# Negotiations Trust, Emotions, and Implementation

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# Today's Lecture

- Negotiation Exercise
- o General topics in Negotiations Research
- Presentation of Research in Progress



# Negotiation

# What is it?

The process by which parties with different preferences reach joint agreements

# Why negotiate?

"Sophisticated managers know that the largest part of management is negotiating, not giving orders or unilaterally executing plans." --Richard G. Darman, Former Deputy Secretary of the United States Treasury





# Creating Value through agreements

- Negotiation case
  - Two parties
  - Multiple issues

# Guidelines for negotiation case

- Stick to your role
- Do not exchange information sheets
- You are not required to settle
- A complex negotiation: multiple issues, not just the "lab equipment"
- When finished, post your outcomes on the board



# **Bargaining Zone Analysis**

o Equipment "P300"

○ Financing

Service Contract





# Claiming value

Distributive issues

- I win/you lose
- Pie slicing...



# Claiming Value: *Strategies for slicing the pie*

#### Preparation

- Define your "Best Alternative To the Negotiated Agreement" (BATNA)
- Define your bottom line and your aspiration level. Be realistic but optimistic.

#### Bargaining strategy

- Open aggressively. Seller high; Buyer low.
- Make concessions reciprocally not unilaterally



# At first blush...

o Claiming Value

- Distributive issues
  - ol win/you lose
- Or are they?

# Possible contract: Seller "wins"

Issue	Settlement Position	Buyer	Seller
Financing	E	1000	400
Equipment	G	300	900
Service Contract	E	400	1000
	Total	1700	2300

# Possible contract: "compromising"

Issue	Settlement Position	Buyer	Seller
Financing	Е	1000	400
Equipment	Е	600	600
Service Contract	E	400	1000
	Total	2000	2000







# But.... Seller *could* have done even better...

Issue	Settlement Position	Buyer	Seller
Financing	А	2000	0
Equipment	E	600	600
Service Contract	I	0	2000
	Total	2600	2600

# More efficient agreements

- Claiming value (I win, you lose)
- Creating value through:
  - Compatibility
  - Calibration

# Creating Value: *Strategies for expanding the pie*

#### Assume value CAN be created

- Search for differences
- Take a cooperative approach
- Trade off what is most important to you for what is most important to them
- Build trust & share information

#### **Construct Multi-issue Proposals**

- Make package deals, not single-issue offers
- Make multiple offers simultaneously



# Keys to a successful negotiations

#### Preparation

- Determine the bargaining range
- Identify your alternative BATNA

### **Claiming value**

Consider your bargaining strategy

#### Creating value

- Assume value CAN be created
- Construct Multi-issue Proposals

Skilled negotiators can provide more value to all parties involved

# Negotiating Agreements

What other factors contributed to your negotiation outcomes?

- Skill, Motivation, Culture, Norms, Gender
- Relationships
  Friends more likely to reach agreement, but less likely to 'claim' less value (McGinn & Keros, 2002)
- Mood

Angry Negotiators claim more value in negotiations (Van Kleef, De Dreu & Manstead, 2004) while happy mood negotiators 'claim' less value (Baron 1990) but 'create' more value (Carnevale & Isen, 1986).



# **Research on Positive Emotions**

Individual Broaden scope of attention (Fredrickson, 1998, 2001; Fredrickson & Branigan, 2005) Optimistic (Fredrickson et al., 2003)

Social Trusting of others (Dunn & Schweitzer, 2005) Like others more (Gouaux, 1971; Kaplan, 1991; Veitch & Griffitt, 1976), Generous and helpful toward others (e.g. Isen, 1970; Isen & Levin, 1972) Strengthen and build relationship (Aron et al., 2000; Lee, 1983)

# Looking beyond the agreement...

[The negotiated agreement is] but a fluttering scrap of paper unless it is enforced.

 Georges Clemenceau, Prime Minister of France, describing the Treaty of Versailles, 1919

No agreement is worth much if it is not vigorously implemented and enforced.

- Richard Holbrooke (2008)



After the Deal: Affect, Trust Building, and the Implementation of Negotiated Agreements

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# Research Questions...

What motivates a person to implement a negotiated agreement when their behavior cannot be monitored?

Do emotions experienced during/after the negotiation influence the implementation of negotiated agreements?

Economics

- Views implementation as a decision making problem while assuming that choices are made by rational, self interested parties
- Only a variable pay contract based on outcome, not a guaranteed fixed pay, will motivate (Principal-Agency Theory, Milgrom & Roberts, 1991; Salanié, 1997)

Social Psychology

• Positive mood can invoke a broader, longer-term perspective, motivate generosity, increase optimism, spill over to others



# Predictions

Field	Emotion	Hypothesis
Economics	AII	(1) Emotions don't matter. Only negotiated agreements that present a sufficient incentive payment contingent upon the desired outcome will be vigorously implemented

# Test prediction in a lab study

Why a lab study?

 We begin in a simple, controlled setting where we can establish causal links in these relationships and hold constant some complexities of social interactions

Negotiation Task

- Subjects assigned to role of Employer or Employee
- Employer depends on the efforts of the employee to complete a project
- Computer-mediated (control for reputation, friendship effects, etc.)
- Real money at stake (provide incentives)

Random Assignment to Controlled Manipulations

- Emotion: Neutral vs. Happy
  - Using 3min commercial film clips (Gross & Levenson, 1995)
- Negotiation Chat: No Chat vs. Chat
  - 10min, unstructured, computer-mediated messaging before agreement





# **Experiment Parameters**



Project OutcomeProject Failure = \$10 and Project Success = (\$30 or \$50)

Recruited 256 Undergraduate students (Mean age 21, 36% Female) • Employer earnings = (project outcome) – (fixed pay) – (variable pay if project success) • Employee earnings = (fixed pay) + (variable pay if project success) – (effort cost)

## Measures

Emotion

#### Pre and post-emotion measure\* with an 8point response scale for each emotion



- 1. How much happiness did you feel?
- 2. How much anger did you feel?
- 3. How much **anxiety** did you feel?
- 4. How much **contentment** did you feel?
- 5. How much sadness did you feel?...

# Post-<br/>QuestionnaireAdapted benevolence/integrity items<br/>from Mayer & Davis' (1999) measure<br/>of trustworthiness in the workplace

- 1. The Employer is very concerned about my welfare
- 2. My needs and desires are very important to the employer
- **3**. I never have to wonder whether the [owner/contractor] will stick to his/her word
- ...

## Results: Distribution of Contracts Offered



→Agency Theory predicts \$11.67 Bonus-only contract to motivate highest implementation action and maximize employer earnings (cost of high action \$3.50 < expected gains from high action \$3.51)

# **Distribution of Contracts Offered**

What else is motivating these contract offers?



### Mood? Contract Offers by Employer Emotion



 $\rightarrow$  No. Contracts offered did not differ by pre-negotiation employer mood (Contradicts previous findings in the literature)

## The opportunity to Chat? Contract Offers by Chat



 $\rightarrow$  Yes. Employers who had the chance to chat offered more financially lucrative contracts...

# What about implementation behavior?

### **Distribution of Implementation Actions**







# **Distribution of Implementation Actions**

What is motivating implementation behavior?


# Sufficient Bonus?

#### Implementation Actions by Bonus



 $\rightarrow$  Yes. Sufficient Bonus did motivate some implementation choices (support for Hypothesis 1)...but clearly not the only motivating factor

### Employer's Pre-Negotiation Mood? Implementation Actions by Emotion

50 45 40 35 Frequency 30 Neutral 25 Happy 20 15 10 5 0 Action Quit Action Low (\$5.00) Action High (\$8.50) **Implementation Actions** 

 $\rightarrow$  No. Employer mood didn't directly motivate implementation choices (Employee emotion didn't spill over to employer and Hypothesis 2 fails)



### Chat? Implementation Actions by Chat



 $\rightarrow$ No. Chat did not directly motivate implementation choices

# Analyzed Chat: Threats and sma talk dur the cha period

## Post-questionnaire variables?

#### Employee post-negotiation mood and perceptions of employer

	Model 1					
	Independent Variable	Coeff.	SE			
	Wage					
	Bonus					
	Employee's Post- Neg. Emotion	0.054	0.036	*		
	Benevolence & Integrity Perception of Employer	0.062	0.028	**		
ig	Log-likelihood	-77.623				
	Wald $\chi^2$	8.49 **				
	Ν	114				

Ordered Logistic Regressions with Huber White Robust S.E.; \*\*\* /\*\* /\* indicates significance at 1% /5% /10% level for two-tailed t-tests

→Yes. Post-neg emotions motivated implementation choices (H3 supported)



## Key Findings from Study 1

#### **Negotiated Agreements**

 Contracts with optimal pecuniary incentives are more vigorously implemented

#### Post-negotiation Emotions and Perceptions

 Employee's emotion after the contracting and employee's perception of employer benevolence and integrity also matter

#### The negotiation process, not just outcome, matters

 Threats and small talk used during the chat contribute to post-negotiation mood and perceptions

# Study 2

- Employee emotion manipulation
- Test direct effect of small talk
- More refined measure of implementation action
- Examine post-implementation behaviors to test if cooperation continue after the contract?



# Key Findings from Study 2

Emotions and incentives matter for implementation, but...

• Sufficient bonus contracts don't motivate higher implementation actions when people are happy

The negotiation process also matters for subsequent cooperative behavior...

 Small talk and perceptions of benevolence/integrity motivate subsequent cooperative exchange behavior

## **Theoretical and Practical Implications**

- Factors predicting negotiated agreements are not necessarily the same as those predicting the implementation
- Emotions are critical part of understanding how social factors influence negotiations
- We must consider the complete social interaction and how different parts contribute to creating not only an efficient negotiated agreement, but one that will be vigorously implemented and promote future cooperative behaviors

## **Ongoing Research Extensions**

#### Negotiation Experiments

- Strategic use of emotions in negotiations
- How do past interactions influence future negotiations
- Gender differences in relational accounting
- Trust/Social Exchange Experiments
  - Can emotions or financial incentives motivate trust behavior?
  - Does introducing the option to cheat reduce trust?
- Field Study of Negotiations
  - Longitudinal study of the evolution of relational accounts and negotiations between college roommates
  - Cross-section study of 14 automobile dealerships examining the role of emotions on negotiated car prices

# Additional Questions?

Thank you!



## EXTRA SLIDES

# Predicting Implementation (Details)

	Model 1		Model	2
Independent Variable	Coeff.	SE	Coeff.	SE
Wage			0.047	0.066
Bonus			0.233	0.045 ***
Agent's Post-Neg. Affect	0.054	0.036 *	0.046	0.039
Agent's perceptions of Principal Trustworthiness	0.062	0.028 **	0.031	0.035
Log-likelihood	-77.623		-64.113	
Wald $\chi^2$	8.49	*	32.18 **	**
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### Models Predicting Agent Effort Choice

Independent Variable	Model 1 Coeff.	Model 2 Coeff.
Bonus	0.421	0.913*
Нарру	-0.048	0.416
Bonus*Happy		-0.974*
Constant	3.513**	3.267**
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.013	0.0597
F( )	1.41	2.27†
Ν	61	61

# Interaction between Contract and Emotion Manipulation



# Models Predicting Amount Sent by Agent in Stage 2

Independent Variable	Model 4 Coeff.
Contract	2.076†
Video	-0.698
Contract*Video	-1.814
Benevolence	0.484**
Constant	0.462
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.172
F( )	4.11**
Ν	61



## Predicting Agent Perceptions of Principal Benevolence

Independent Variable	Model 3 Coeff.
Contract	-3.596**
Talk	0.053
Video	2.010**
Constant	14.126**
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.305
F( )	9.76**
Ν	61



## **Principal Agent Theory Prediction**

Marginal cost high effort o (\$8.50 - \$5.00) = \$3.50

Expected marginal benefit high effort  $\circ (.8 - .5)$ \*Bonus[11.67] = 3.51

 →Expected Benefit (\$3.51) > Cost (\$3.50)
→Invest high (\$8.50)