Negotiating
with the
Savvy Buyer
(or Seller)

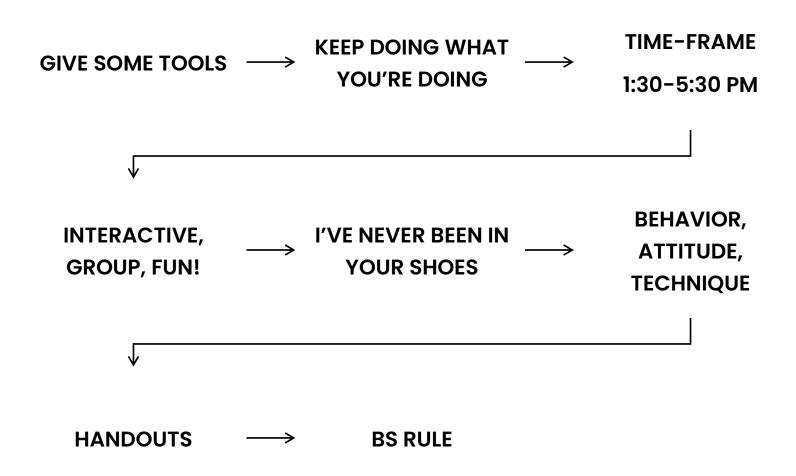
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# **TEPAP**



## Agenda & Expectations



## 4 hrs Is Tough

Group Discussion Time: 10 minutes

- Work in your groups to list top 3
   Negotiation challenges that would make the time (in this session)
   worth it if we could help you solve it.
- Don't mention any "uncontrollable" challenges (i.e. economy, pandemic, monetary policy changes, law changes, etc.)



#### Top Negotiating Challenges

How to negotiate without giving away the most money, incentives, etc.

How to separate yourself from your competition

How different personality styles affect the outcomes

How to diffuse "Bombs" before they blow up at the end of the process

How to handle indecisive negotiators

How to build and maintain trust throughout the negotiation

How to avoid giving concessions with nothing in return

What factors help us have more leverage in a Negotiation

Not knowing the main factors that help us negotiate more effectively

What else?



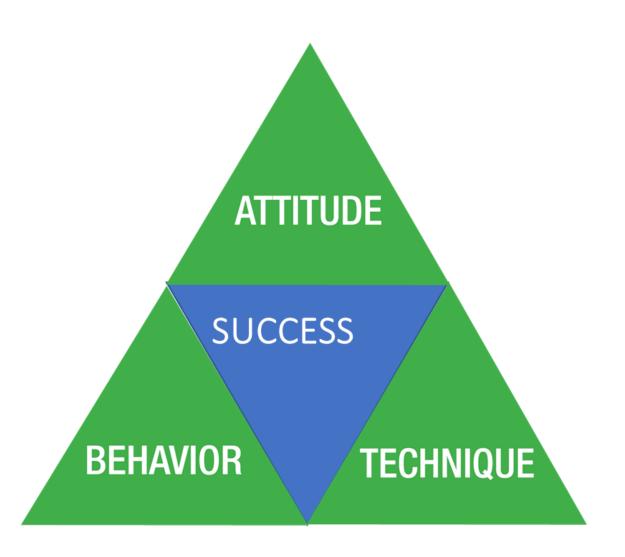


#### Group

Time: 8 minutes Leader: Most Siblings

- What's the definition of Negotiating?
- Why do some people dread Negotiating?
- What information makes you most confident in your Negotiations?
- When do Negotiations really start? SANDL=R\*\*

# Three Areas of Focus



You Can't Be a Good Negotiator Without Leverage



"Give me a lever long enough, and a place to stand, and I will move the world." – Archimedes 230 B.C.

#### Leverage Sources

- 1. Beliefs
- 2. Needs
- 3. Emotion
- 4. Time
- 5. Relationships
- 6. Understanding
- 7. Ownership
- 8. Skill

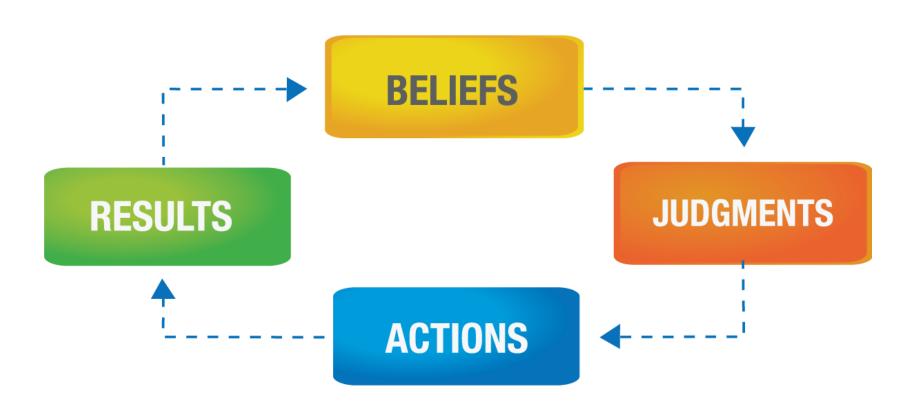


# Leverage # 1 BELIEF



You are in a "Battle of Beliefs" with the other party

# Is your Belief Wheel a **Doom Loop**?





Sandler Rule:
"If your foot
hurts, you are
probably
standing on
your toe"

# **Group Discussion**

Time: 5-7 min

What "Head-Trash" or **Limited Beliefs** keep you from being your Best?



Leverage # 2-

Perceived Needs

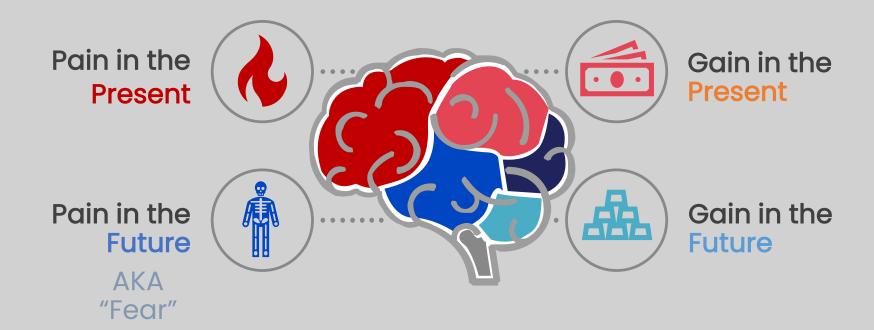
#### GROUP-5 min

What factors make us feel like we **NEED** it more than the party (or person)?

How do others (companies or people) try and commoditize your offering?

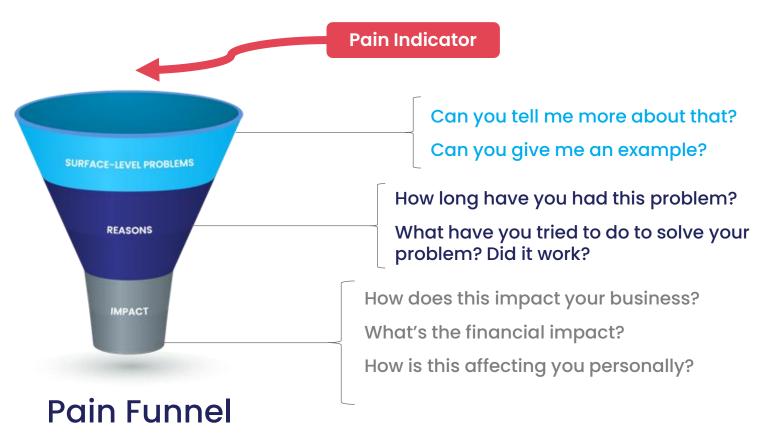


### The **Need** Factors





"What challenge(s) are they having that motivates them to change?"



# How do we increase our **NEED** leverage?



1. Have Options



2. Make your solution unique



3. Find problems only you can fix

# Group

Time: 5-7 min

What can you do different to have the other party **NEED** you more?

## Leverage #3

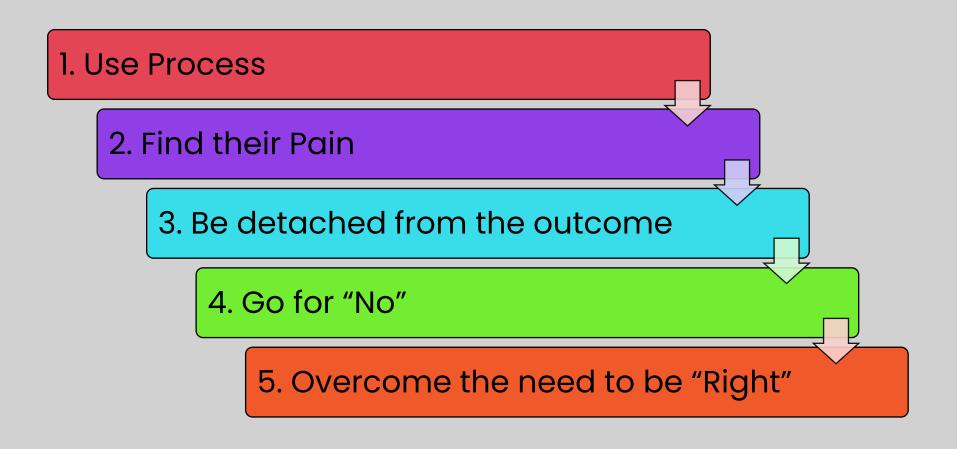


Why do doctors tend to NOT operate on their own families?





#### How do we control our Emotions?



# Group Time: 5-7 min

What are the specific ways you can control your **EMOTIONS**?

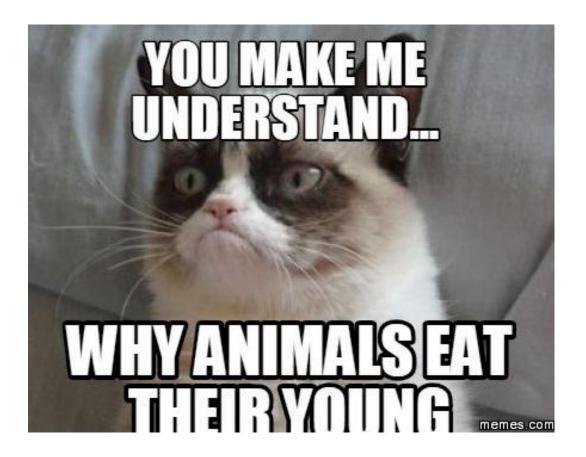
# Leverage # 4 **Time**



# Don't Eat Your Young

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The Investigative Reporter Approach



Start with...

"When are you needing...?"

"When are you planning on making a decision?"

#### The "What" - Decision Criteria?



The WHO.... Even the "Ghost" ones.





1. Find Pain

How do we put **TIME** on our side?



2. Understand the Time-Line



3. Avoid trying to bring in deals pre-maturely by giving more



4. Set Expectations early regarding Money/Terms



5. Talk to other D.M.'s to get perspective



# Group Time: 5-7 min

What are ways you can put **TIME** on your side?

#### **Group Session**

Time- 5 minutes

- Which Leverage Points (# 1-4) do you anticipate struggling the most?
  - Beliefs
  - Needs
  - Emotions
  - Time



## Group

5 Min

How do you currently build Trust with others quickly?

Do you feel "Comfortable" or "Uncomfortable"



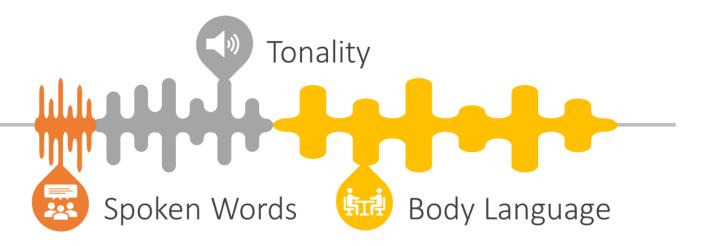
### Group

#### 5 minutes

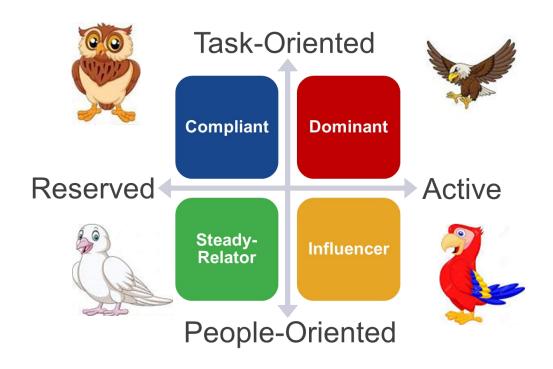
1. What do "Salespeople" do that can make you feel "Not Okay"?

2. What do we inadvertently do that make others feel "Not Okay"?

#### **Elements of Communication**



## Understanding D.I.S.C.







D-Style

Decisive, Tough, Drivers, Strong-Willed, Direct, Competitive, Independent, Self-Centered

## **FOCUS**

Actively Controls Tasks and Things

## **UNDER PRESSURE**

Lack of Concern

## **FEAR**

**Loss of Control** 





## D-Style

Decisive, Tough, Drivers, Strong-Willed, Direct, Competitive, Independent, Self-Centered

#### How to Communicate:

- Be direct, brief, and to the point
- Focus on the task
- Use a results-oriented approach
- Ensure they win
- Use a logical approach
- Touch on high points and big ideas
- Don't touch, keep your distance
- Don't be emotional
- Act quickly, they decide fast



Influencer

I-Style

Sociable, Charismatic, Talkative, Energetic, Spontaneous, Impulsive, Expressive, Optimistic, Persuasive, Inspiring

#### **FOCUS**

Actively involved with people and emotions

#### **UNDER PRESSURE**

Disorganized

#### **FEAR**

Social Rejection





## I-Style

Sociable, Charismatic, Talkative, Energetic, Spontaneous, Impulsive, Expressive, Optimistic, Persuasive, Inspiring

#### **How to Communicate:**

- Allow time for socialization
- Lighten up; have fun
- Ask for feelings and opinions
- Be friendly and warm
- Set aside time for chatting
- Let them speak
- Give recognition
- Speak about people and feelings



S-Style

Calm, Steady, Loyal, Careful, Patient, Good Listener, Modest, Amiable, Trustworthy



## **FOCUS**

Involved with Familiar People

#### **UNDER PRESSURE**

Too Accommodating

## **FEAR**

Loss of Stability



Steady-Relator

S-Style

Calm, Steady, Loyal, Careful, Patient, Good Listener, Modest, Amiable, Trustworthy

#### How to Communicate:

- Be patient, build trust
- Draw out their opinions
- Relax; allow time for discussions
- Show how solutions affect people
- Clearly define all areas
- Involve them in planning
- Slow down your presentation
- Provide information needed
- Secure commitment step-by-step





C-Style

Precise, Detailed, Quiet, Follow Rules, Systematic, Logical, Cautions, Formal, Disciplined

#### **FOCUS**

Analyzes Task and Things

#### **UNDER PRESSURE**

**Overly Critical** 

#### **FEAR**

Criticism of Work



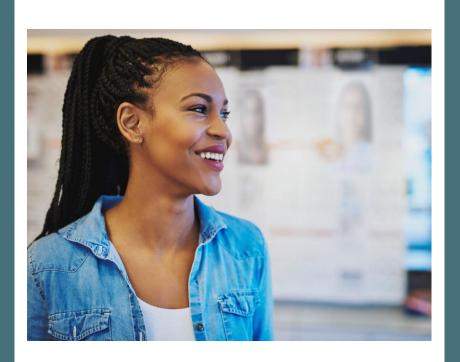
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## C-Style

Precise, Detailed, Quiet, Follow Rules, Systematic, Logical, Cautions, Formal, Disciplined

#### How to Communicate:

- Use data and facts
- Examine an argument thoroughly
- Keep on task; do not socialize
- Disagree with the facts, not the person
- Use proven ideas and data
- Don't touch
- Don't talk about personal issues
- Explain carefully



# Up-Front Contracts

Setting the Ground Rules for the Relationship



## Components of an Up-Front Contract



**Purpose** 

Reasons for the interaction



Time

How Long



Agendas

During the interaction



**Outcome** 

Decisions or conclusions to reach (No or Next Steps?)



## Rules

No Wishy-Washy Words

No Mutual Mystification

You can't blame others for doing something to you that you didn't tell them they couldn't do



## Group

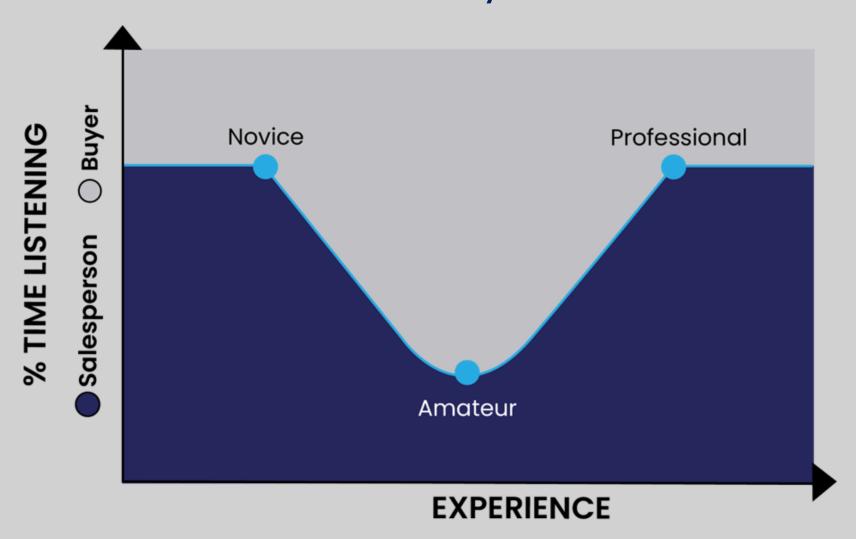
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How do we increase our
Leverage in our
RELATIONSHIPS?

## Leverage #6



## **Curiosity Curve**

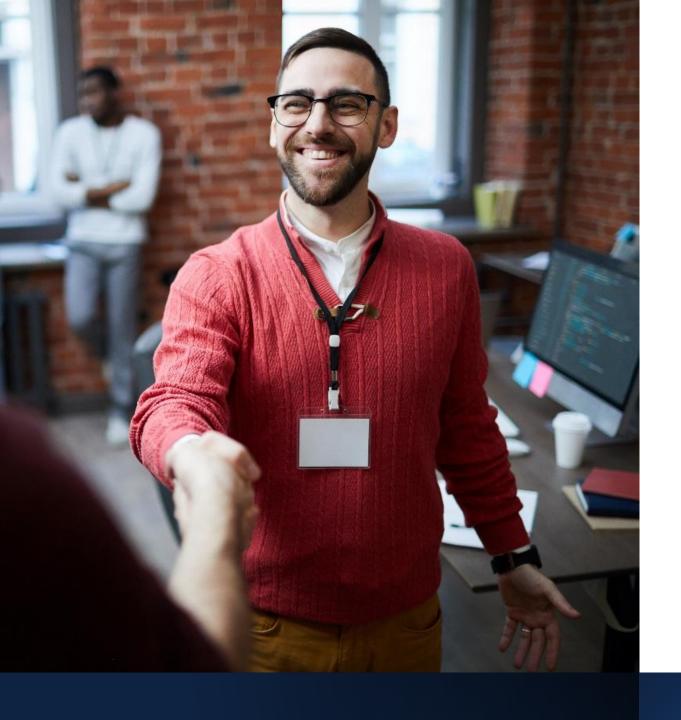






## How do you show your intelligence....

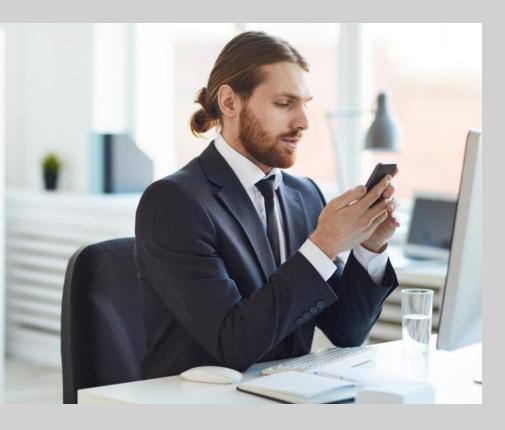
..and avoid making the other party feel "Not Okay"?



# **Curiosity Phrases**

#### **Examples**

- Tell me more about that...
- I'm confused...
- Help me learn why...
- I don't remember when you said you wanted to begin...



**GROUP** 

Time: 5 min

What are common questions you get asked by other's that might have an ulterior motive to them?

We call them "Loaded"



## Reversing:

Answering a Question with a Question



## Reverses combine softening statements and questions



**Good question,** why did you mention that just now?



**Good question,** but just so I'm clear, when you say \_\_\_\_\_, can you elaborate on that?



That's an interesting question, and the reason you asked is...?



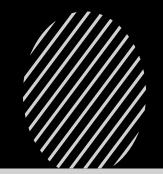
A lot of people ask that. Can you tell me why you asked that just now?



**That sounds important.** If we could provide that, what would be the next step?



# How do we increase our UNDERSTANDING?



1

Stop talking so much 70-30 2

Don't make assumptions

3

Understand your Prospect better than your competition 4

Understand their "best interest" vs. the "current position"

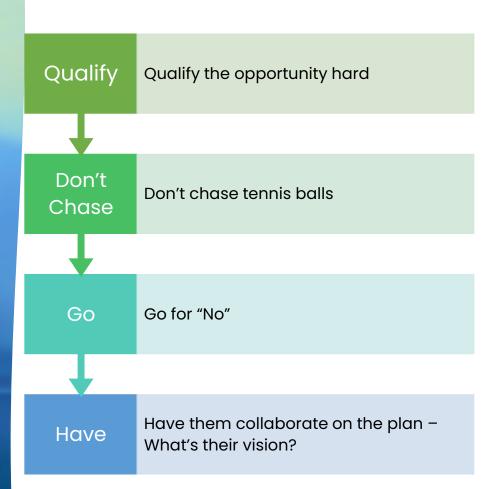
## Group

Time: 5-7 Min

How can you personally improve your **UNDERSTANDING** to have more leverage?



# How do we increase their OWNERSHIP?



## Group

Time: 5-7 Min

How can you ensure the other party has more **OWNERSHIP** in the deal than you?

Leverage #8

## SKILL



# How do we increase our **SKILL**?

Practice, Practice

I-10 Mentality

Learn to Fail

Muscle Memory

## **Group Session**

Time-5 min

- Which Leverage Points (# 5-8) do you anticipate struggling the most?
  - Relationships
  - Understanding
  - Ownership
  - Skill

## 3 Step Plan



1

 Give them Nothing except Strokes and Assurance – "You've got the best deal"

2

 Give Nothing but Sweat and Struggle – "You Might Want to Go The Other Direction"

3

 Give only if getting something in return (not just the deal)



## **Group Session**

Time - 15 minutes

- 1. Pick a Buyer, Seller, and Observer (group of 3 min)
- 2. Assume that the Seller has done a great job with Leverage Points.
- 3. The Seller-Buyer is at the end of the process and the Buyer is making a final "run" at the Seller.
- 4. Practice the 3 Step Negotiation Plan.
- 5. Debrief how it went according to the process.
- 6. Switch until all parties have done it twice.
- Debrief the process

## Group Session Audit

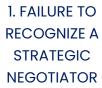
Time - 15 minutes

- Pick out a recent deal (or 2) and audit your leverage points.
- 2. What points did you miss, and what can you do different next time?

Deal Name # 1:	Deal # 2:	
Leverage Point	Nailed It	Needs Improvement
1. Beliefs		
2. Need		
3. Emotion		
4. Time		
5. Relationships		
6. Understanding		
7. Ownership		
8. Skill		

## 7 Deadly Sins







2. A WEAK PRE-NEGOTIATION POSITION



3. MAKING UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS



4. TALKING TOO MUCH



5. LOSING CONTROL OF EMOTIONS



6. BEING UNPREPARED



7. THINKING MONEY IS THE REAL ISSUE



