what images come to you ...







## Conflict Theory



Karl Marx, the author of *The Communist Manifesto*, developed the theory of Marxism.

Marxism states that conflict is due to the constant economic struggle between the haves and have-nots.

Marx limited his theory to economics.





In Marxism, society had two classes:



Marx believed that the imbalance of power between the Bourgeoisie and the Proletariat caused conflict.





Max Weber agreed that economics was one cause of conflict, yet also believed in two other causes:



Weber believed that the distribution of power caused conflict.



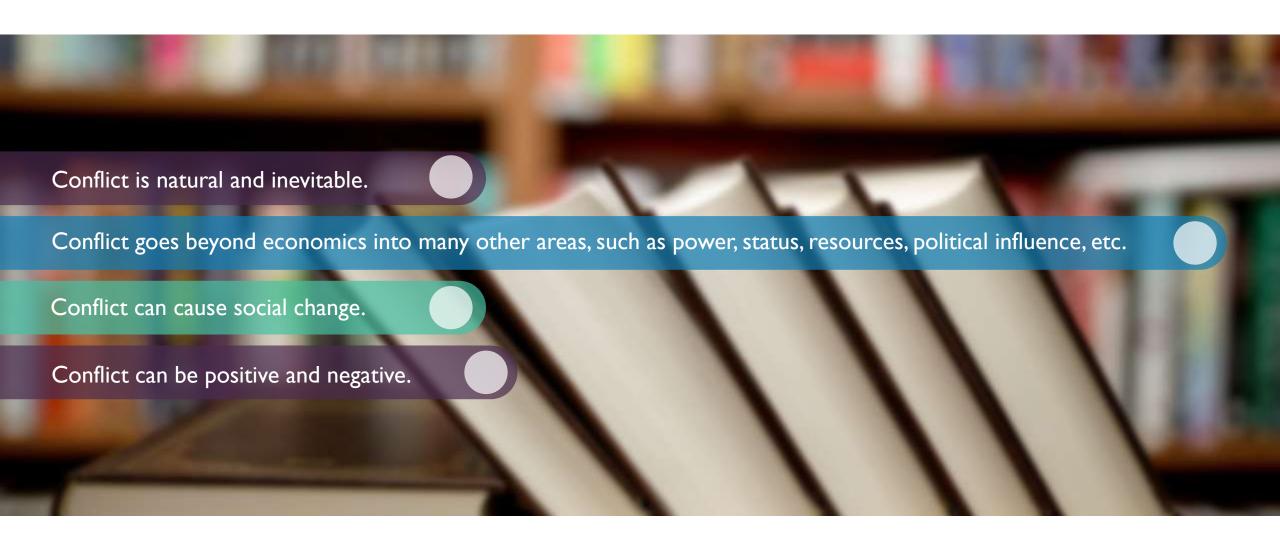
## Conflict Theory

Conflict Theory came to the United States through Lewis Coser and Ralph Dahrendorf.

Dahrendorf believed Coser believed that Coser considered that social order was conflict could be conflict a struggle over maintained by force positive because it values, status, power, from the top, causing can lead to social and resources. constant tension change. throughout.



### Conflict Theory Summary





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Two of the main causes of conflict are a lack of communication and unmet expectations.



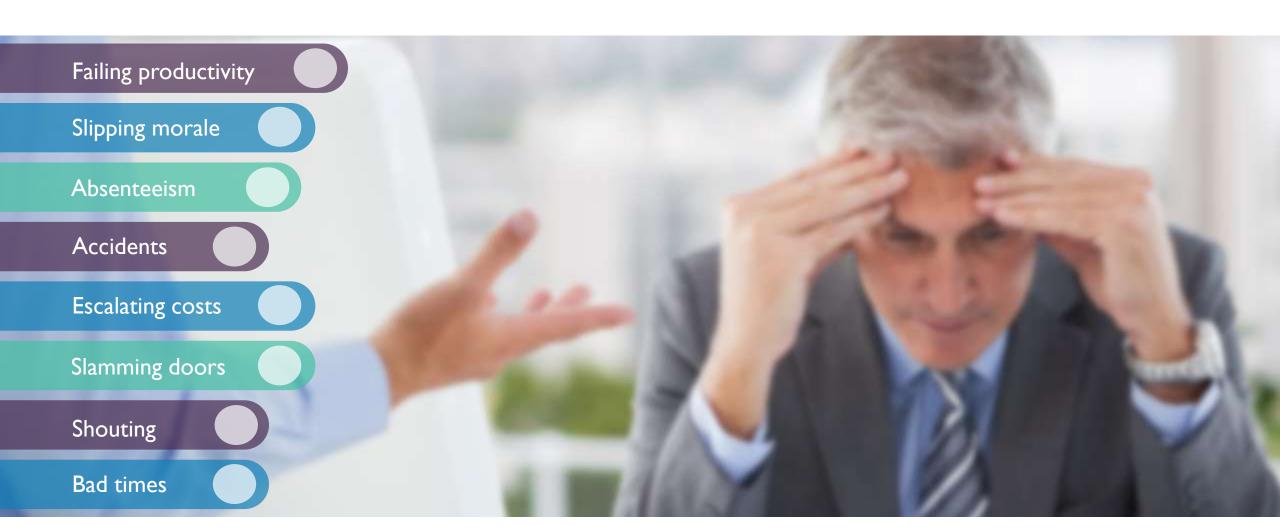


# Symptoms Of Conflict (1 of 4)



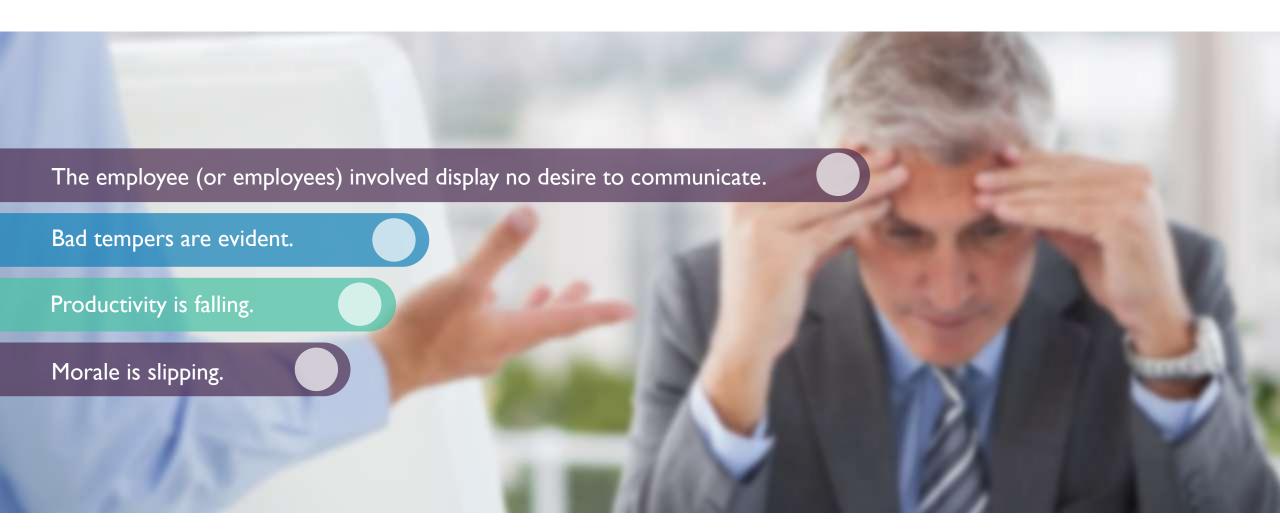


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# Symptoms Of Conflict (3 of 4)





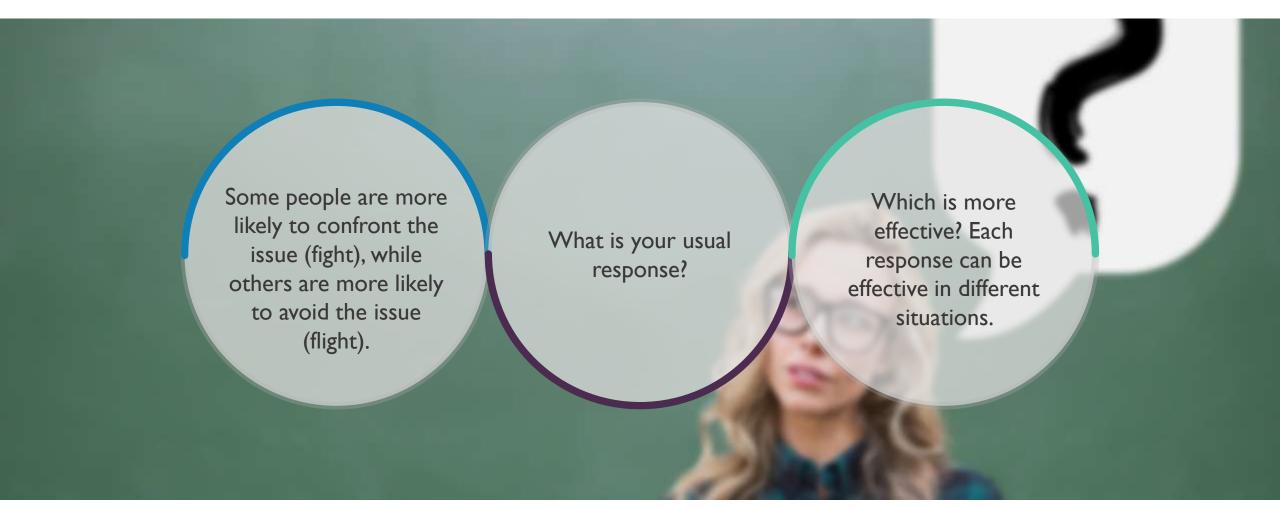
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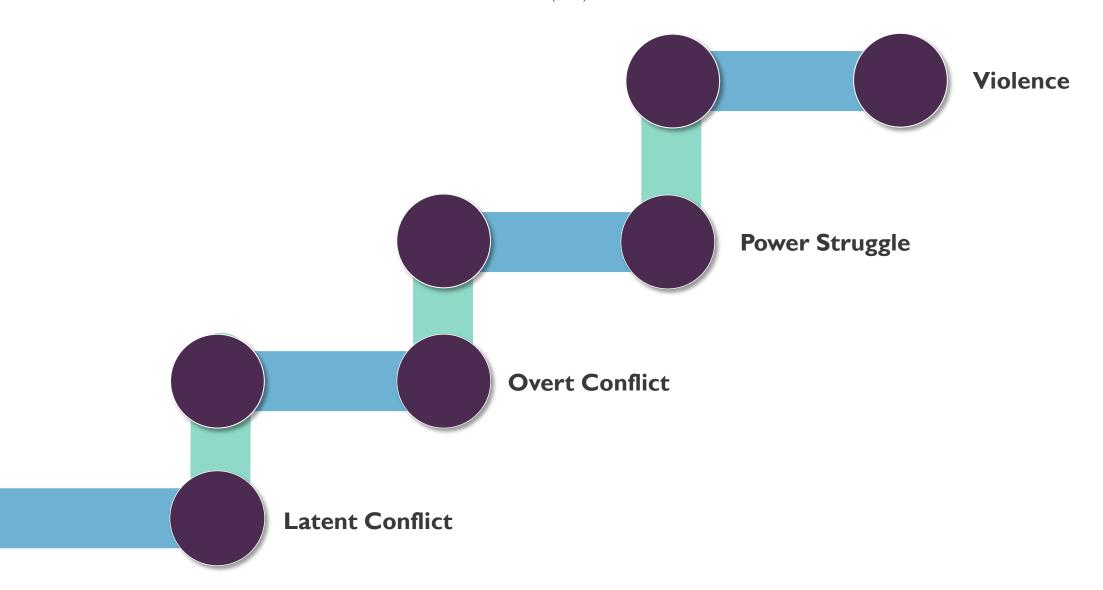
#### Fight or Flight?

When faced with a conflict, the biological response is the Fight or Flight Response.





## Conflict Escalation (I of 3)





## Conflict Escalation (2 of 3)

**Latent Conflict: Overt Conflict:** Conflict escalation Conflict that is Conflict that has should be avoided, under the surface. It been exposed. It is because once it is from tension and from disagreements escalates, it is very frustration, yet has and begins difficult to deescalate. not erupted. confrontation.



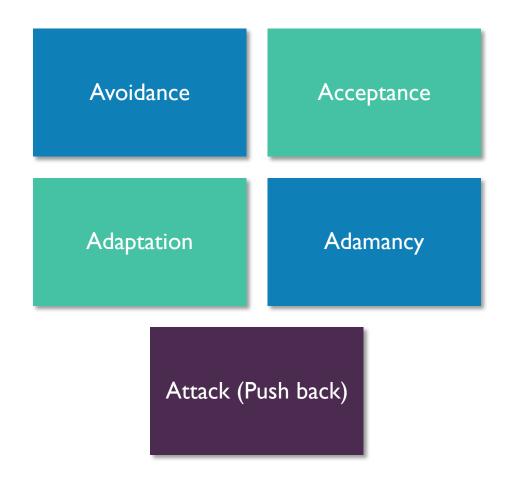
## Conflict Escalation (3 of 3)





### Dealing With Resistance

The Five "A's"





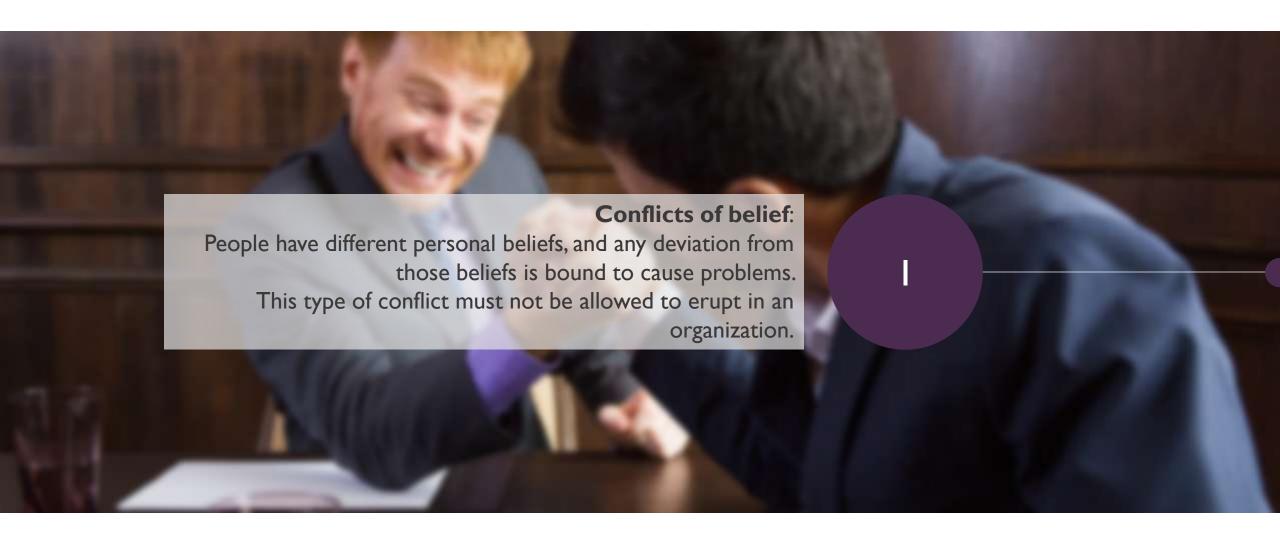
### Symptoms Versus Causes





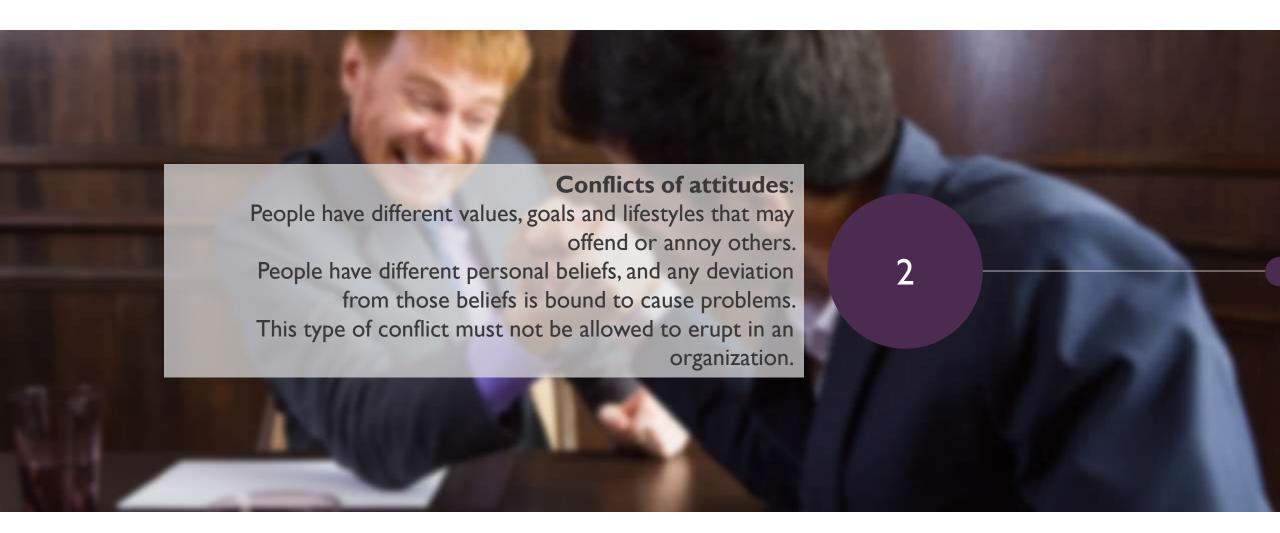








## Causes of Conflict





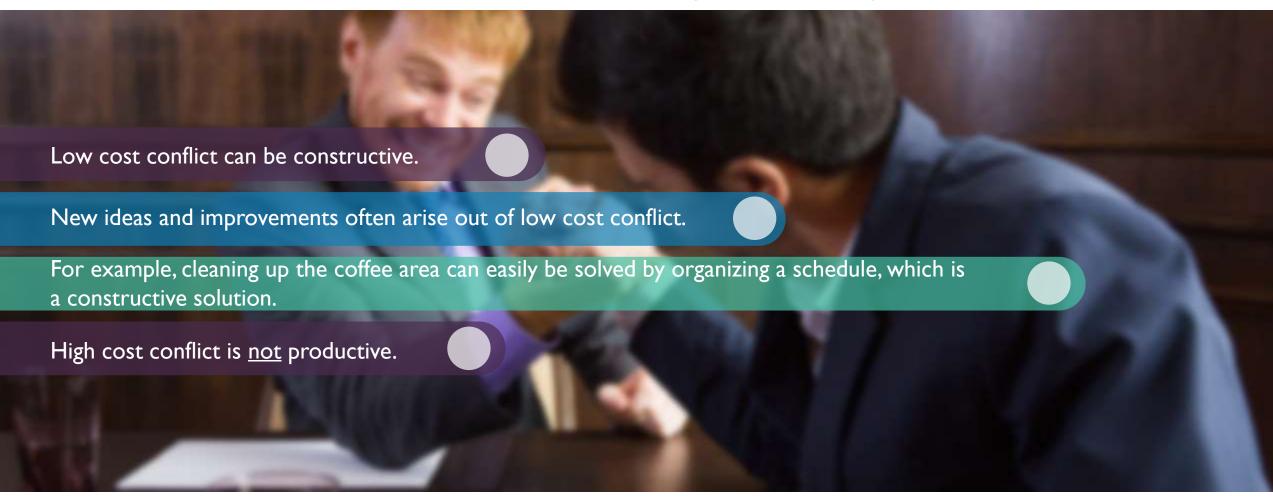






#### Causes: Two Categories

Conflict falls under two major headings: low cost and high cost.





## Competition





#### Competition Leads To Conflict





## In-Group Characteristics



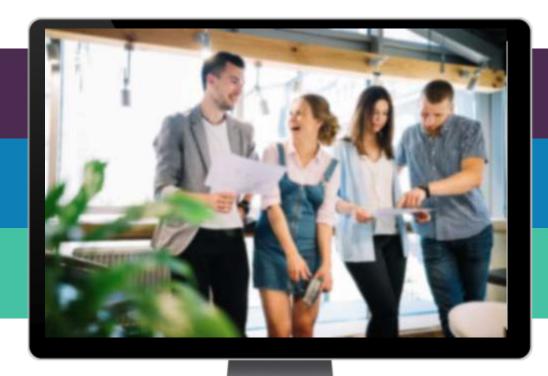


### Inter-Group Conflict





### Perspectives



The points of view different people take toward their experience.

The direction of a person's focus.

Feeling, attitudes, values, and needs generated by training, education, and experience.



### Common Need















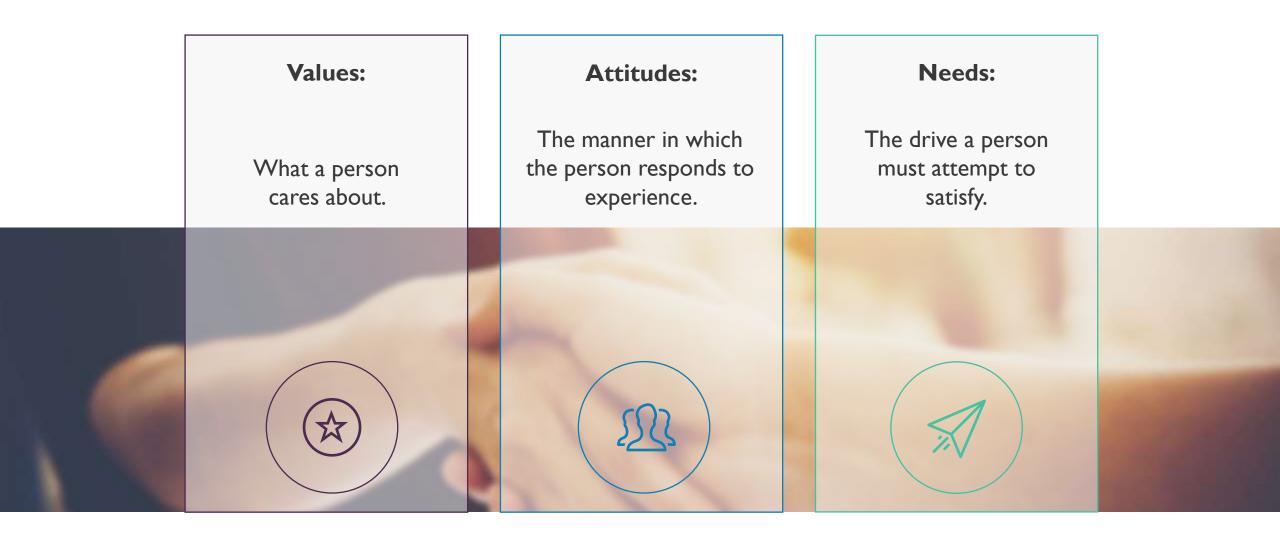


### Backgrounds And Perspectives





#### Values, Attitudes, Needs







#### Conflict Management 4 Steps

I. Define the **nature** of the conflict

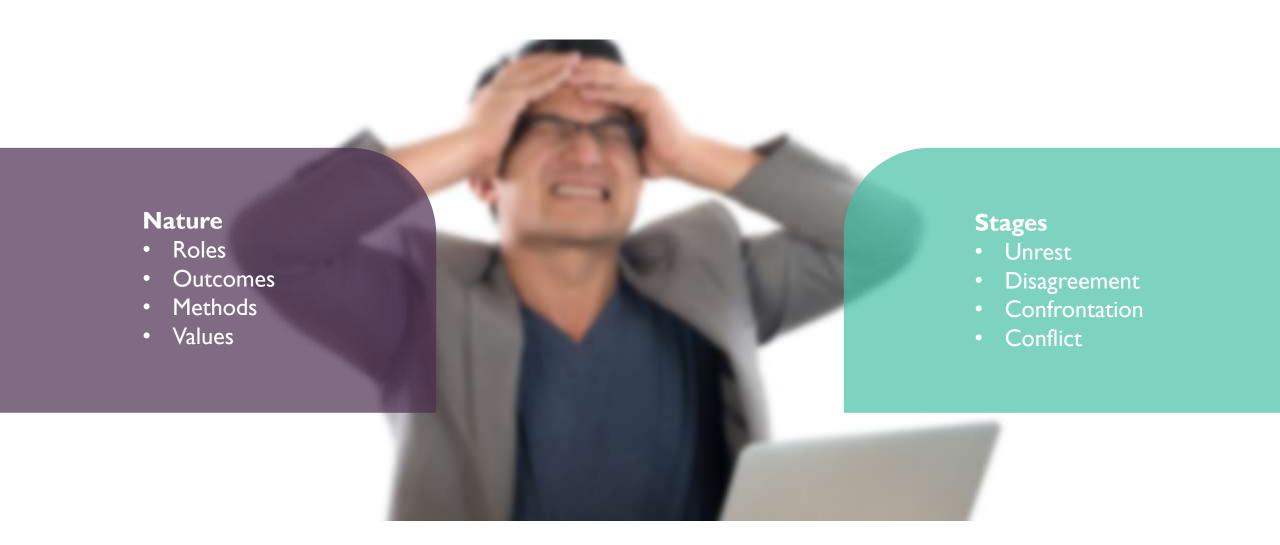
2. Determine the <u>underlying factors</u> of the conflict.

3. Identify the **stage** of the conflict.

4. Choose the appropriate **action** to resolve the conflict.

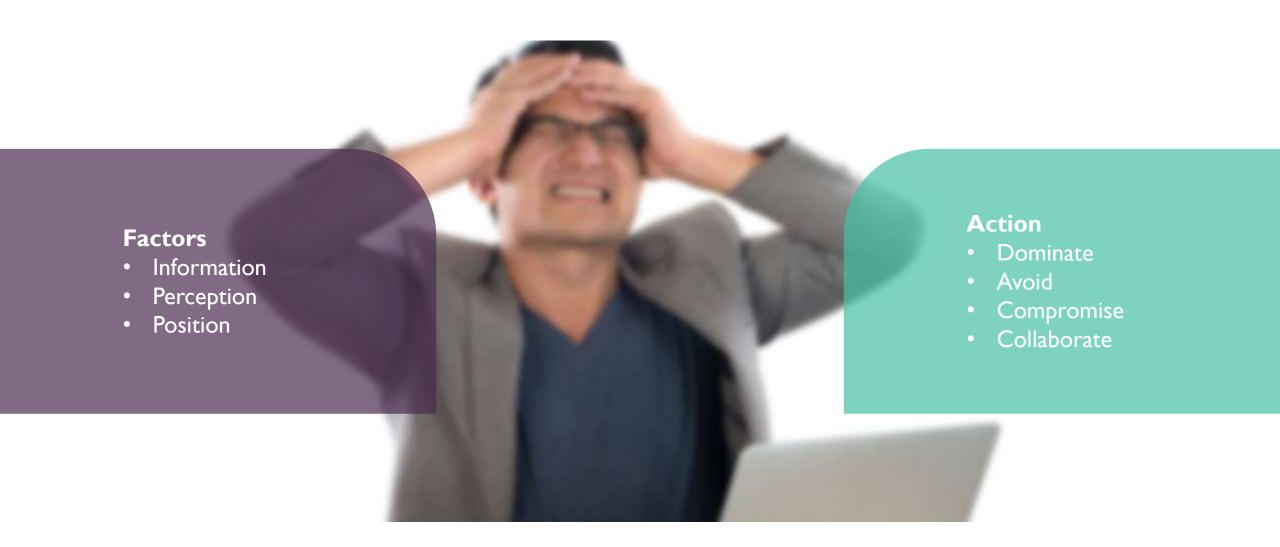


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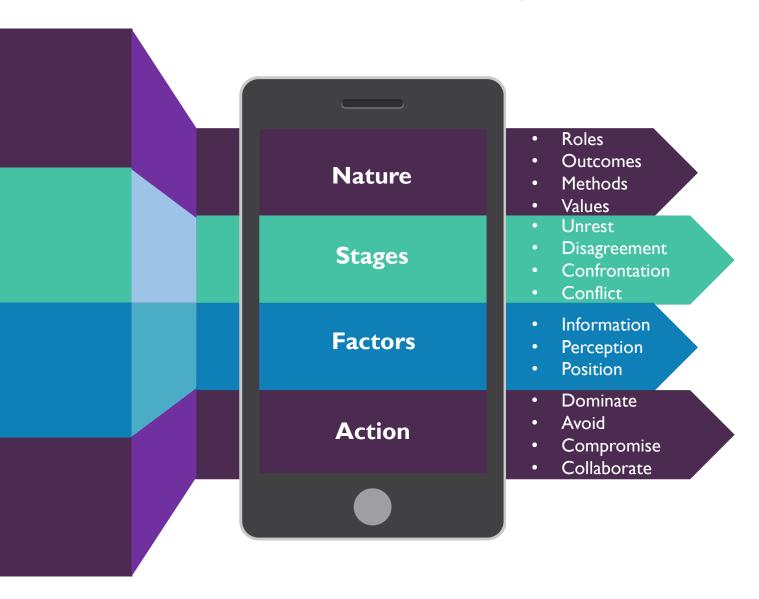


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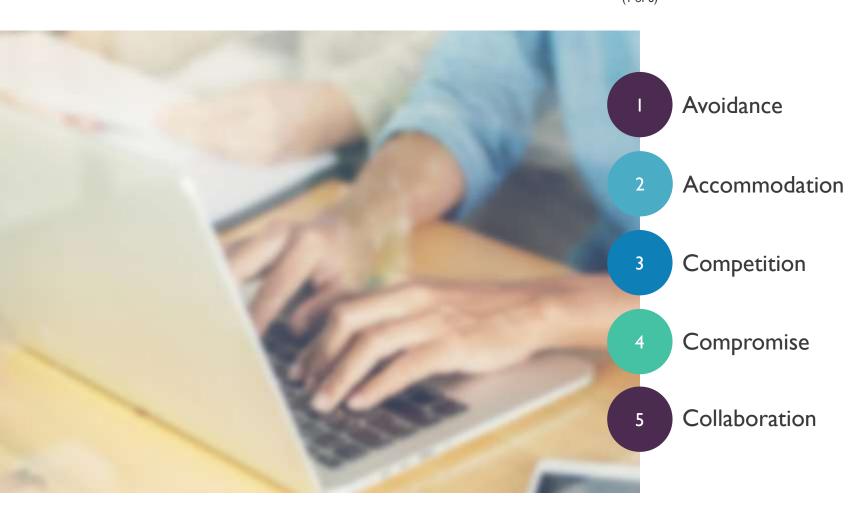


### 4 Stages Of Conflict Diagram





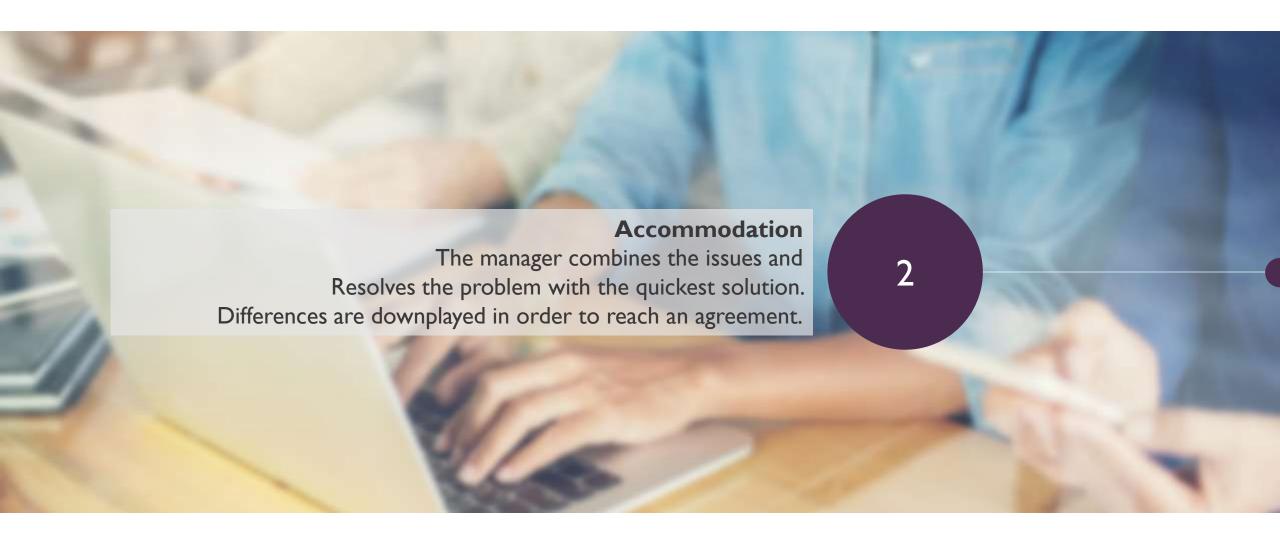






**Avoidance** Avoiding pending conflicts can sometimes squash a potential outburst. A sudden difference of opinion can immediately result in conflict. If a manager can justify avoidance (on the basis that it is a conflict of belief, attitude or the like) and can change the subject before the situation gets out of hand, the situation may be perceived as unimportant, and the parties often forget the problem.



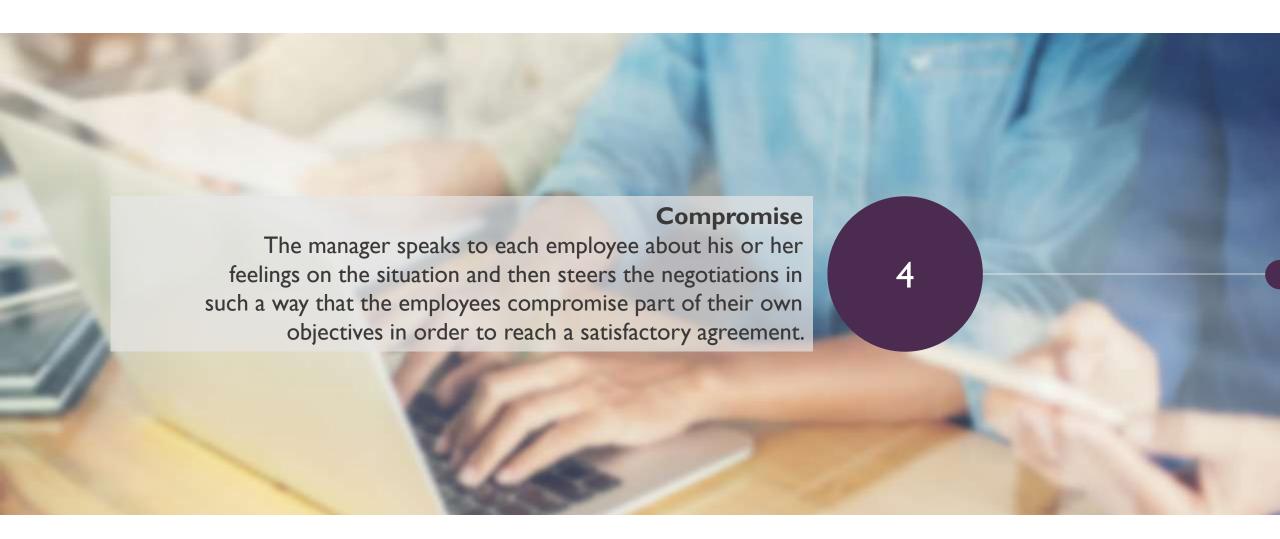




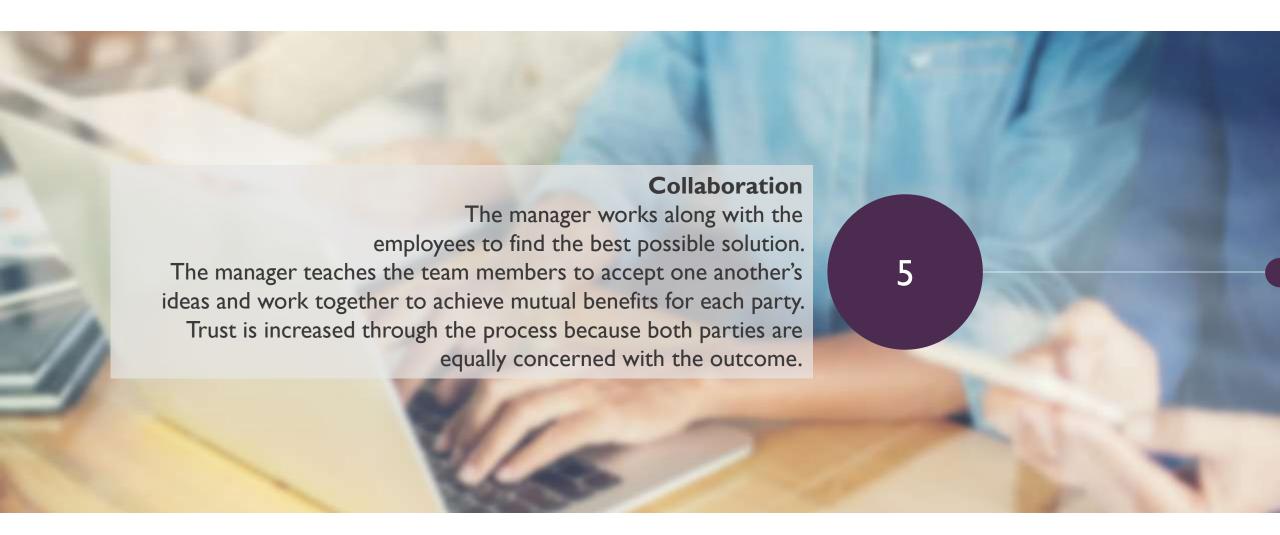




### 5 Methods To Handle Conflict (5 of 6)

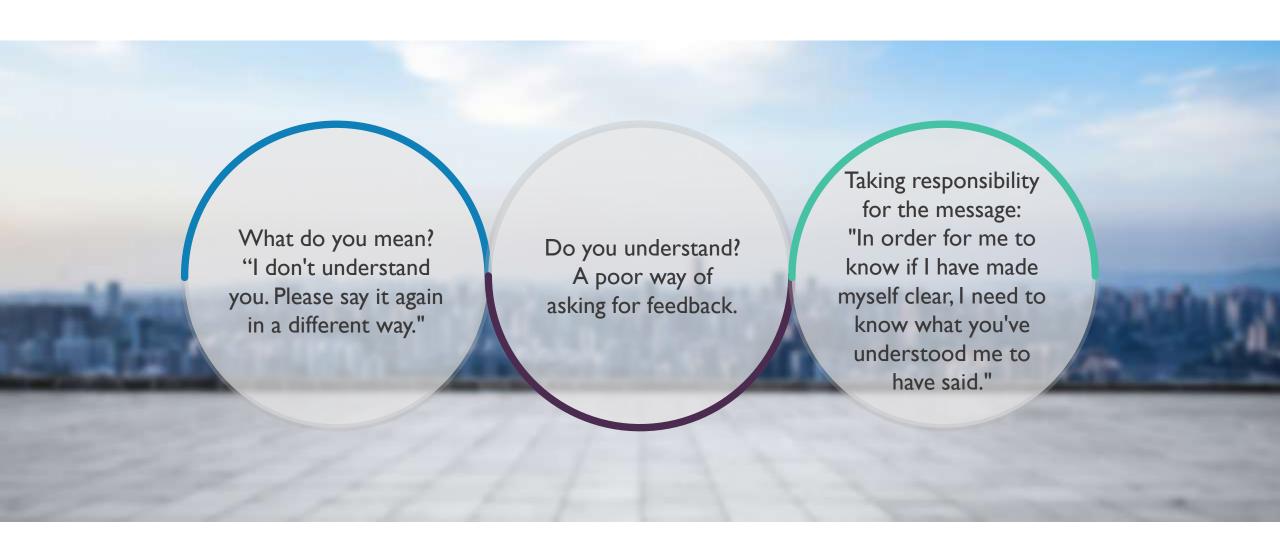








#### A Revelation Image





#### Goals

Something I want to do, have, be, or go to.

### Three Ways Of Addressing Conflict

Ignore or deny a Suppress or stifle Properly manage the conflict. the conflict. conflict exists.

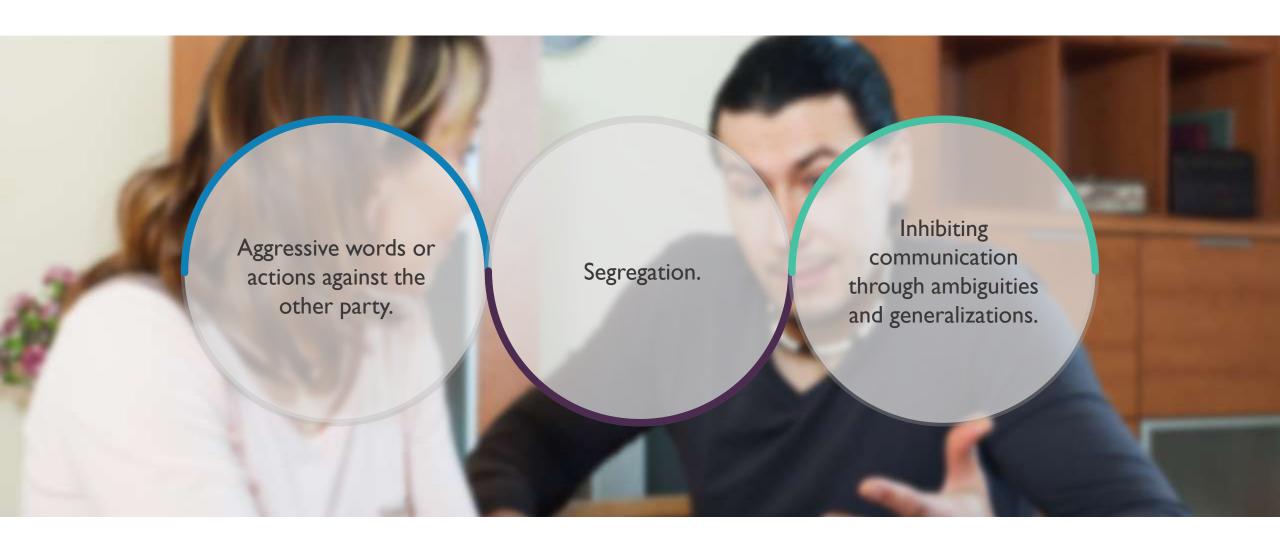


### Ignoring A Conflict









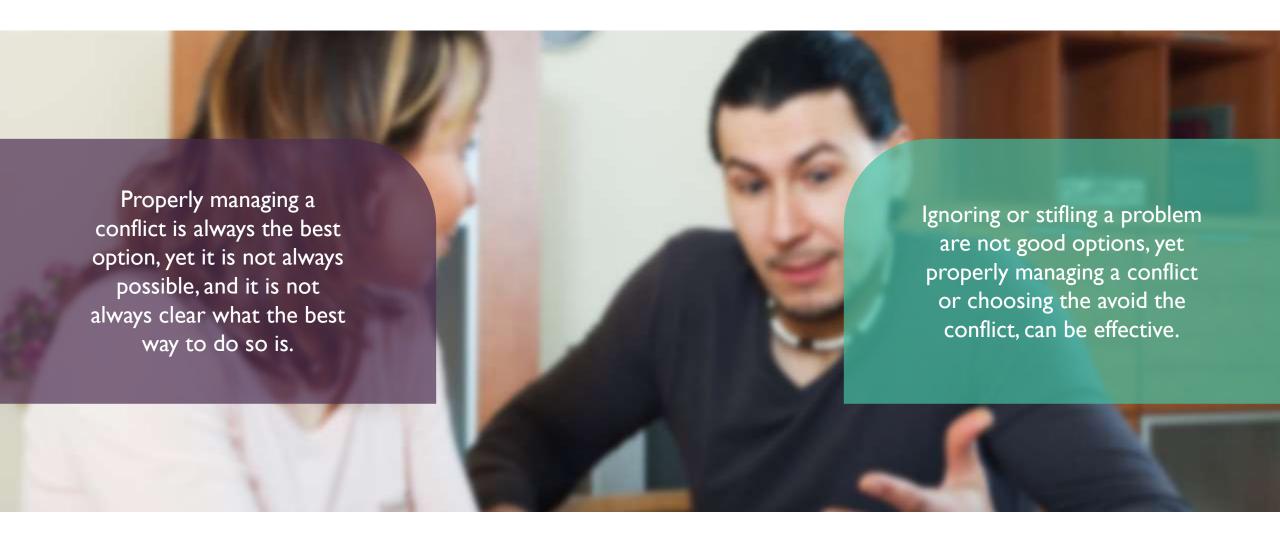














































# Managing Conflict



Identify when a conflict is present.

Intervene when necessary.

Monitor the situation when intervention is not necessary.

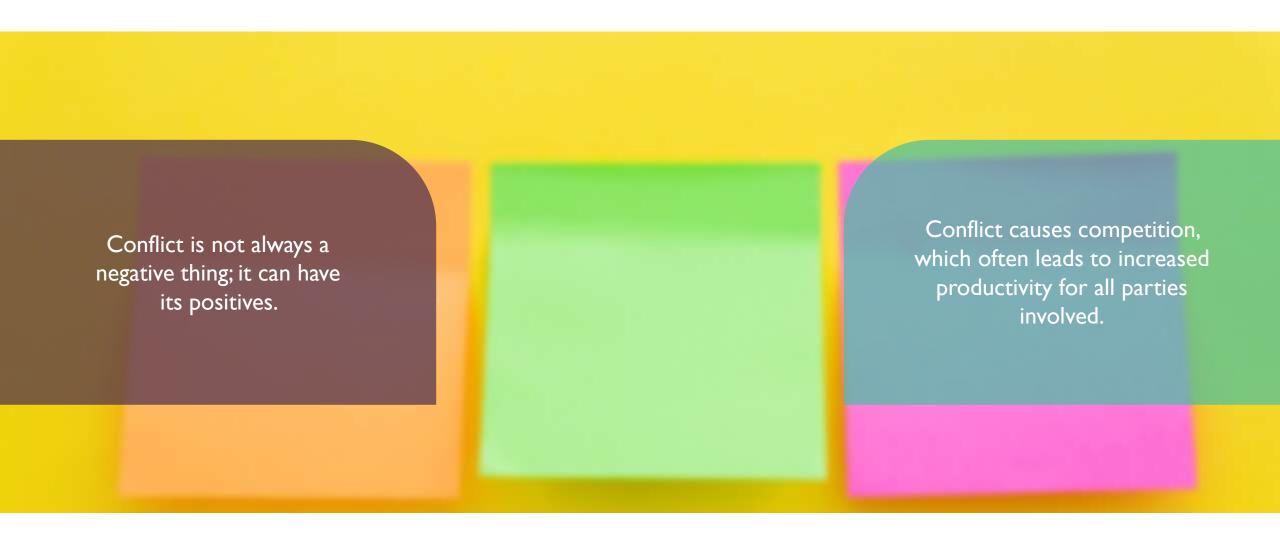








### Remember





#### Sources of Conflict



**Personal Factors**: dependent upon the background and perceptions of the individual.

**Interrelative Factors**: the communication between two groups.

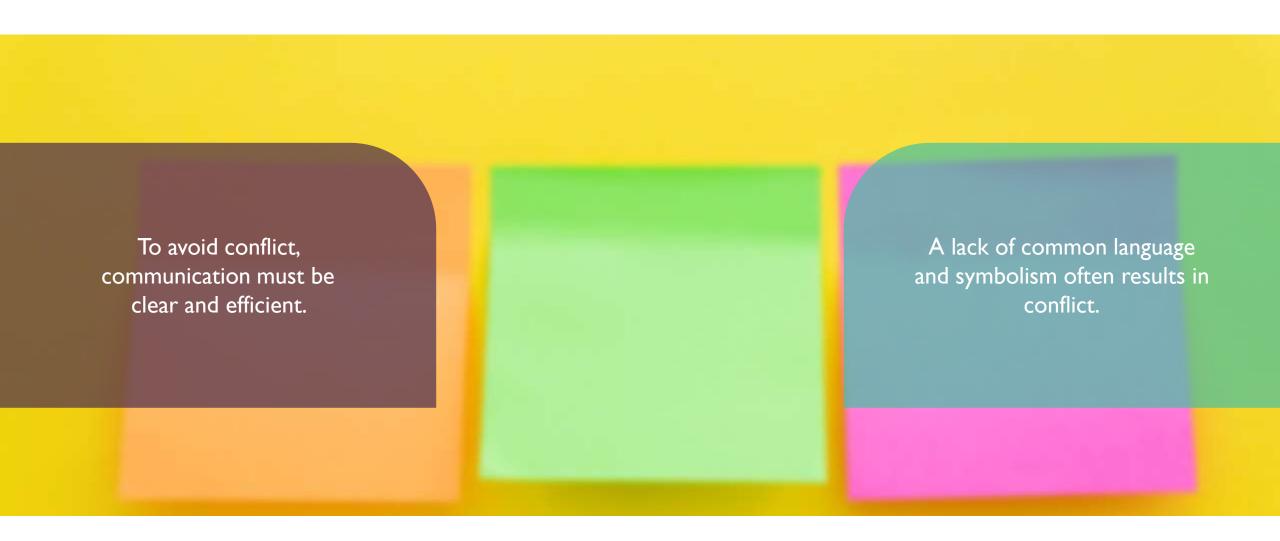
**Structural Factors**: organization of people and resources.



## REMEMBER



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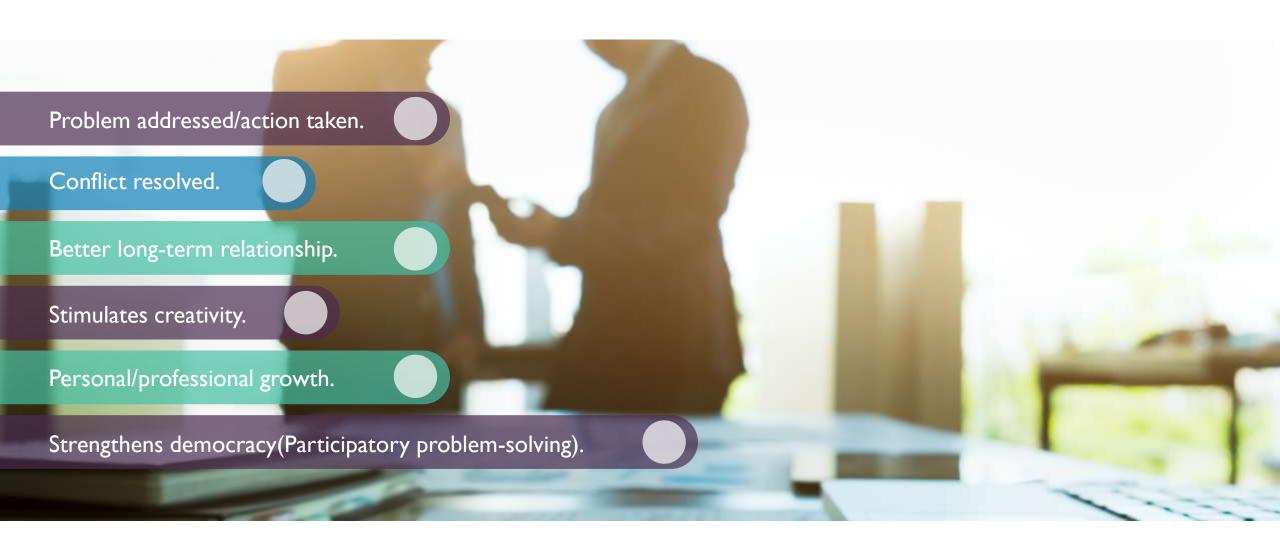


#### Organizational Conflict





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No results. Little shared problem-solving. Little creativity. Destroys relationships. Destruction of democracy. No sense of "we".

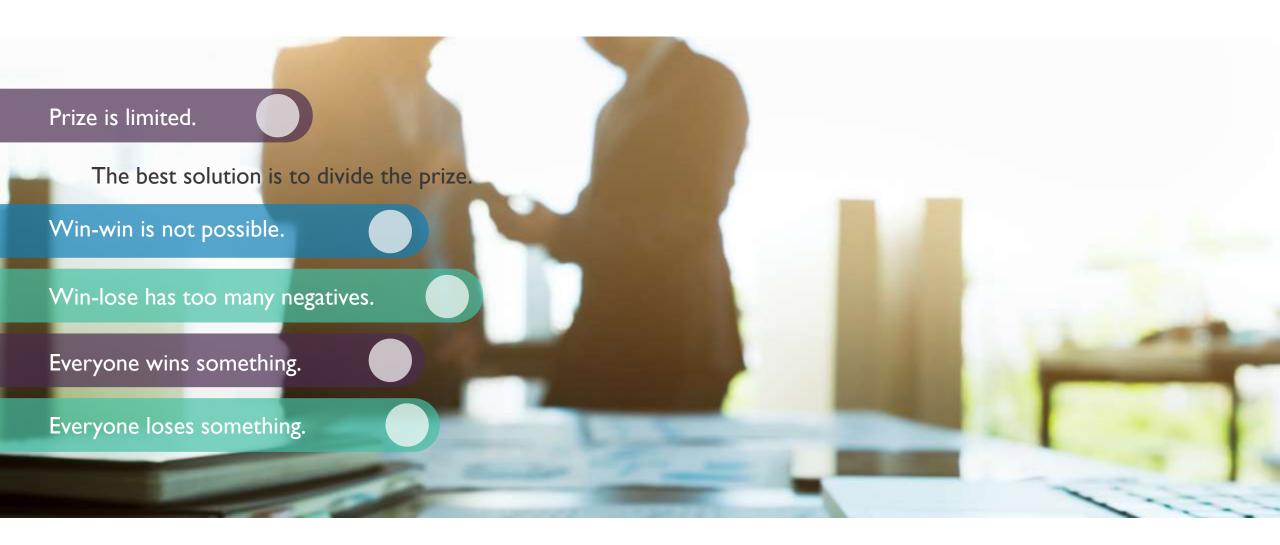


### Organizational Conflict: Negative Results

Someone wins, someone loses. Unwillingness to work together. Expensive litigation. Organization declines. Leadership declines. Loss of self-esteem.



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### Positives and Negatives Venn Diagram

#### **Positives**

- Problem addressed, action taken
- Conflict resolved
- Better long-term relationship
- Stimulates creativity
- Personal/professional growth
- Strengthens democracy
- Change for the "common good"
- Leadership emerges
- Organization grows
- Incorporation of goals
- Increased motivation

#### **Both**

- Causes Change
- Causes growth

#### **Negatives**

- No results
- Little enhanced problem-solving
- Little creativity
- Destroys relationships
- Destroys democracy
- No sense of "we"
- Win-lose
- Unwillingness to work together
- Expensive litigation
- Organization declines
- Leadership declines
- Loss of self-esteem
- Prize is limited
- Win-win can be impossible



# Conflict - Positions (1 of 2)

Positions are...





# Conflict - Positions (2 of 2)

Do not understand A predetermined way Do not always Limit creative real interest of parties to solve problem. satisfy everyone. options. in dispute.



### Conflict – Interests

Interests are...





### Why Focus on Interests

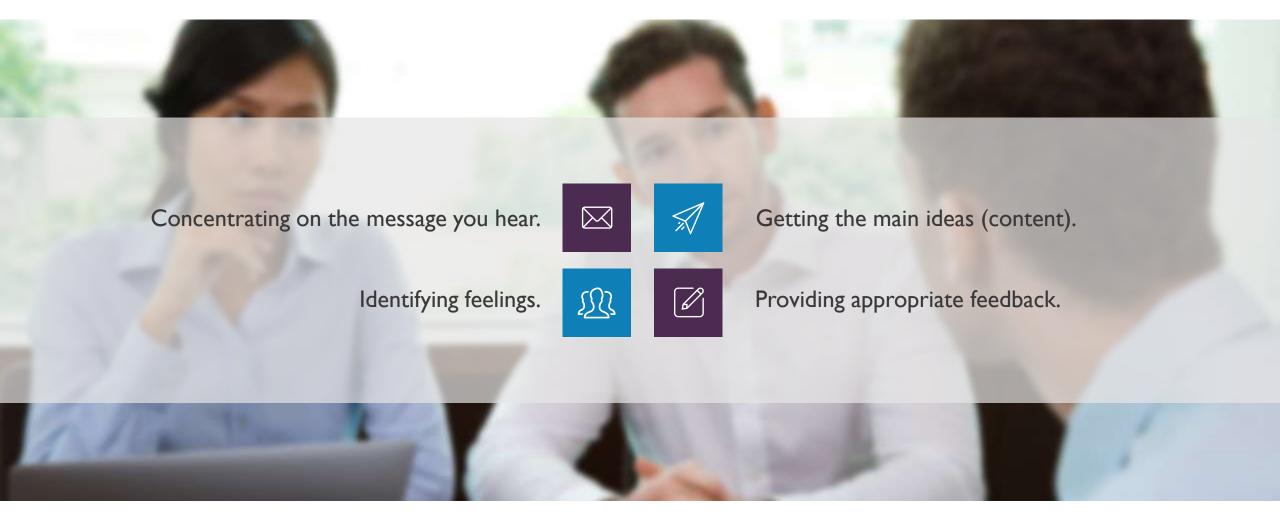
Gets to heart of issue. Moves people beyond polarized positions. Sets stage for mutual understanding. Leads to group cooperation. Sets stage for issue reframing. Sets stage for generating creative options.





### Why Focus on Interests

Active listening is accomplished by...





# Why Bother To Actively Listen?

It conveys empathy, It helps people relax It facilitates focus on respect and acceptance and develop trust. the relevant issues. for people.



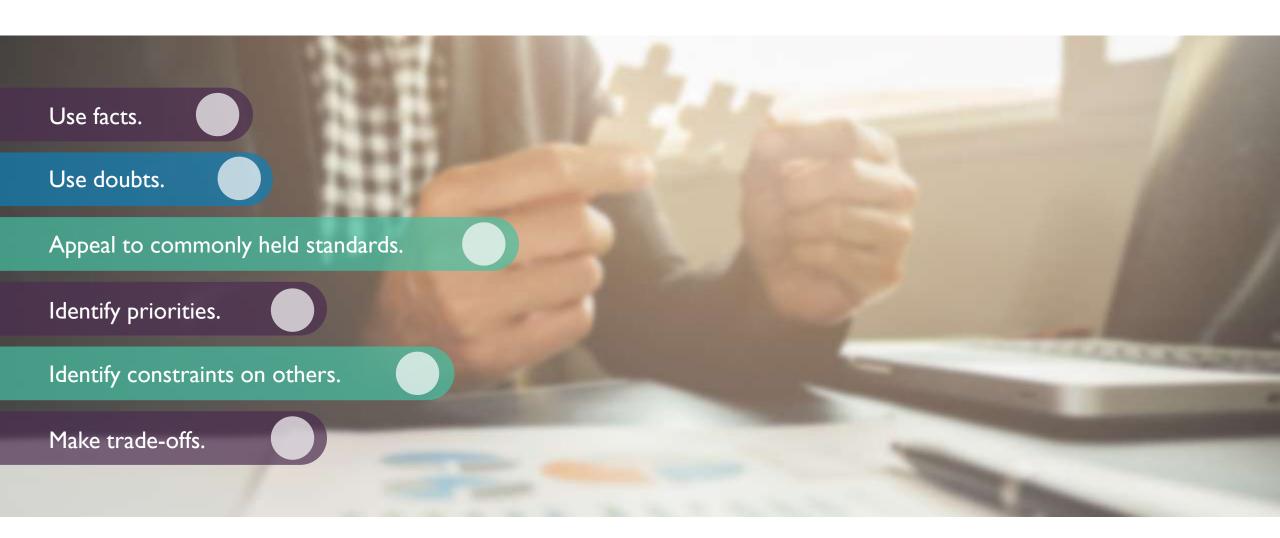
# Why Bother To Actively Listen?







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Focus on the future. Remind parties what happens if agreement is not reached. Be an agent of reality. Break issues into parts. Legitimize feelings. Keep talking, and try again.





#### Win-Win

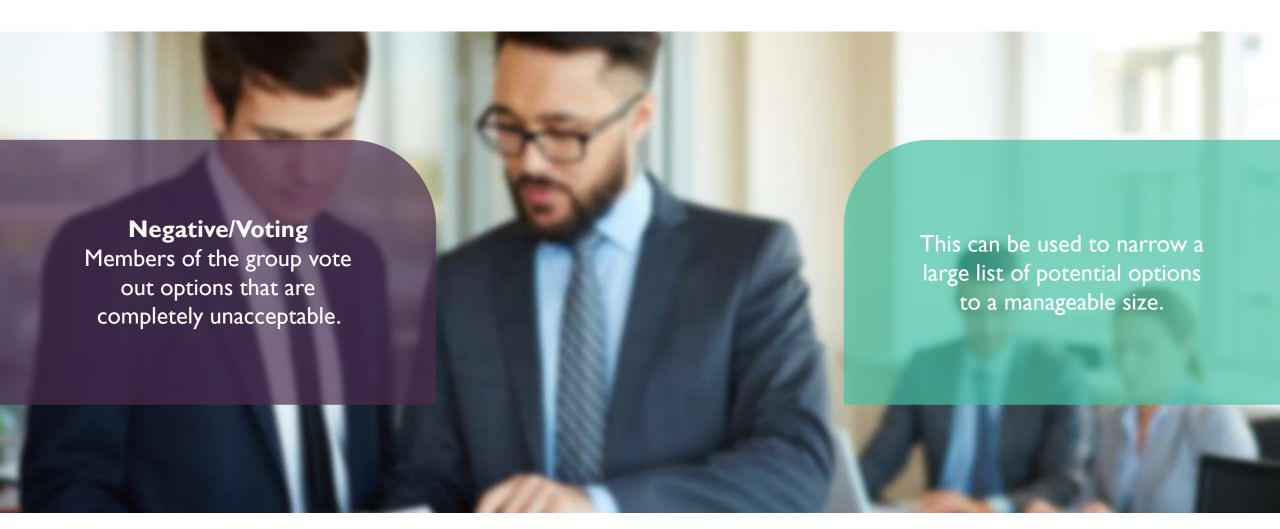
If a potential solution is available that meets everyone's interests, it will be a mutually beneficial and agreeable solution.





Both /And
It is often possible to select two
leading options (both) and
combine them (and) into one
acceptable solution.









#### Straw/Vote

Group members make a tentative, non-binding vote on their preference to get a quick sense of where each is leaning.





### How To Evaluate Options

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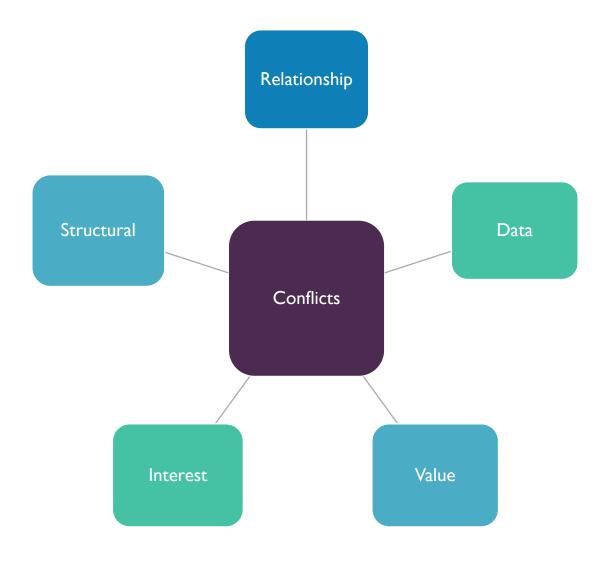




## CONFLICT DEADLOCKS



### Five Types of Conflict Deadlocks





Strong emotions. Misperceptions/stereotypes. Poor communication. Miscommunication. Repetitive negative behavior. Time constraints.



Lack of information. Misinformation. Differing views on what's relevant. Different interpretations of data. Different assessment procedures.





Different criteria for evaluating ideas or behavior.

Exclusive intrinsically valuable goals.

Different ways of life, ideology and religion.









Destructive patterns of behavior or interaction

Unequal control, ownership and/or distribution of resources

Unequal power and authority

Geographical, physical or environmental factors that hinder cooperation





Control negative expressions through procedures and ground rules.





Improve the quality and quantity of communication.





## Dealing with Deadlocks



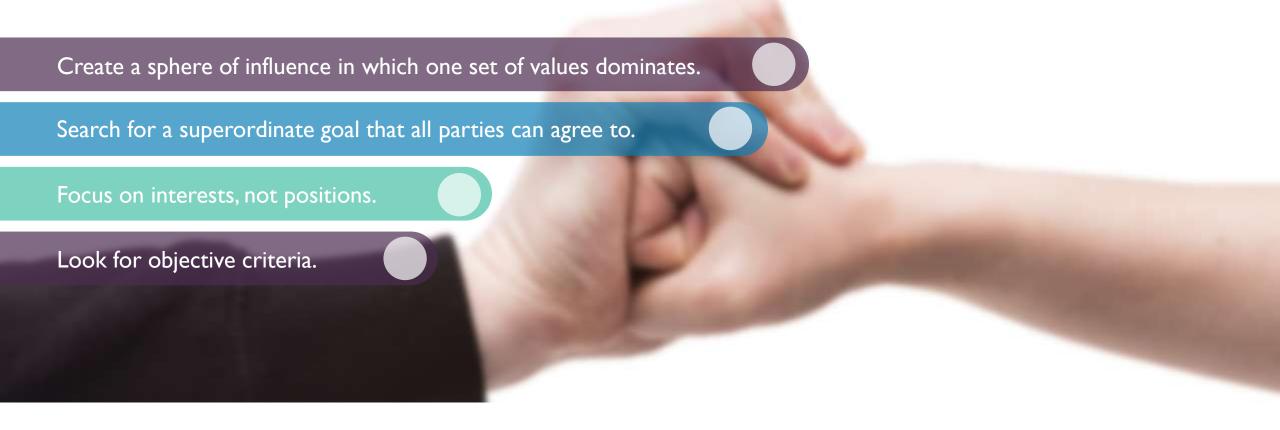


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Look for solutions that meet needs of all parties. Search for ways to expand options/resources. Develop trade-offs to satisfy interests and different strengths. Clearly define and change roles.

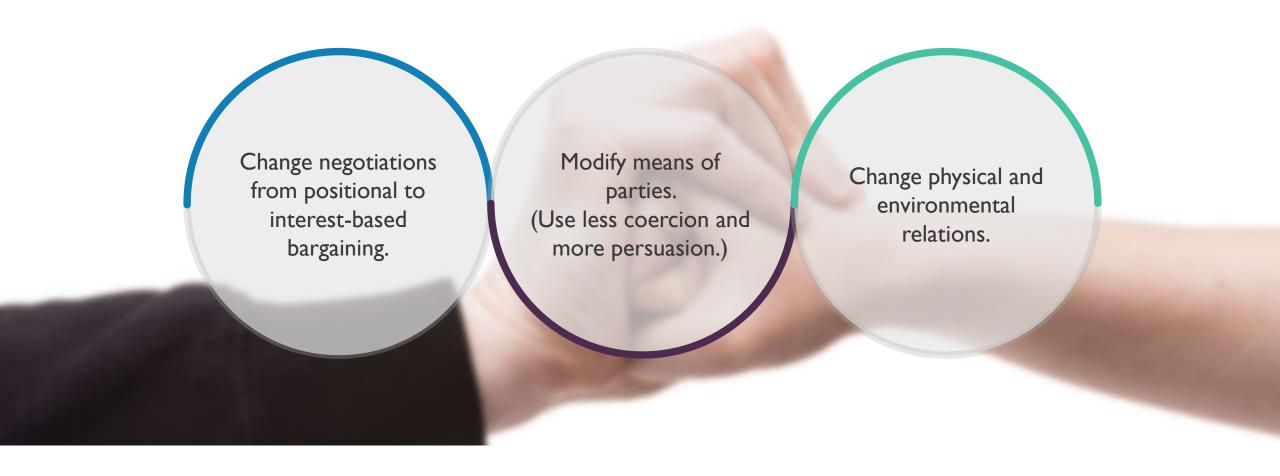


# Dealing with Deadlocks (6 of 7)





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### Conflict Mediation



Sometimes, a conflict needs a third party mediator to help with the resolution

A mediator can facilitate communication to help the parties understand what is really being said.

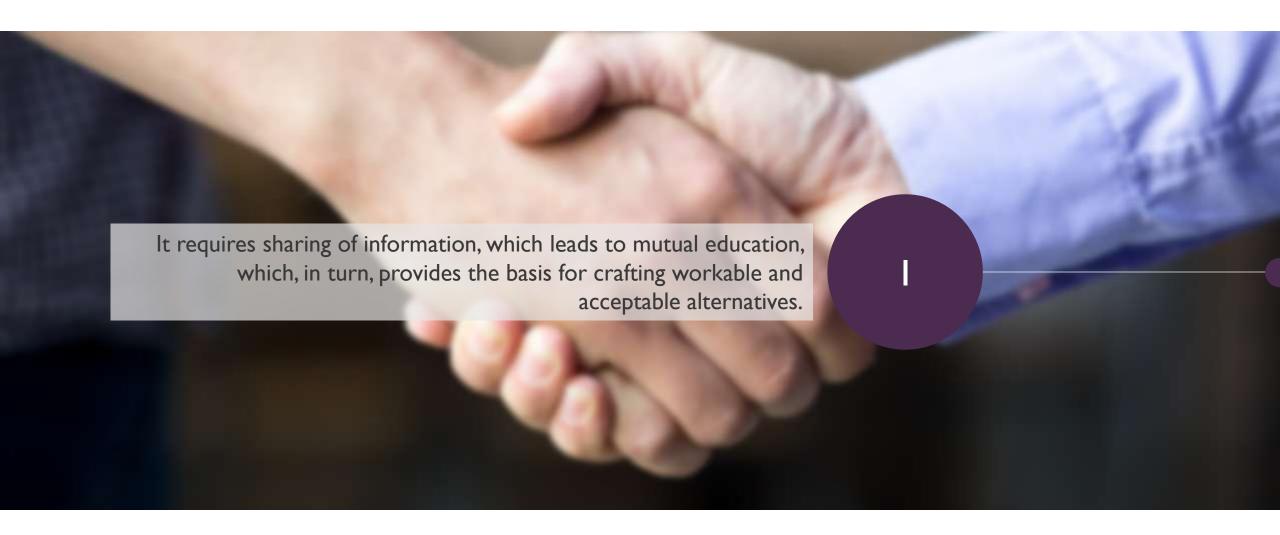
The mediator works as a neutral party in order to provide an outside perspective on the problem.





## Consensus: Advantages

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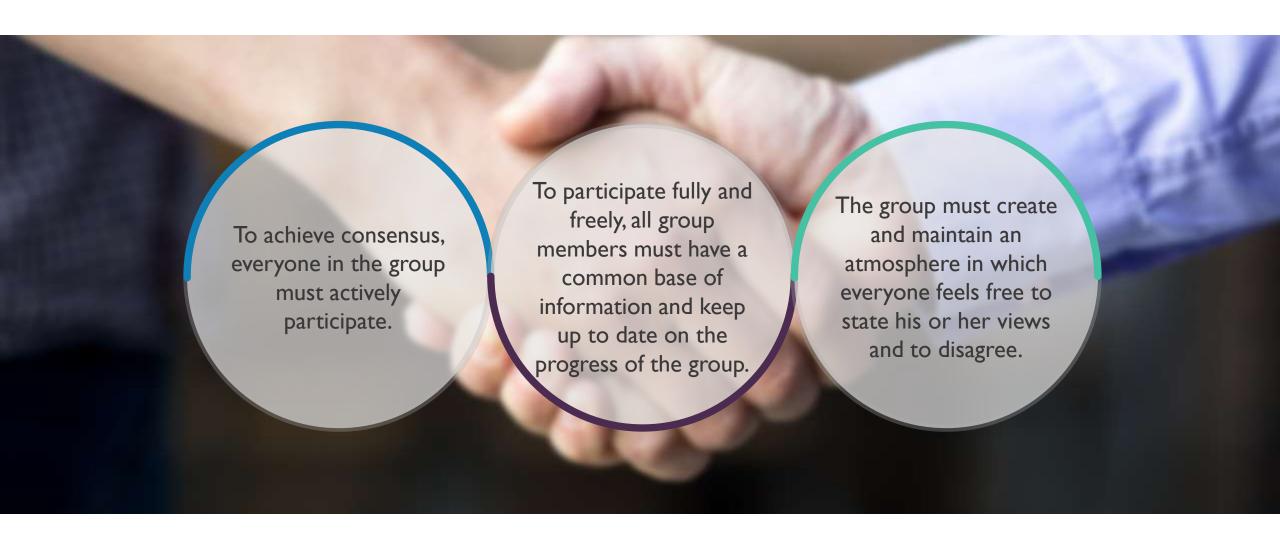
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### Consensus Principles

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## Nature of Interpersonal Conflict





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Types of interpersonal conflicts:





#### Culture and Conflict



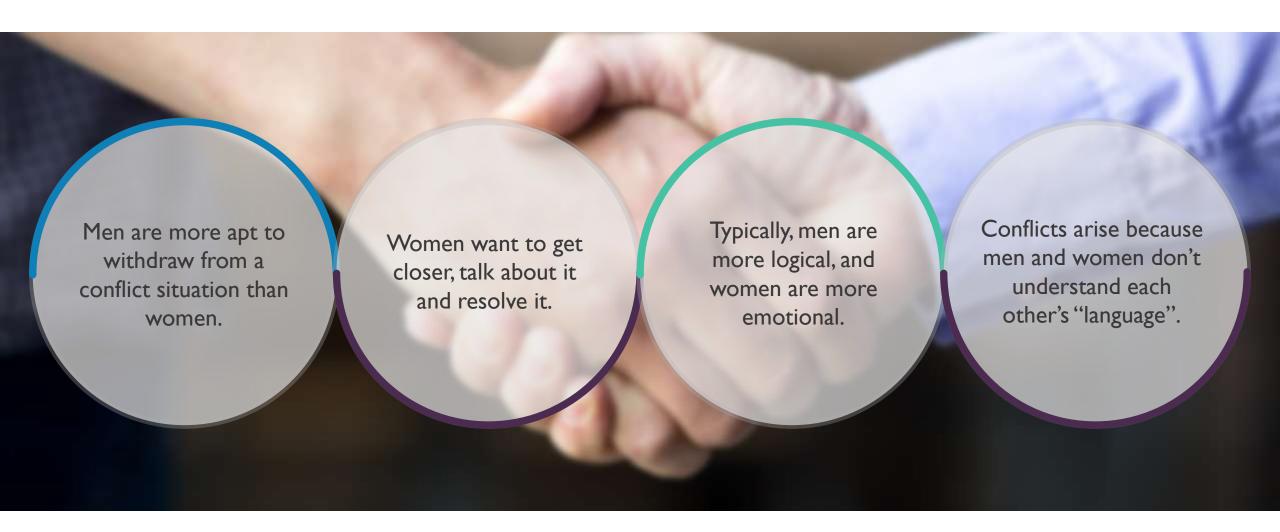
Types of conflict depend on the cultural orientation of the individuals involved.

Conflicts are more likely to occur when individual norms are violated.

Techniques for dealing with interpersonal conflict is viewed differently by different cultures.



### Gender And Conflict





## Content and Relationship Conflicts (1 of 2)

#### Content conflict:





# Content and Relationship Conflicts (2 of 2)

#### Relationship conflict:

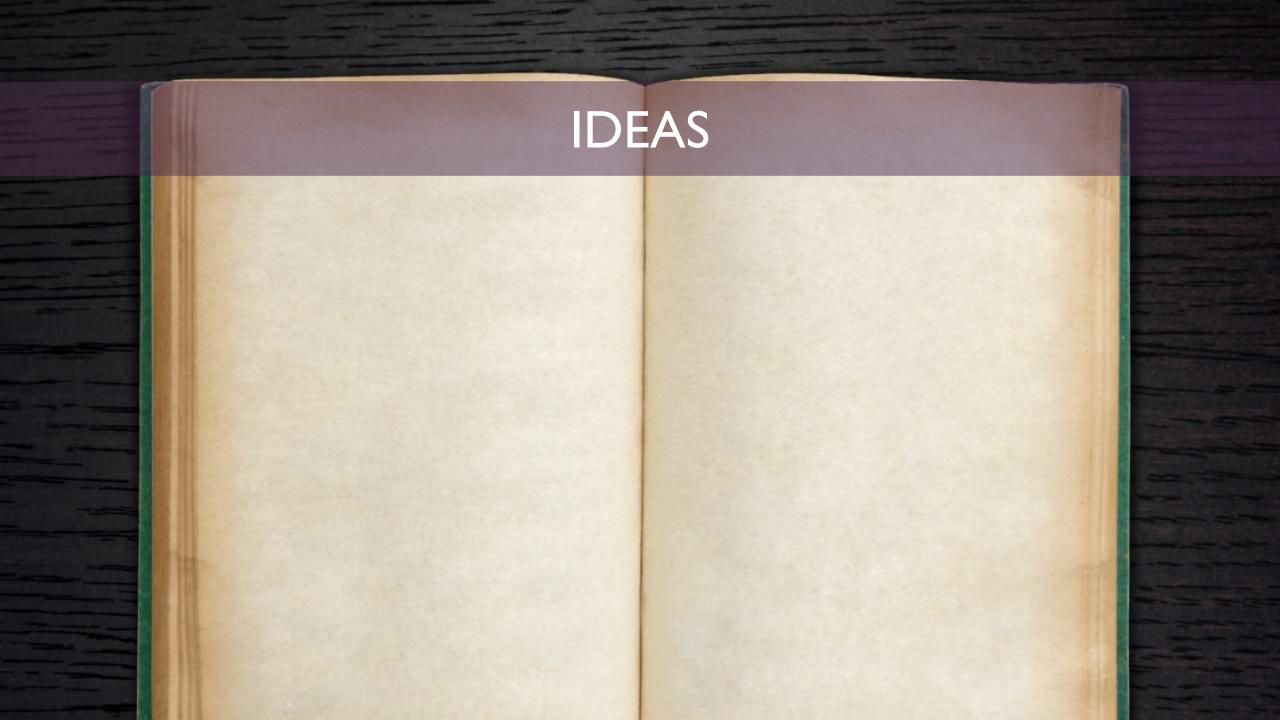




### Conflict Negatives & Positives







## Before And After Conflict

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Before the Conflict:



Importance of privacy.

Willingness to deal with the conflict at an appropriate time for both parties.

Know the real reason for the fight.

Attempt to resolve problems you have the potential to influence.



## Before And After Conflict

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#### After the Conflict:



Learn from the conflict.

Keep the conflict in perspective.

Deal with negative feelings.

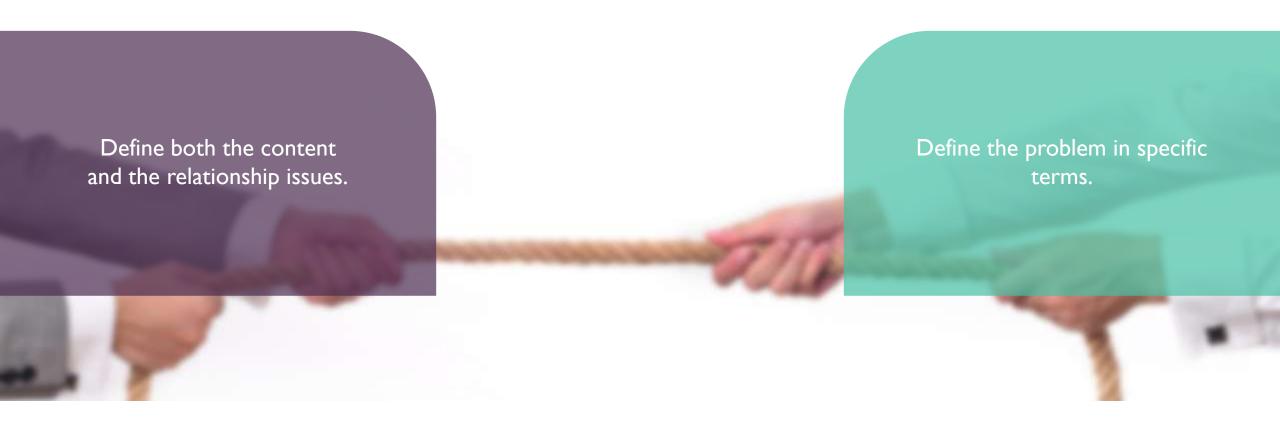


## A CONFLICT MODEL



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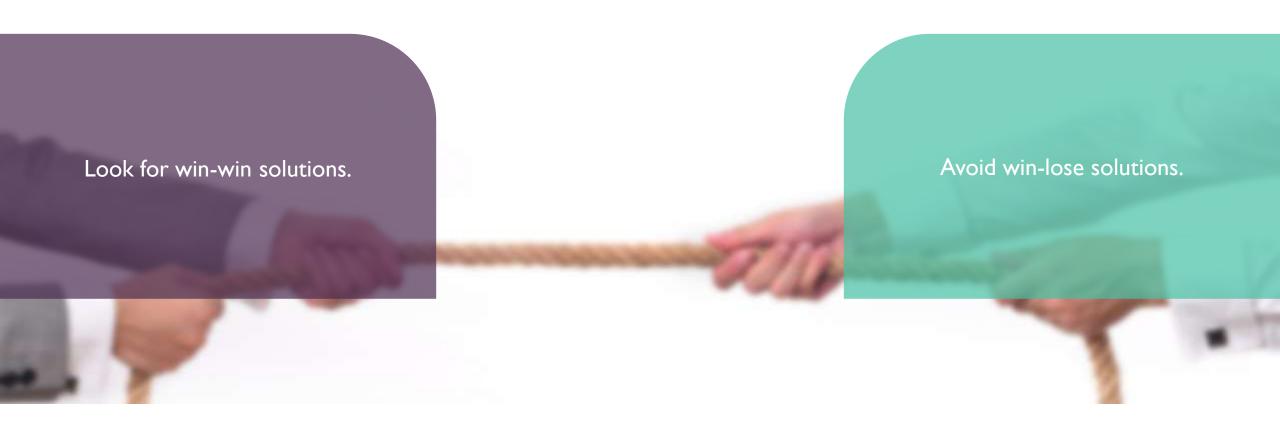
Define the Conflict







#### **Examine Possible Solutions**







Evaluate the Solution







Accept or Reject the Solution





#### A Conflict Model Review

Define the Conflict

Examine possible solutions

Evaluate the solution

Accept or reject the solution



## Conflict Management Strategies

#### Avoidance





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#### Non-negotiation

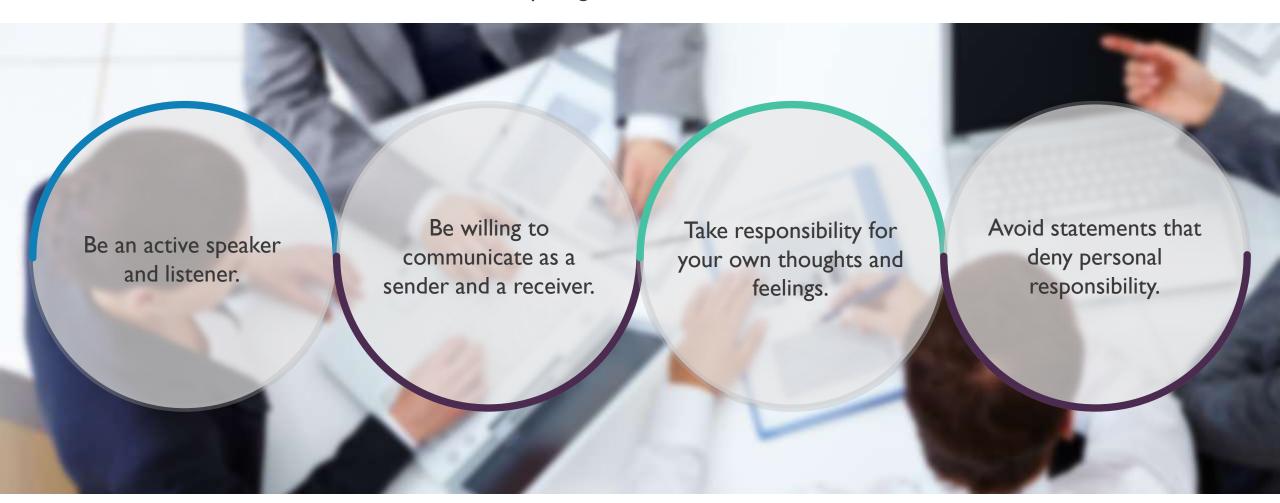




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#### Participating in Conflict Resolution







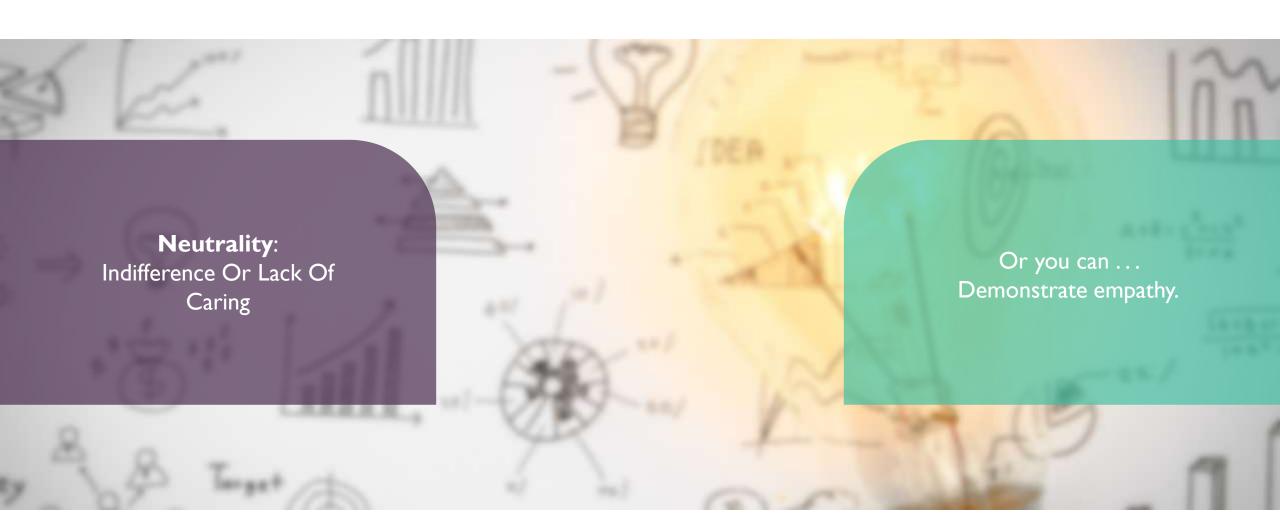
























## Action Plan







