

SI 686 Lecture 4b. Social Identity Theory: Psychology and Economics

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Outline

- ◆ Social Identity Theory
 - Tajfel and Turner (1986)
- ◆ Economic Models of Social Identity
 - Preferences:
Akerlof and Kranton (2000, 2005)
 - Beliefs:
Benabou and Tirole (2006)

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The social identity theory of intergroup behavior

Tajfel and Turner (1986)

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Minimal group paradigm

- ◆ Randomly assigned groups on the basis of some trivial tasks
- ◆ No social interaction between subjects
- ◆ Group membership are anonymous
- ◆ Decision task requires no link between a chooser's self interest and her choices
 - Other-other allocation
 - Rating other participants

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Main findings

- ◆ The trivial, ad hoc intergroup categorization leads to in-group favoritism and out-group discrimination
- ◆ Factors enhancing or mitigating group effects:
 - Category salience
 - Group status
 - Relevance of comparison dimensions

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What social-psychological processes are involved in the development of positive group identity?

- ◆ Within the pattern of ingroup favoritism
 - Maximum difference (MD): more important
 - Maximum ingroup profit (MIP)They seem to be competing with out-group
- ◆ Social categorization as *cognitive* tools that segment, classify and order the social environment
- ◆ Social groups provide a system of orientation for self-reference: create and define an individual's place in society

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Social Identity and Social Comparisons

- ◆ Individuals strive to achieve or to maintain positive social identity
- ◆ Positive social identity is based on favorable *comparisons* between ingroup and some relevant outgroups
- ◆ When social identity is unsatisfactory, individuals will strive either to leave their existing group or to make their existing group more positively distinct

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Summary

- ◆ Integration of the three processes
 - Social categorization
 - Self-evaluation through social identity
 - Intergroup social comparison
- ◆ A coherent and testable framework that explains various forms of intergroup behavior, social conflict and social change

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Economics and Identity

Akerlof and Kranton (2000)

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Identity expands economic analysis ...

- ◆ Identity can explain behavior that appears detrimental
- ◆ Identity underlies a new type of externality
- ◆ Identity reveals a new way that preferences can be changed
- ◆ Choice of identity may be the most important "economic" decision people make

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A utility function with identity

C : social category, Green and Red;

categories may have higher or lower social status

c_j : person j 's own categories and those of all other people

ϵ_j : j 's own characteristics

P : prescriptions, behavior appropriate for people in different categories

$U_j = U_j(a_j, a_{-j}, I_j)$

a_j : j 's own actions, e.g., consumption of goods and services

a_{-j} : others' actions, i.e., externalities

A person j 's identity : $I_j = I_j(a_j, a_{-j}; c_j, \epsilon_j, P)$

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Examples of identity related behavior

◆ Self-mutilation

◆ Gender and occupation

- Female trial lawyer, male nurse, female Marine

◆ Alumni giving

◆ Mountaineering

- enhances an individual's sense of self

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Example: Creation and manipulation of C and P

- ◆ Advertising
 - Marlboro
 - Virginia Slim
- ◆ Professionals and graduate schools
- ◆ Political identities
 - Fascist and populist leaders
 - Gandhi's Salt March
 - French Revolution

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Identity and the Economics of Organizations

Akerlof and Kranton (2005)

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Pitfalls of monetary incentive schemes: blunt instrument

- ◆ Can only be based on observables, often imperfect indicators of individual effort
- ◆ Create opportunities for workers to game the system
 - Most jobs involve multiple tasks
 - ◆ Outperform on well-rewarded tasks
 - ◆ Underperform on poorly rewarded tasks
 - Tournaments: incentives to sabotage each other
- ◆ Crowd out non-monetary incentives
 - Gneezy and Rustichini (2002)

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Apply identity to contract theory

- ◆ Bring Id into the economics of organization
- ◆ Id as supplement (substitute?) for monetary reward
- ◆ Id can flatten reward schedule
 - Employer pay less once id is induced
- ◆ Q: how far can id go?

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A model of identity in organizations

- ◆ Standard principal-agent model
 - Utility depends on income and effort
- ◆ Add: identity as part of the organization
- ◆ Firm's objective: expected profit
- ◆ Worker: expected utility
 - High-effort action: A
 - ◆ High revenue with probability $\frac{1}{2}$
 - ◆ Low revenue with probability $\frac{1}{2}$
 - Low-effort action: B
 - ◆ Always lead to low revenue

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Notations

A worker can take on two different identities: $c = \{N, O\}$

(1) N: an insider, if she identifies with the firm;

Prescription (ideal, norms): high-effort activity A

(2) O: an outsider, if she does not identify with the firm;

Prescription (ideal, norms): low-effort activity B

Effort: e , $e_A > e_B$

Ideal effort of each category: $e^*(c)$, $e^*(N) = e_A$, $e^*(O) = e_B$

Overall utility:

$$u(y, e; c) = \ln y - e + I_c - t_c |e^*(c) - e|$$

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Setup and questions

- ◆ Principal can invest in “motivational capital” and change a worker’s identity from O to N, at a cost q
 - Example: IIDF (intellectual integration and direction finding)
- ◆ When is it profitable to do so?
- ◆ Compare P’s expected profits when worker is an O to that when she is N

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Set up optimal contract ...

P chooses a high wage, w_H^c , when observing π_H ,
 a low wage, w_L^c , when observing π_L

P maximizes expected profit subject to IR and IC constraints :

(P always wants to induce e_A)

$$\max \Pi(c) = \frac{1}{2}[\pi_H + \pi_L] - \frac{1}{2}[w_H^c + w_L^c]$$

$$s.t. \frac{1}{2} \ln w_H^c + \frac{1}{2} \ln w_L^c - e_A + I_c - t_c | e^*(c) - e_A \geq \bar{u}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln w_H^c + \frac{1}{2} \ln w_L^c - e_A + I_c - t_c | e^*(c) - e_A \geq \ln w_L^c - e_B + I_c - t_c | e^*(c) - e_B$$

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Optimal wages

Since $e^*(O) = e_B$ and $e^*(N) = e_A$,
when all constraints are binding,

(1) Optimal wages for an O worker are:

$$w_L^O = \exp[\bar{u} - I_O + e_B]$$

$$w_H^O = \exp[\bar{u} - I_O + e_B + 2(1+t_O)(e_A - e_B)]$$

(2) Optimal wages for an N worker when $t_N < 1$:

$$w_L^N = \exp[\bar{u} - I_N + e_A - (1-t_N)(e_A - e_B)]$$

$$w_H^N = \exp[\bar{u} - I_N + e_A + (1-t_N)(e_A - e_B)]$$

If $t_N > 1$, there is no difference between high and low wages

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Implications

(1) Less variation in insider wages:

$$\ln \frac{w_H^O}{w_L^O} = 2(1+t_O)(e_A - e_B), \text{ and } \ln \frac{w_H^N}{w_L^N} = 2(1-t_N)(e_A - e_B)$$

$$\ln \frac{w_H^O}{w_L^O} > \ln \frac{w_H^N}{w_L^N}, \text{ when } t_N \rightarrow 1, \text{ gap between } w_H^N \text{ and } w_L^N \text{ disappears.}$$

(2) Pay less at the top:

$$\ln w_H^O - \ln w_H^N = I_N - I_O + (2t_O + t_N)(e_A - e_B) > 0.$$

(3) Pay less in expected wage: Taylor series expansion

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Motivational capital of the firm

- ◆ Suppose a firm pays q to change workers from outsider to insiders
- ◆ Let r be the interest rate
- ◆ The benefit of investing in motivational capital is the discounted stream of the increased profits

The Potential of Social Identity

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Outline

- What is social identity?
- Group identity and social preferences
 - Chen and Li (2009)
- The potential
- Social identity and equilibrium selection
 - Chen and Chen (2008)
- Social identity and public goods provision

What is social identity?

- A person's sense of self derived from group membership
- Multi-dimensional, dynamic
 - Race
 - Gender
 - Occupation
 - etc.

Social Identity Changes Behavior

- Method: Priming natural identities
- Derive self-esteem from group membership
- Conform to stereotypes
 - Shih, Pittinsky and Ambady (1999)
 - Benjamin, Choi and Strickland (2006)

Social Identity Theory (Tajfel and Turner 1979)

- The minimal group paradigm (MGP)
 - (1) random assignment to groups based on trivial tasks
 - (2) no social interaction
 - (3) anonymous group membership
 - (4) no link b/w self interest and choices
- MGP => **Ingroup favoritism, outgroup discrimination**
- Economic games: almost always violate (4)
- (1), (2), (3) => near-minimal

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Why should economists care?

Identity expands economic analysis ...

- Identity can explain behavior that appears detrimental or irrational
 - Gentlemanly terrorists (Ghosh 2005)
- Identity reveals a new way that preferences can be changed
- Choice of identity may be the most important “economic” decision people make
 - Education (Akerlof and Kranton 2002)
- Identity and mechanism design: limit of monetary incentives
 - Akerlof and Kranton (2005)

Models of social identity

- Beliefs
 - Benabou and Tirole (2006)
- Preferences
 - exogenous norm
 - Akerlof and Kranton (2000, 2002, 2005)
 - “The incorporation of such endogeneity is the next step.” (Akerlof 2007)
 - Preference classes: varying weight on social preference
 - Basu (2006)
 - McLeish and Oxoby (2006)
 - Chen and Li (*forthcoming*)

Group Identity and Social Preferences

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Research Questions

- Effects of identity on social preferences
 - Distribution preference
 - Reciprocity
 - Social welfare maximization

- What creates group effects
 - Categorization
 - Helping

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Experimental Design

- Original treatment: 3 stages
 - I. Group assignment
 - II. Enhancing identity: problem solving
 - III. Other-other allocation
 - IV. 2-person sequential games (self-other allocation)
- Control: No group-identity induced
- Additional treatments: take out one component at a time

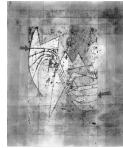
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Experimental Design: Group Assignment

Two Methods:

A. True preference:

1. Report painting preferences
2. Assigned to Kandinsky or Klee group.
3. Informed of group membership and # in own group.



1A



1B



2A



2B



3A



3B

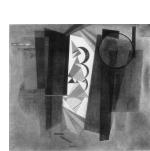
B. Random assignment



4A



4B



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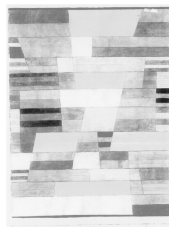


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Experimental Design: Online Chat

- In-group problem solving to enhance group identity:
- Questions: which artist made paintings #6 and #7
- Online chat: 10 minutes
- Each correct answer was rewarded 100 tokens

- No feedback was given until the end of the experiment.



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Experimental Design: Other-other allocation

- Token allocation to two other anonymous participants
- No tokens to self
- # tokens increased from 200 to 400 with an increment of 50 from round 1 to round 5
- Strategy method, 3 scenarios

Example: Round 1

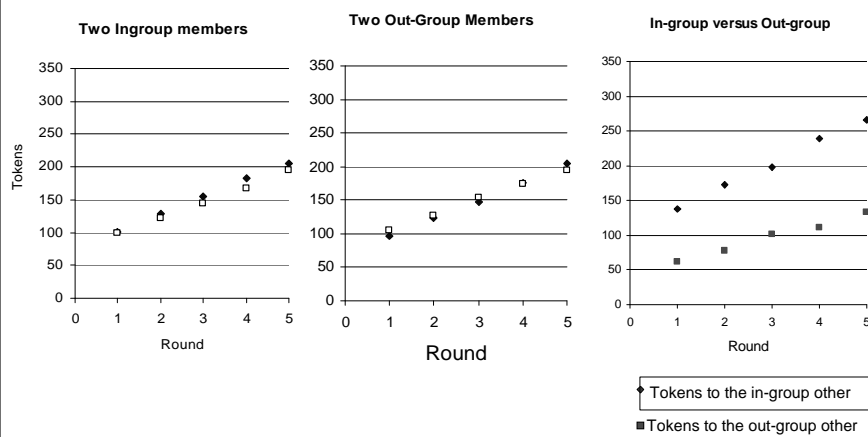
i)	A from your own group	B from your own group	= 200 tokens
	()	+ ()	
ii)	A from the other group	B from the other group	= 200 tokens
	()	+ ()	
iii)	A from your own group	B from the other group	= 200 tokens
	()	+ ()	

- Findings:
- Scenario i) and ii): 50/50 allocations
- Scenario iii): twice as many tokens to ingroup as to outgroup member

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Other-Other Allocation Results

- Replicated in-group favoritism and out-group discrimination.

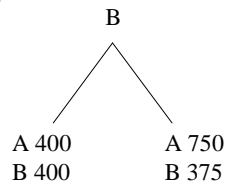


2-Person Sequential Games

- Randomly matched into pairs anonymously and assigned w/ role A or B
- Games selected from Charness and Rabin (2002) and extensions
- Strategy method

5 dictator games

Example:

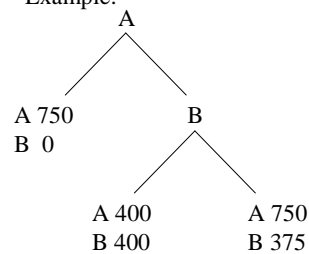


Decision

If person A is from my own group, I choose B1 or B2.
 If person A is from the other group, I choose B1 or B2.

19 response games

Example:

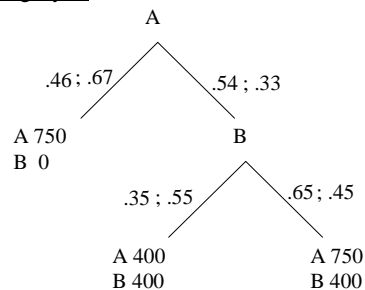


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Three Categories of Response Games: 1

1. Costless to B to help/punish A
2. Costly to B to help A
3. Costly to B to penalize A

Category 1:

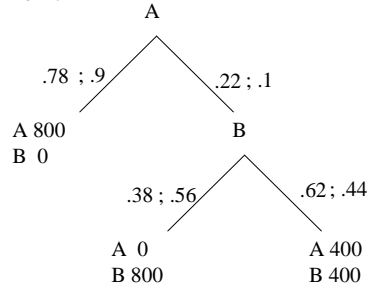


- A's entry shows *good* intention
- Costless to B to reward A
 - In-group match (Black number)
 .54 of A's enters to help B
 .65 of B's rewards A
 - Out-group match (Red number)
 .33 of A's enters to help B
 .45 of B's rewards A

Three Categories of Response Games: 2

1. Costless to B to help/punish A
2. **Costly to B to reward A**
3. Costly to B to penalize A

Category 2:

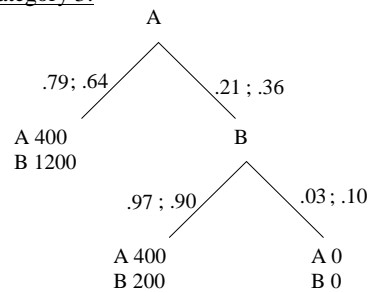


- A's entry shows *good* intention
- Costly to B to reward A
 - In-group match (Black number)
 - $.22$ of A's enters to help B
 - $.62$ of B's rewards A
 - Out-group match (Red number)
 - $.1$ of A's enters to help B
 - $.44$ of B's rewards A

Three Categories of Response Games: 3

1. Costless to B to help/punish A
2. Costly to B to reward A
3. **Costly to B to penalize A**

Category 3:



- A's entry shows *bad* intention
- Costly to B to penalize A
 - In-group match (Black number)
 - $.21$ of A's enters to hurt B
 - $.03$ of B's punishes A
 - Out-group match (Red number)
 - $.36$ of A's enters to hurt B
 - $.10$ of B's punishes A

Analysis: Distribution Preferences

- B's utility function:

$$U_B(\pi_A, \pi_B) \equiv \bar{\omega}_A^I \pi_A + (1 - \bar{\omega}_A^I) \pi_B$$

$$\text{where } \bar{\omega}_A^I = \rho(1 + I \cdot a)r + \sigma(1 + I \cdot b)s$$

(charity) (envy)

$r = 1$ if $\pi_B > \pi_A$; $s = 1$ if $\pi_B < \pi_A$; $I = 1$ if in-group matching

Parameter estimates:

	ρ	σ	$\rho(1 + a)$	$\sigma(1 + b)$	a	b
<i>Control</i>	0.427 (.022)***	-0.049 (.0250)**				
<i>Treatment</i>	0.323 (.021)***	-0.112 (.019)***	0.474 (.018)***	-0.008 (.021)	0.467 (.112)***	-0.931 (.192)***
	<i>Out-gr charity</i>	<i>Out-gr envy</i>	<i>In-gr charity</i>	<i>In-gr envy</i>		

Other functional form: CES model of Cox, Friedman and Gjerstad (2007)

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Analysis: Distribution Preferences

- B's group-dependent utility function:

$$U_B(\pi_A, \pi_B) \equiv \bar{\omega}_A^I \pi_A + (1 - \bar{\omega}_A^I) \pi_B$$

	Charity	Envy
Ingroup	$U_B = .474\pi_A + .526\pi_B$	$U_B = -.008\pi_A + 1.008\pi_B$
Outgroup	$U_B = .323\pi_A + .677\pi_B$	$U_B = -.112\pi_A + 1.112\pi_B$
Control	$U_B = .427\pi_A + .573\pi_B$	$U_B = -.049\pi_A + 1.049\pi_B$

Stronger charity to ingroup

Less envy to ingroup

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Result 1: Distribution Preferences

- Charity
 - When getting a higher payoff than their match, participants show charity concerns
 - Charity concern is significantly greater towards an in-group match than towards an out-group match
- Envy
 - When getting a lower payoff than their match, participants exhibit envy
 - Envy is significantly less towards an in-group match than towards an out-group match

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Analysis: Positive Reciprocity (logit)

Rewarding *good* behavior: ingroup > outgroup

Independent variables	Prob(B rewards A)	
	Control (1)	Treatment (2)
Ingroup match		0.218 (0.035)***
Benefit to B due to A's entry	0.453 (0.436)	0.151 (0.105)
B's cost to reward A	-0.328 (0.232)	-0.114 (0.063)*
Benefit to A if B rewards	0.204 (0.053)***	0.076 (0.032)**
How much B's payoff is behind A's if B rewards	-0.130 (0.047)***	-0.077 (0.024)***
Constant	-2.148 (1.681)	-0.849 (0.434)*
Observations	156	550
Pseudo R -square	0.12	0.06

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Analysis: Negative Reciprocity (logit)

Punishing misbehavior: ingroup < outgroup

Independent variables	Prob(B punishes A)	
	Control (1)	Treatment (2)
Ingroup match		-0.128 (0.027)***
Damage to B due to A's entry	0.018 (0.018)	-0.001 (0.009)
B's cost to punish A	-0.265 (0.071)***	-0.316 (0.047)***
Damage to A if B punishes	0.040 (0.019)**	0.042 (0.009)***
How much B's payoff is ahead of A's if B punishes	-0.171 (0.070)**	-0.103 (0.029)***
Constant	-0.211 (0.100)**	-0.049 (0.053)
Observations	250	874
Pseudo R ² -square	0.13	0.19

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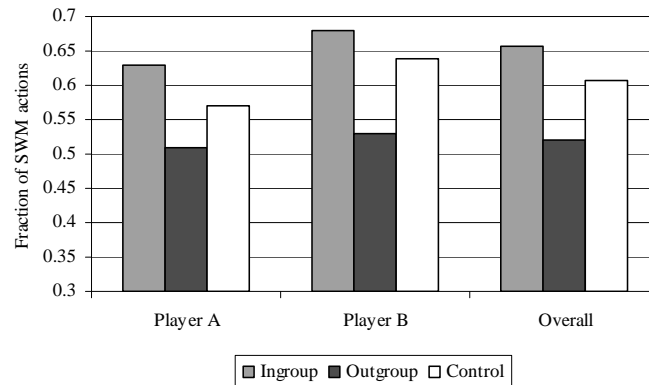
Result 2: Reciprocity

- Reciprocal preference is significantly different between in-group and out-group matches
- Good intention
 - Significantly more likely to reward an in-group than an out-group match for their good behavior
- Bad intention
 - Significantly more likely to forgive misbehaviors from an in-group match compared to an out-group match

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Result 3: Social Welfare Maximization

- Fraction of SWM actions: Ingr > Control > Outgr



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Summary

- When matched with in-group members, subjects
 - show more charity concerns
 - show *less* envy
 - more likely to reward good behaviors
 - *more* forgiving of unfair behaviors
 - more likely to choose SWM action
- Consistent with more altruism towards an in-group member
- What creates group effect? (see paper)

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Social Identity Experiments in Economics

- Social Identity and social preference
 - Chen and Li (forthcoming)
 - McLeish and Oxoby (2006)
- Social identity and public goods (VCM)
 - Brown-Kruse and Hummels (1993)
 - Cadsby and Maynes (1998)
 - Solow and Kirkland (2002)
 - Eckel and Grossman (2005)
- Social identity and equilibrium selection
 - Cadsby and Maynes (1998)
 - Croson, Marks and Snyder (2003)
 - Charness, Rigotti and Rustichini (2007)
 - Chen and Chen (2008)

A Unifying Framework: the Potential

- Definition
 - Potential
 - Potential function
- Group identity changes the potential function
 - Games with a unique equilibrium:
changes equilibrium prediction
 - Games with multiple equilibria:
changes equilibrium selection

The Potential

$\Gamma(u^1, u^2, \dots, u^n)$: a normal form game with n players

Y^i : strategy set of player i

(1) A function, $P: Y \rightarrow R$ is an ordinal potential for Γ ,

if for every $i \in N$ and for every $y^{-i} \in Y^{-i}$

$u^i(y^{-i}, x) - u^i(y^{-i}, z) > 0$ iff $P^i(y^{-i}, x) - P^i(y^{-i}, z) > 0$

for every $x, z \in Y^i$.

(2) Suppose $u^i: Y^i \rightarrow R$ are continuously differentiable. Then

P is a potential for Γ iff P is continuously differentiable, and

$$\frac{\partial u^i}{\partial y^i} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y^i} \text{ for every } i \in N.$$

Potential Games

- A game that possesses a potential is a *potential game*
- Properties
 - Every potential game has a pure-strategy equilibrium (Rosenthal 1973)
 - Better reply learning dynamics converges to equilibrium (Blume 1993, Monderer and Shapley 1996)
 - argmax set of potential function refines equilibrium set

The Potential of Social Identity for Equilibrium Selection

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How does social identity affect equilibrium selection?

- **Battle of Sexes**
 - Charness, Rigotti and Rustichini (2007)
 - Salient group identity: better coordination
- **Provision point mechanism**
 - Cadsby and Maynes (1998): priming
 - Croson, Marks and Snyder (2003)
 - Women: increase coordination and efficiency
- **Minimum effort game**

The Minimum Effort Game

- Van Huyck, Battalio and Beil (1990) and many other studies
- Payoff function
$$\pi_i(e_i, e_{-i}) = A \min\{e_i, e_{-i}\} - C e_i + B$$
- Pareto-ranked Nash equilibria:
all agents choose the same effort level
- Convergence to highest/lowest effort depends on
 - A, C, n

The Minimum Effort Game is a Potential Game

Potential function for minimum effort game
(Monderer and Shapley 1996)

$$P = A \cdot \min(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) - C \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n e_i$$

Chosen equilibrium maximizes potential:

$$C^* = \frac{A}{n}$$

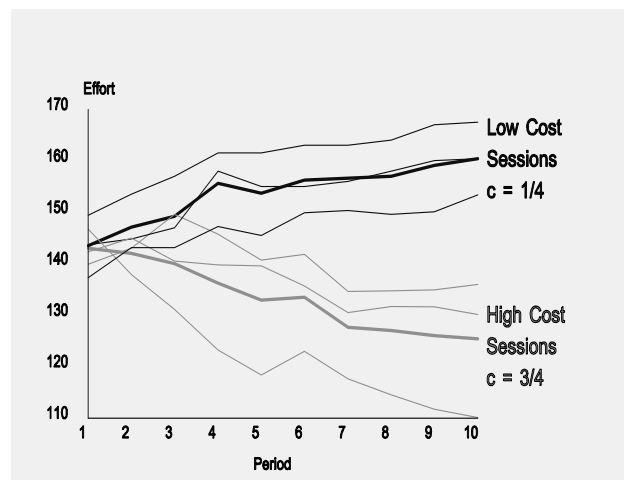
$C < C^* \Rightarrow$ highest effort equilibrium

$C > C^* \Rightarrow$ lowest effort equilibrium

Goeree and Holt (2005)

- Continuous effort from [110, 170]
- $A = 1, B = 0, n = 2$
- $C^* = 0.5$
- For low C (0.25), converged to highest effort
- For high C (0.75), converged to low effort
- Maximizing stochastic potential

Goeree and Holt (2005)



How Does Social Identity Affect Potential Function?

Using social preference model:

$$u_i(\pi_i, \pi_j) = \alpha_i \pi_j + (1 - \alpha_i) \pi_i,$$

where group effect may be captured in α_i :

(1) Ingroup vs. outgroup: $\alpha_i^I > \alpha_i^O$;

(2) Strength of group identity $\uparrow \Rightarrow \alpha_i^I \uparrow$

Potential function for minimum effort game:

$$P = A \cdot \min(e_1, e_2) - C \cdot [(1 - \alpha_1)e_1 + (1 - \alpha_2)e_2]$$

How Does Social Identity Affect Potential Function?

Potential function for minimum effort game:

$$P = A \cdot \min(e_1, e_2) - C \cdot [(1 - \alpha_1)e_1 + (1 - \alpha_2)e_2]$$

Chosen equilibrium maximizes potential:

$$C^* = \frac{A}{(2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}$$

(1) Ingroup matching: $\alpha_i \uparrow \Rightarrow C^* \uparrow$

(2) Outgroup matching: $\alpha_i \downarrow \Rightarrow C^* \downarrow$

(3) Increased strength: $\alpha_i \uparrow \Rightarrow C^* \uparrow$

Experimental Design

- **Near-minimal groups**
 - Random assignment (red or green)
 - Minimum effort game
- **Enhanced groups**
 - Random assignment (red or green)
 - Problem-solving stage
 - Klee and Kandinsky paintings
 - online chat with group members
 - Minimum effort game
- **Control**

Experimental Design: 2*3 Factorial Design

	Ingroup	Outgroup	Control
Near-Minimal Groups	3	3	3
Enhanced Groups	3	3	3

- **Between-subject design**
- **12 subject per session: random rematching into pairs**
- **50 rounds**
- **Feedback: given after every round**
- **Effort: [110, 170]**

Experimental Design: Parameter Selection

Payoff function:

$$\pi_i = \min(e_i, e_j) - 0.75 \cdot e_i$$

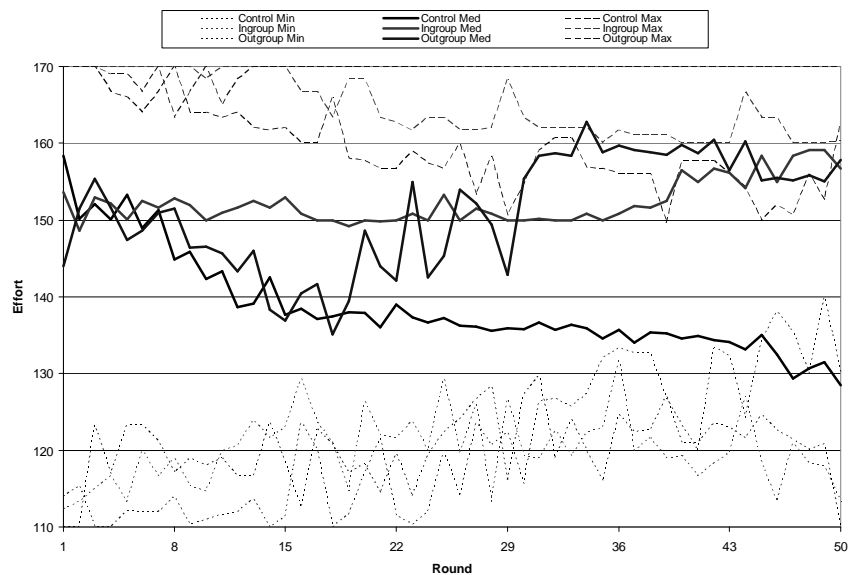
Chosen equilibrium maximizes potential:

$$C^* = \frac{A}{(2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}$$

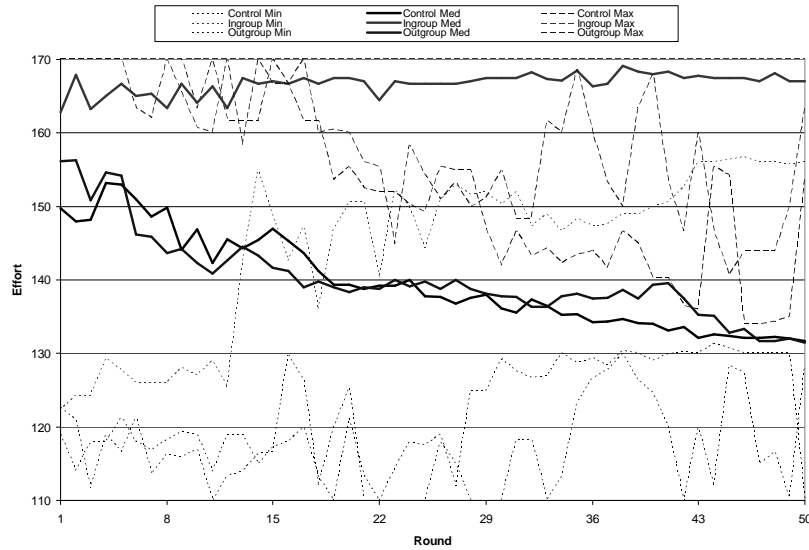
(1) $\alpha_i = 0$: converge to 110

(2) $\alpha_i > \frac{1}{3}$: converge to 170

Near-Minimal Groups: Effort



Enhanced Groups: Effort



Reduced Form Regression

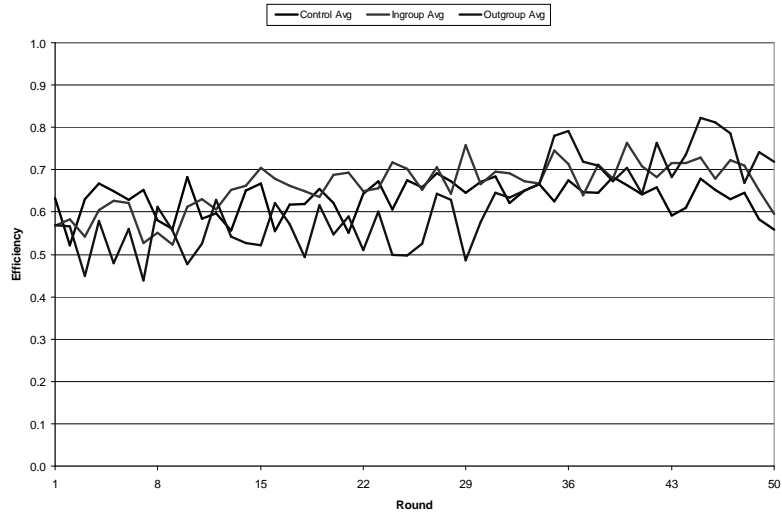
$$e_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Ingroup}_i + \beta_2 \text{Outgroup}_i + \beta_3 \ln \text{Round}_t + \eta_i + \delta_t + \varepsilon_{it}$$

Near-minimal	Estimate	SE	p-value
Ingroup	8.28	7.03	0.24
Outgroup	10.22	7.58	0.18
ln(round)	-0.42	1.52	0.78

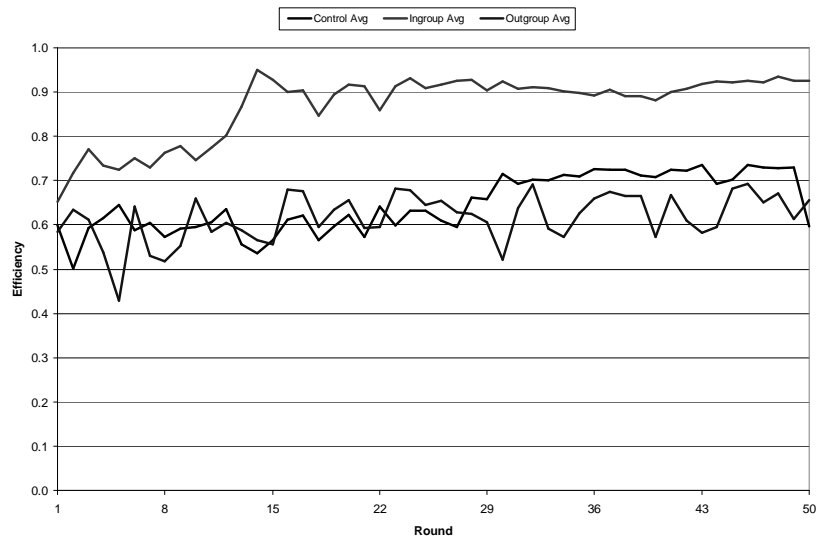
- Random effects model
- Cluster at session level

Enhanced	Estimate	SE	p-value
Ingroup	24.74	10.58	0.02
Outgroup	0.89	14.97	0.95
ln(round)	-2.46	2.43	0.31

Near-Minimal Groups: Efficiency



Enhanced Groups: Efficiency



Summary

- Near-minimal groups: no group effect
- Enhanced groups
 - Significant ingroup favoritism
 - No outgroup discrimination
 - Brewer (1999): asymmetry
- Group identity changes the potential function and potential maximizing strategies, if the induced or primed identity is strong enough

More on Groups and Equilibrium Selection

- Bornstein, Gneezy and Nagel (2002)
 - $A=20, C=10, n=7: C^* = 3$
 - Group competition
 - Some groups converged to highest effort
- Weber (2006)
 - $A=0.2, C=0.1, n = 2 \text{ to } 12: C^*=0.1 \text{ to } 0.017$
 - Group initiation
 - Convergence to 5 with slow growth
- These can be seen as increasing group identity

The Potential of Social Identity for Public Goods Provision

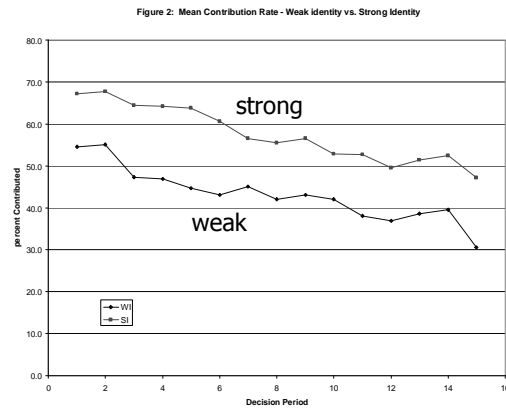
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Effect of Group Identity on Contribution in VCM

- **Primed natural identity**
 - Solow and Kirkwood (2002)
- **Induced identity**
 - Eckel and Grossman (2005)
- **Real social groups**
 - Goette, Huffman and Meier (2006)
 - Bernhard, Fehr and Fischbacher (2006)
- **Findings**
 - Sometimes: no effect
 - Ingroup: more cooperative
 - Stronger identity increases contribution

Eckel and Grossman (2005)

Mean contribution rate: strong ID leads to significantly higher levels of contribution



VCM is a Potential Game

Payoff function for VCM: $\pi_i = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i + C(\omega_i - e_i)$

Potential function: $P = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i - C \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n e_i$

With group identity, potential becomes

$$P = (e_1 + e_2) - C \cdot [(1 - \alpha_1)e_1 + (1 - \alpha_2)e_2]$$

Contribute if $\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2} > 1 - \frac{1}{C}$

Summary and Open Questions

- Group identity influences social preference
 - More altruistic towards ingroup members
- Changes potential function
- Changes potential maximizing equilibrium
- Implications for organization design