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2CHAPTER  
433 Parallel and Divergent Predictors of  
4 Objective and Subjective Value in Negotiation5 Jared R. Curhan and Ashley D. Brown<sup>1</sup>6 **Abstract**

7 The negotiation field has been dominated by a focus on *objective value* (or economic outcomes) with  
 8 relatively less attention paid to *subjective value* (or social psychological outcomes). This chapter  
 9 proposes a framework that highlights the duality of negotiation outcomes by identifying predictors of  
 10 both objective and subjective value. Whereas some predictors tend to have parallel effects, benefiting  
 11 objective and subjective value in tandem, other predictors tend to have divergent effects, benefiting  
 12 objective value while simultaneously undermining subjective value, or vice versa. We further distinguish  
 13 between predictors typically outside of the negotiator's control, such as personality traits and individual  
 14 differences, versus predictors typically within the negotiator's control, such as behaviors and strategies.  
 15 We offer 12 examples of predictors that illustrate this new framework, with the aim of advising  
 16 individuals on how best to manage both objective and subjective value, thereby achieving peak  
 17 performance in negotiations.

18 **Keywords:** Negotiation, subjective value, objective value, individual differences, negotiator behaviors,  
 19 negotiator strategies

20 Conventional wisdom and decades of research in  
 21 American behavioral science have tended to portray  
 22 negotiation as a process of joint decision-making  
 23 over the terms of exchange for scarce resources  
 24 (Neale & Bazerman, 1985; Pruitt, 1983; Wall,  
 25 1985; Young, 1991). From this perspective, it is  
 26 understandable that the vast majority of studies on  
 27 negotiation have focused on how to achieve tangi-  
 28 ble, objective outcomes, whereas only a small frac-  
 29 tion of studies have included subjective measures of  
 30 performance, such as attitudes and perceptions  
 31 (Bendersky & McGinn, 2010; Mestdagh & Buelens,  
 32 2003). Yet, in the spirit of positive organizational  
 33 scholarship (POS) (e.g., Cameron, Dutton, &  
 34 Quinn, 2003; Dutton & Glynn, 2008), we argue  
 35 that this imbalance in the field may lead negotiators  
 36 astray, because the same prescriptions that are  
 37 intended to benefit objective outcomes sometimes  
 38 have unintended negative consequences for social

psychological outcomes. In this chapter, we propose 39  
 a new framework and use it to identify specific pre- 40  
 dictors of objective and subjective outcomes in 41  
 negotiation. 42

Underlying our framework is a distinction 43  
 between two kinds of outcomes in negotiation. 44  
*Economic outcomes* are the terms of the deal (or lack 45  
 thereof), whereas *social psychological outcomes* are 46  
 the attitudes and perceptions of the negotiators 47  
 (Thompson, 1990). Economic outcomes refer to 48  
 goods and services and can be said to have an 49  
*objective value* (OV), or worth defined by a market 50  
 or by a negotiator's ex ante preferences. Social psy- 51  
 chological outcomes, such as satisfaction or liking, 52  
 can be said to have a *subjective value* (SV) as evaluated 53  
 by a negotiator ex post (Curhan, Elfenbein, & Xu, 54  
 2006). The construct of SV emerged from a series of 55  
 studies by Curhan et al. (2006), who defined SV as 56  
 the "social, perceptual, and emotional consequences 57



1 of a negotiation” (p. 494), comprising the negotia-  
2 tor’s feelings about the instrumental outcome, feel-  
3 ings about him- or herself, feelings about the process,  
4 and feelings about the relationship.<sup>2</sup>

5 Given that SV is less tangible or concrete relative  
6 to OV, many behavioral scientists who study nego-  
7 tiation and professionals in business and law con-  
8 strue negotiation as being primarily about OV and  
9 tend to “write off” SV as amounting to a fleeting  
10 perception that is difficult to measure reliably and is  
11 subject to heuristics and biases. This emphasis on  
12 OV is also consistent with a broader tendency in tra-  
13 ditional organization studies to attend to economic  
14 outcomes more so than positive states and processes  
15 (Cameron et al., 2003). For instance, Walsh,  
16 Margolis, and Weber (2003) coded all articles pub-  
17 lished by the Academy of Management from 1958  
18 to 2001 and found a diminishing focus on social  
19 outcomes and a rising focus over time on economic  
20 outcomes. By contrast, the POS movement has been  
21 described as a potential corrective to this predomi-  
22 nant concern with economic and financial consider-  
23 ations (Dutton & Glynn, 2008). Similarly, our  
24 framework is intended as a corrective to an overem-  
25 phasis on OV—drawing upon a growing literature  
26 that has demonstrated a number of important ben-  
27 efits associated with fostering SV in negotiation.

28 Subjective value in negotiation is important for at  
29 least four reasons. First, negotiators frequently care  
30 more about subjective outcomes, such as feeling  
31 positive, being respected, or having a favorable rela-  
32 tionship, than about the substance of an agreement  
33 (Blount & Larrick, 2000; Gelfand, Major, Raver,  
34 Nishii, & O’Brien, 2006; Tyler & Blader, 2003). In  
35 other words, SV may in some cases represent a good  
36 unto itself, or even the primary interest of a negotiat-  
37 ing party (Lax & Sebenius, 1986).

38 Second, those who build solid relationships with  
39 their counterparts or who develop positive reputa-  
40 tions are more likely to be sought after as a partner  
41 or a counterpart in future exchanges (Tenbrunsel,  
42 Wade-Benzoni, Moag, & Bazerman, 1999; Tinsley,  
43 O’Connor, & Sullivan, 2002). For example, in two  
44 longitudinal studies, individuals who reported high  
45 SV immediately following a negotiation subse-  
46 quently reported greater intent to remain in profes-  
47 sional contact, greater desire to work on the same  
48 team, and greater willingness to negotiate again  
49 with their counterpart, whereas OV from the initial  
50 negotiation showed none of these predictive effects  
51 (Curhan, Elfenbein, & Eisenkraft, 2010; Curhan  
52 et al., 2006). Having more parties with whom to  
53 negotiate increases one’s bargaining power in any

single negotiation to the extent that it increases  
54 one’s best alternative to a negotiated agreement. 55

56 Third, related to the previous point, SV resulting  
57 from one negotiation may “pay off” in terms of OV,  
58 particularly in the context of long-term interactions  
59 (Croson & Glick, 2001; Drolet & Morris, 2000;  
60 Fortgang, Lax, & Sebenius, 2003; Mannix, Tinsley,  
61 & Bazerman, 1995). In one of the few research  
62 studies in which negotiation performance has been  
63 examined longitudinally, individuals achieved greater  
64 individual and joint OV in a second negotiation if  
65 they experienced greater SV in an initial negotiation  
66 with the same counterpart, even after controlling for  
67 initial OV (Curhan et al., 2010).

68 Finally, SV is associated with commitment to  
69 upholding a deal. To the extent that negotiation  
70 outcomes are not self-enforcing, SV can serve as an  
71 “insurance policy,” increasing the chances that the  
72 parties will follow through on their obligations set  
73 forth in the terms of the agreement. Counter to the  
74 conventional wisdom that SV is fleeting or labile,  
75 longitudinal research has demonstrated that SV can  
76 be remarkably robust over time—perhaps even  
77 more robust than OV. For example, Curhan,  
78 Elfenbein, and Kilduff (2009) examined OV and  
79 SV resulting from MBA students’ job offer negotia-  
80 tions and demonstrated a remarkably strong corre-  
81 lation between these predictors and the students’  
82 subsequent job attitudes and turnover intentions an  
83 entire year later. Subjective value from these high-  
84 stakes, real-world employment negotiations pre-  
85 dicted greater subsequent compensation satisfaction  
86 and job satisfaction, as well as lower subsequent  
87 turnover intention (i.e., intent to leave the job). In  
88 contrast, negotiators’ OV had no apparent long-  
89 term effects on these important outcomes (see also  
90 Ferguson, Moye, & Friedman, 2008; Robinson &  
91 Morrison, 2000; Robinson & Rousseau, 1994).

92 Given the new wealth of evidence for the impor-  
93 tance of SV as an outcome variable in negotiation,  
94 the question naturally arises, where does SV come  
95 from? In this chapter, we focus on specific predic-  
96 tors of SV, organized in a new theoretical frame-  
97 work, as depicted in Figure 43.1. By no means do  
98 we consider this to be a complete list of relevant  
99 predictors. Our purpose is illustrative rather than  
100 exhaustive, and several of our predictors were  
101 selected due to their close associations with the core  
102 mechanisms discussed in the POS literature. For  
103 example, we highlight self-efficacy and positive  
104 affect, which relate to the POS mechanisms of posi-  
105 tive meaning making and positive emoting, respec-  
106 tively (Dutton & Glynn, 2008).

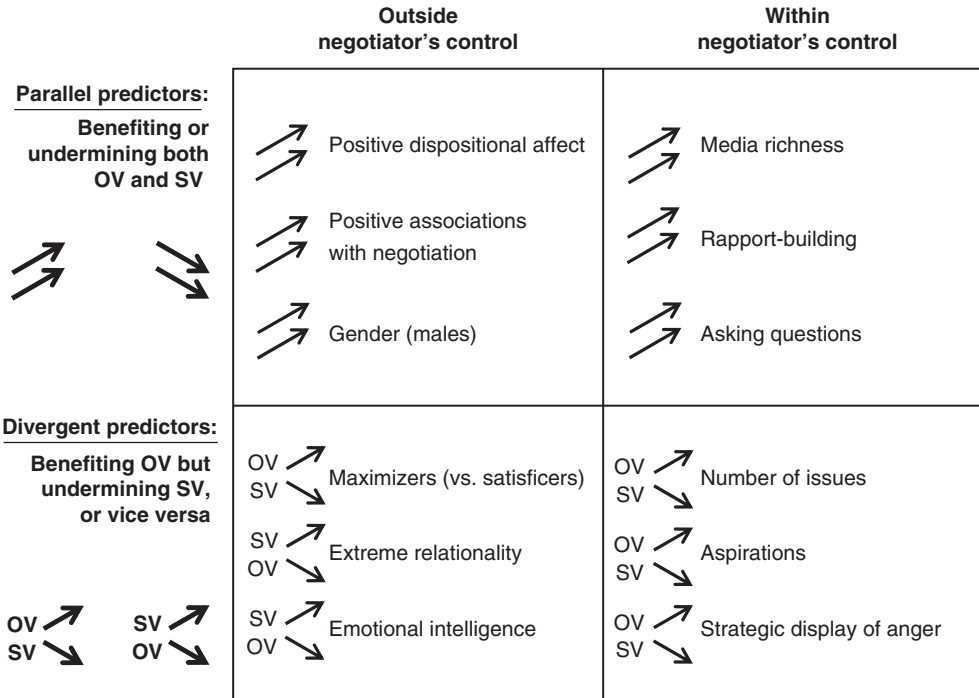


Fig. 43.1 A theoretical framework populated with example predictors of objective and subjective value.

1 Our aim is to build a new framework for research-  
 2 ers and practitioners alike that highlights the duality  
 3 of negotiation outcomes, incorporating not only  
 4 OV, but also the frequently ignored elements of SV.

5 In addition to the aforementioned distinction  
 6 between OV and SV, our framework draws two distinc-  
 7 tions among potential predictors of those out-  
 8 comes. The first distinction is between parallel and  
 9 divergent predictors. We use the term *parallel pre-*  
 10 *dictors* to refer to predictors with uniform effects on  
 11 both OV and SV. These predictors have relatively  
 12 clear implications in that their effects tend to be  
 13 either generally beneficial or generally detrimental  
 14 for a negotiator. We use the term *divergent predictors*  
 15 to refer to predictors with bidirectional effects, ben-  
 16 efitting OV while undermining SV, or vice versa. By  
 17 definition, divergent predictors are beneficial in  
 18 some respects but detrimental in others, which may  
 19 make them useful under certain circumstances,  
 20 depending on the negotiator's relative prioritization  
 21 of OV and SV. Judgments regarding the relative  
 22 weightings of OV and SV may depend on features  
 23 of the situation, such as the expectation of a future  
 24 relationship.

25 We draw a further distinction in our framework  
 26 between predictors that tend to be outside the control  
 27 of an individual negotiator, such as personality

or gender, versus predictors that could be under a  
 negotiator's control and could, thereby, enter explic-  
 itly into a negotiator's tactical decision-making. In  
 the final section of this paper, we include advice for  
 negotiators on how to manage the tension between  
 fostering OV and fostering SV, as well as ways in  
 which one might deal with predictors that are within  
 or beyond the negotiator's control.

### Predictors Outside of the Negotiator's Control

Predictors outside of the negotiator's control tend to  
 involve individual differences, such as personality or  
 gender. In this respect, the findings discussed here  
 contribute to an ongoing debate regarding the  
 extent to which individual differences explain vari-  
 ance in negotiation outcomes (Barry & Friedman,  
 1998; Lewicki, Litterer, Minton, & Saunders, 1994;  
 Terhune, 1970; Thompson, 1990). Although an  
 individual negotiator may have limited or no ability  
 to transform his or her stable characteristics (and  
 even less ability to influence a counterpart's traits),  
 an understanding of how particular individual  
 differences are likely to influence one's negotiation  
 performance is itself an advantage to the negotiator.  
 Research on systematic individual differences  
 helps one understand and even predict behavior.

1 More specifically, such knowledge can help negotia-  
2 tors diagnose their own negotiation style, predict  
3 the behaviors of their counterparts, or choose who  
4 to employ as negotiation advocates on their behalf.  
5 Therefore, we start with an overview of both parallel  
6 and divergent predictors of SV and OV that tend to  
7 be outside of the negotiator's control.

### 8 *Parallel Predictors Outside of the* 9 *Negotiator's Control*

10 To begin, we consider predictors outside of the  
11 negotiator's control that have a parallel or uniform  
12 effect on OV and SV. For these predictors, the nego-  
13 tiator need not reconcile how to balance trade-offs  
14 between OV and SV.

#### 15 **DISPOSITIONAL AFFECT**

16 Studies involving dispositional positive affect have  
17 emerged from a literature increasingly concerned  
18 with the effects of trait and state affect in negotia-  
19 tion (Barry, Fulmer, & Van Kleef, 2004; Carnevale  
20 & Isen, 1986; Forgas, 1998). With regard to SV, it  
21 is not surprising that dispositional positive affect—  
22 i.e., the extent to which people have extraverted  
23 personalities or a stable tendency to feel enthusiastic  
24 (Watson & Clark, 1984)—would tend to correlate  
25 with more positive feelings at the end of a negotia-  
26 tion. Less obvious is the fact that positive mood has  
27 been found to predict joint OV by reducing reliance  
28 on contentious or competitive tactics (Carnevale  
29 & Isen, 1986). Consistent with these findings,  
30 Elfenbein, Curhan, Eisenkraft, Shirako, and Baccaro  
31 (2008) demonstrated empirically that dispositional  
32 positive affect is a robust predictor of both one's own  
33 OV ( $r = 0.17, p < 0.05$ ) and one's own SV ( $r = 0.25,$   
34  $p < 0.01$ ). As such, dispositional positive affect tends  
35 to be a beneficial trait for individuals to have under  
36 most circumstances in a negotiation.

#### 37 **ASSOCIATIONS WITH NEGOTIATION**

38 Even more promising than positive affect in general  
39 is the positivity of one's associations, attitudes, and  
40 beliefs about negotiation per se. For example,  
41 Sullivan, O'Connor, and Burris (2006) identified a  
42 form of self-efficacy specifically related to negotia-  
43 tion. Integrative self-efficacy refers to one's confi-  
44 dence in enlarging the pie and fostering rapport.  
45 Elfenbein et al. (2008) found that integrative self-  
46 efficacy results in a parallel effect, increasing one's  
47 own OV and SV.<sup>3</sup> Another parallel effect can be  
48 found among those who believe negotiation ability  
49 is a skill that can be learned, as opposed to a fixed

trait that is set at birth (Kray & Haselhuhn, 2007). 50  
Individuals who view negotiation skills as malleable 51  
in this respect achieve greater OV for themselves 52  
and tend to feel better about their relationships 53  
with their counterparts (Elfenbein et al., 2008). In 54  
sum, many empirical findings suggest that both OV 55  
and SV are benefited by positive attitudes concern- 56  
ing one's ability to enlarge the pie, one's ability to 57  
establish rapport, and one's ability to improve as 58  
a negotiator.<sup>4</sup> 59

#### **GENDER**

60  
61 Gender is another individual difference measure  
62 related to negotiation that has been studied for  
63 many years. As Kray and Thompson (2005) describe,  
64 people have lay theories about what it takes to  
65 succeed in negotiations, and these perceptions gener-  
66 ally place females at a disadvantage. Recent meta-  
67 analyses and literature reviews also have suggested  
68 that men tend to achieve higher individual OV in  
69 negotiations than do women, and this tendency  
70 emerges across a range of study designs, including  
71 archival analyses, collective bargaining tasks, and  
72 coalition games (Kray & Thompson, 2005;  
73 Stuhlmacher & Walters, 1999; Walters, Stuhlmacher,  
74 & Meyer, 1998). Although there has been less  
75 research on integrative than distributive negotia-  
76 tions, male–male dyads also tend to create more  
77 joint OV than female–female dyads (Kray &  
78 Thompson, 2005; Miles & LaSalle, 2004; Neu,  
79 Graham, & Gilly, 1988). One explanation for men  
80 achieving higher individual and joint OV is that  
81 men tend to set higher goals in their negotiations  
82 (Kray, Thompson, & Galinsky, 2001; Stevens,  
83 Bavetta, & Gist, 1993), and high goals have been  
84 associated with improved OV (Bazerman, Magliozzi,  
85 & Neale, 1985; Huber & Neale, 1987; Neale &  
86 Bazerman, 1985; Stevens et al., 1993). Men also  
87 tend to report lower apprehension prior to negotiat-  
88 ing (Babcock, Gelfand, Small, & Stayn, 2006),  
89 greater confidence while negotiating (Watson,  
90 1994), and higher SV post-negotiation (Watson,  
91 1994; Watson & Hoffman, 1996). These parallel  
92 effects of gender on OV and SV may be explained  
93 by differential treatment of men and women.  
94 Bowles, Babcock, and Lai (2007) found that male  
95 evaluators penalized women more than men for  
96 attempting to negotiate for higher compensation.  
97 As such, the effects of gender on OV and SV may be  
98 reinforced by gender stereotypes. It should be noted,  
99 however, that particular situational characteristics  
100 can mitigate some of these gender differences.<sup>5</sup>

1 ***Divergent Predictors Outside of the***  
2 ***Negotiator's Control***

3 In contrast to the parallel predictors, the examples  
4 presented in this section tend to drive OV and SV  
5 in opposite directions. We offer one example of  
6 a trait that benefits OV yet undermines SV fol-  
7 lowed by two examples of traits that benefit SV yet  
8 undermine OV.

9 **MAXIMIZING VERSUS SATISFICING**

10 Building on a perspective first articulated by Herbert  
11 Simon (1955), Schwartz and colleagues (2002) pro-  
12 posed a distinction between two kinds of decision-  
13 makers in the face of choices involving many  
14 alternatives. Maximizers seek the “best outcome”  
15 and feel pressure to examine as many alternatives  
16 as possible, whereas “satisficers” seek an outcome  
17 that is “good enough” and then stop searching.  
18 Maximizing tendencies have been associated with  
19 improved objective outcomes at the expense of sub-  
20 jective outcomes. Specifically, Iyengar, Wells, and  
21 Schwartz (2006) found that students who scored  
22 high on a personality scale designed to measure  
23 maximizing tendencies secured 20% higher starting  
24 salaries compared to students with low maximizing  
25 tendencies. At the same time, these maximizers were  
26 less satisfied with the jobs that they secured and also  
27 experienced more negative feelings throughout the  
28 job search process, including stress, fatigue, anxiety,  
29 and worry. Iyengar et al. (2006) argue that, in seek-  
30 ing out an undefined “best” outcome, maximizers  
31 are more susceptible to experiencing regret associ-  
32 ated with unrealistically high expectations.

33 **EXTREME RELATIONAL ORIENTATION**

34 An extreme concern or unhealthy anxiety over inter-  
35 personal relationships in negotiation can result in  
36 lower individual and joint OV. This phenomenon  
37 dates back to the classic negotiation study by Fry,  
38 Firestone, and Williams (1983) in which dating  
39 couples—particularly those couples who were  
40 defensive or possessive about their relationships  
41 (Rubin, 1970)—achieved lower joint OV compared  
42 to strangers. More recently, Gelfand et al. (2006)  
43 developed a theoretical model involving the broader  
44 concept of “relational self-construal,” which refers  
45 to a cognitive representation of the self as fundamen-  
46 tally connected to other individuals. One prediction  
47 of this model is that dyads in which both parties  
48 have high relational self-construal accessibility<sup>6</sup> will  
49 experience a “relational satisficing” dynamic, result-  
50 ing in higher SV but lower individual and joint

51 OV (Gelfand et al., 2006). Consistent with this  
52 prediction, Curhan, Neale, Ross, and Rosencranz-  
53 Engelmann (2008) empirically demonstrated that  
54 dyads negotiating within highly relational contexts<sup>7</sup>  
55 had greater SV in that they trusted and liked their  
56 counterparts more and believed their counterparts  
57 liked them more. However, these same dyads  
58 reached outcomes of lower joint OV. Similarly,  
59 within a negotiation context, Amanatullah, Morris,  
60 and Curhan (2008) examined a construct called  
61 “unmitigated communion,” or a dispositional ori-  
62 entation marked by anxiety about social relation-  
63 ships with others coupled with low concern for  
64 oneself (Fritz & Helgeson, 1998). They found  
65 that unmitigated communion led negotiators to  
66 make concessions in order to avoid straining rela-  
67 tionships, which resulted in lower individual OV.  
68 Furthermore, high unmitigated communion on both  
69 sides of a negotiation resulted in greater SV in the  
70 form of relational satisfaction but lower joint OV  
71 (Amanatullah et al., 2008). In summary, the pattern  
72 across all of these studies is that individual and joint  
73 OV is forfeited in deference to relational concerns  
74 when both members of a dyad show extreme con-  
75 cern for the other.

76 **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

77 The construct of emotional intelligence captures a  
78 range of abilities that includes perceiving emotion,  
79 facilitating thought with emotion, understanding  
80 emotion, and regulating emotion (Mayer, Salovey,  
81 & Caruso, 2000)—all factors that relate to the  
82 management of SV in negotiation (Fulmer & Barry,  
83 2004). Indeed, those who are high on emotional  
84 intelligence tend to experience greater SV them-  
85 selves and tend to induce greater SV in their coun-  
86 terparts (Der Foo, Elfenbein, Tan, & Aik, 2004;  
87 Mueller & Curhan, 2006). However, those who are  
88 high in emotional intelligence also tend to have  
89 lower individual OV (Der Foo et al., 2004) and  
90 counterparts with higher OV (Mueller & Curhan,  
91 2006) than those who are low in emotional intelli-  
92 gence. Der Foo et al. (2004) argue that perhaps  
93 emotionally intelligent negotiators show too much  
94 sympathy and are more trusting relative to low em-  
95 tional intelligence negotiators and thus may be  
96 more conciliatory.

97 In summary, this section has provided examples  
98 of predictors over which negotiators may not have  
99 extensive control, yet these predictors influence  
100 OV and SV. Dispositional positive affect, positive

1 attitudes about negotiation, and gender serve as  
2 examples of a broad class of predictors that tend to  
3 have parallel or uniform influences on both OV and  
4 SV. Perhaps of greater concern to both researchers  
5 and practitioners, however, are those predictors that  
6 create a tension between OV and SV, such as maxi-  
7 mizing tendencies, relational self-construal, and  
8 emotional intelligence. The divergent consequences  
9 of these predictors for OV and SV mean that  
10 the negotiator must attempt to weigh or calculate  
11 which outcomes are of greatest importance in any  
12 particular negotiation.

### 13 **Predictors Within the Negotiator's Control**

14 Although most negotiators have limited ability to  
15 alter the predictors discussed above, many situa-  
16 tional characteristics or behavioral strategies tend to  
17 be within the control of the negotiator. Some of  
18 these strategies can enhance both OV and SV,  
19 whereas others result in a tension between the two  
20 kinds of outcomes.

#### 21 *Parallel Predictors Within the* 22 *Negotiator's Control*

23 Once again, we begin with a consideration of pre-  
24 dictors within the negotiator's control that do not  
25 require a tradeoff between OV and SV. Specifically,  
26 choosing a rich medium of communication, build-  
27 ing rapport, and asking questions are valuable strat-  
28 egies for enhancing OV and SV under a broad range  
29 of circumstances.

#### 30 **MEDIA RICHNESS**

31 Media richness refers to the degree of information,  
32 such as rapid feedback or personal presence, that  
33 can be conveyed through a particular communica-  
34 tion medium (Poole, Shannon, & DeSanctis, 1992).  
35 Although there has been a great deal of mixed evi-  
36 dence regarding how face-to-face negotiations com-  
37 pare to computer mediated, video-conferencing, or  
38 telephone negotiations, in general, media richness  
39 benefits both OV and SV—which is consistent with  
40 the notion so central to the POS literature that  
41 high-quality connections between individuals are  
42 vital for positive organizational dynamics (Dutton  
43 & Glynn, 2008).<sup>8</sup> Stuhlmacher and Citera (2005)  
44 conducted a meta-analysis reviewing studies that  
45 compared various mediums and concluded that  
46 face-to-face negotiations are less hostile and result  
47 in higher individual profit than other communica-  
48 tion media. McGinn and Croson (2004) also argue  
49 that visual access increases social awareness and  
50 lends itself to more cooperation, coordination, truth

telling, and rapport building. Face-to-face negotia- 51  
tors tend to experience greater rapport, trust, and 52  
cooperation (Drolet & Morris, 2000) and complete 53  
negotiations in less time, with a greater desire for 54  
future interaction (Purdy, Nye, & Balakrishnan, 55  
2000). By contrast, online negotiators have lower 56  
SV, are less confident in their outcomes, and express 57  
lower levels of trust both before and after the nego- 58  
tiation (Naquin & Paulson, 2003). Negotiators 59  
communicating via less rich media may also be less 60  
accurate in judging counterpart interests, resulting 61  
in lower individual and joint OV (Arunachalam & 62  
Dilla, 1995). Although there are some exceptions, 63  
including situations that are emotionally charged 64  
(Carnevale, Pruitt, & Seilheimer, 1981; Carnevale 65  
& Isen, 1986) or situations in which negotiators 66  
need time to reflect (Pesendorfer & Koeszegi, 2006), 67  
greater media richness generally benefits both OV 68  
and SV. 69

#### **RAPPORT BUILDING**

70 Using humor and developing rapport uniformly 71  
benefit both OV and SV and are also within the 72  
negotiator's control. Specifically, humor has been 73  
found to "ease" the pain when trying to influence or 74  
make final demands in a negotiation. Across three 75  
different final offer levels, O'Quin and Aronoff 76  
(1981) found that negotiators made larger conces- 77  
sions, evaluated the task more positively, and 78  
reported marginally less tension when the final offer 79  
was requested in a humorous way. A related strategy 80  
is to establish rapport either prior to or during the 81  
negotiation. Moore, Kurtzberg, Thompson, and 82  
Morris (1999) found that sharing personal informa- 83  
tion and in-group affiliation reduced the rate of 84  
impasse with electronically mediated negotiations. 85  
Similarly, Morris, Nadler, Kurtzberg, and Thompson 86  
(2002) found that a brief telephone conversation 87  
prior to a negotiation conducted over e-mail resulted 88  
in greater rapport and higher rates of agreement.<sup>9</sup> 89  
This finding is particularly astonishing, given that 90  
the phone call had such effects after a week of e-mail 91  
negotiating, suggesting that the benefits of rapport 92  
are by no means fleeting. 93

#### **ASKING QUESTIONS**

94 Tactics such as asking questions have also been 95  
found to be advantageous. Fairfield and Allred 96  
(2007) found that the more positive regard negotia- 97  
tors have for each other the more that they ask ques- 98  
tions, which in turn, produces better understandings 99  
of the other side's interests and higher joint OV. 100  
This is consistent with Thompson's (1991) findings 101

1 that negotiators achieved higher joint OV after  
2 asking more questions of the counterpart. In con-  
3 flict situations, another advantage of asking ques-  
4 tions is that it signals an interest in the other side's  
5 view, which enhances relationships and counterpart  
6 SV (Carnegie, 1963; Chen, Minson, & Tormala,  
7 2010); furthermore, the person asking the questions  
8 becomes more open to the idea of having a conver-  
9 sation and tends to view the counterpart more posi-  
10 tively (Chen et al., 2010). As such, asking questions  
11 can have benefits for both parties involved.

### 12 *Divergent Predictors Within the* 13 *Negotiator's Control*

14 Despite being within the negotiator's control, other  
15 predictors are likely to represent a dilemma for the  
16 negotiator because they introduce a tradeoff between  
17 OV and SV. The use of these predictors requires more  
18 careful consideration, given that strategies aimed at  
19 achieving higher OV may undermine SV, and vice  
20 versa. In this section, we review three predictors that  
21 tend to enhance OV at the expense of SV.

#### 22 **NUMBER OF ISSUES**

23 One of the main defining features of a negotiation is  
24 the number of issues under consideration (Raiffa,  
25 1982). The prescriptive advice often provided is that  
26 negotiators should try to include as many issues as  
27 possible in any given deal-making process and strive  
28 to resolve those issues simultaneously rather than  
29 sequentially (Erickson, Holmes, Frey, Walker, &  
30 Thibaut, 1974; Froman & Cohen, 1970; Kelley,  
31 1966; Pruitt, 1981; Yukl, Malone, Hayslip, &  
32 Pamin, 1976). More issues allow for more creative  
33 problem solving via *logrolling*—or trading off issues  
34 based on differences in relative priorities (Fisher,  
35 Ury, & Patton, 1991; Froman & Cohen, 1970;  
36 Lewicki, Saunders, & Minton, 1997; Pruitt, 1983;  
37 Raiffa, 1982; Thompson, 2001)—thereby resulting  
38 in higher joint OV. However, more recent research  
39 has found that the number of issues in any given  
40 negotiation is associated with lower levels of SV due  
41 to counterfactual thought processes (Naquin, 2003).  
42 Although Naquin (2003) found that the partici-  
43 pants negotiating over more issues did indeed  
44 achieve higher joint OV, which is consistent with  
45 the prescriptive advice to include more issues, this  
46 tactic simultaneously undermined SV. The negotia-  
47 tor is caught between maximizing payoffs yet feeling  
48 worse about the outcome. This phenomenon is con-  
49 sistent with the findings discussed above regarding  
50 maximizers versus satisficers, in which maximizers  
51 had higher OV yet lower SV. Too many issues in

a negotiation may be analogous to facing too many  
52 decision alternatives and, therefore, may undermine  
53 the negotiator's SV, particularly if the negotiator  
54 is a maximizer. Thus, the negotiator is presented  
55 with a dilemma, in which she or he can either try to  
56 incorporate more issues in the negotiation, priori-  
57 tizing OV, or incorporate fewer issues in the  
58 negotiation, prioritizing SV. 59

#### 60 **ASPIRATIONS**

61 Another common negotiation strategy with a wealth  
62 of empirical support is to focus on aspiration values  
63 to achieve higher OV (Huber & Neale, 1986, 1987;  
64 Northcraft, Neale, & Earley, 1994; Thompson,  
65 2001). However, Galinsky, Mussweiler, and Medvec  
66 (2002) found that negotiators who focus on their  
67 ideal outcomes or aspiration values cannot resolve  
68 the dissonance experienced at the end of the nego-  
69 tiation and, subsequently, have lower SV. The nego-  
70 tiators in their study who focused on their aspiration  
71 values (or goals) obtained higher individual OV  
72 compared to those who focused on their reservation  
73 prices (or backup plans), as expected, yet they had  
74 lower SV. Similarly, Thompson (1995) found that  
75 negotiators have lower SV when they have high  
76 aspirations relative to when they have low aspira-  
77 tions, even when reservation prices and individual  
78 OV are identical. As Loewenstein, Thompson, and  
79 Bazerman (1989) argue, satisfaction is often a func-  
80 tion of perceived relative gain or comparison to  
81 others, rather than absolute gain (see also Novemsky  
82 & Schweitzer, 2004).

#### 83 **STRATEGIC DISPLAY OF ANGER**

84 Finally, a burgeoning literature on emotion in nego-  
85 tiation, and the strategic display of anger, in partic-  
86 ular, has received a great deal of attention. Intuition  
87 and initial evidence suggested that negative emo-  
88 tion, such as anger, would bring about suboptimal  
89 behaviors (Barry & Oliver, 1996) and would be  
90 associated with a range of negative consequences  
91 such that it should be avoided (Ury, 1991). Indeed,  
92 the strategic display of anger has negative repercus-  
93 sions for SV. Expression of anger may violate certain  
94 justice principles (Van Kleef & Côté, 2007); damage  
95 reputations (Clark, Pataki, & Carver, 1996); breed  
96 mutual anger, hostility, and aggression (Baron,  
97 Neuman, & Geddes, 1999; Kennedy, Homant, &  
98 Homant, 2004); and lead to a desire to get even  
99 (Bies & Tripp, 2001; Skarlicki & Folger, 1997).  
100 More broadly, negotiators with angry counter-  
101 parts have been found to experience more anger  
102 themselves, have reduced SV, and express less

1 willingness to engage in future negotiations  
2 (Friedman et al., 2004; Kopelman, Rosette, &  
3 Thompson, 2006; Van Kleef, De Dreu, & Manstead,  
4 2004b). However, the expression of anger has also  
5 been found to benefit OV. The display of anger can  
6 convey the magnitude or significance of an issue  
7 and, subsequently, may influence or change behav-  
8 ior. Negotiators generally make lower demands and  
9 concede more when their counterparts display anger  
10 compared to happiness<sup>10</sup> (Sinaceur & Tiedens, 2006;  
11 Van Kleef, De Dreu, & Manstead, 2004a; Van  
12 Kleef et al., 2004b), and angry negotiators are  
13 able to claim more value when their counterparts  
14 have few alternatives (Sinaceur & Tiedens, 2006).  
15 Furthermore, the effects of anger may carry over  
16 across negotiations, in which negotiators may  
17 demand less when they encounter a counterpart  
18 who expressed anger in a previous negotiation (Van  
19 Kleef & De Dreu, 2008). As such, the strategic dis-  
20 play of anger has a divergent effect on OV and SV,  
21 where the expression of anger is associated with  
22 benefits for OV but at the expense of SV.

23 In this section, we have reviewed predictors that  
24 are within the control of the negotiator, or examples  
25 of situational characteristics and behavioral strate-  
26 gies that negotiators can use to their advantage.  
27 Three of these examples benefit both OV and SV,  
28 whereas three other examples benefit OV yet tend to  
29 be detrimental for SV. With these latter examples,  
30 negotiators may need to prioritize either OV or SV  
31 or otherwise try to overcome the tension between  
32 the two. We discuss this at greater length below.

### 33 **Conclusion**

34 In this chapter, we have presented a new framework  
35 and 12 illustrative predictors of two kinds of out-  
36 comes in negotiation—OV and SV. Whereas some  
37 predictors have parallel effects on OV and SV, other  
38 predictors have divergent effects, driving the two  
39 kinds of outcomes in opposite directions.

40 One prescriptive implication of our proposed  
41 framework is that negotiators should account for  
42 the fact that some strategies will help both OV and  
43 SV, whereas others may help one while hindering  
44 the other. In the latter case, a negotiator needs to  
45 gauge which types of ends are most important.  
46 Moreover, some predictors tend to be outside of the  
47 negotiator's control while others tend to be within  
48 the negotiator's control. By managing the predictors  
49 within the negotiator's control and recognizing the  
50 predictors outside of one's control, one can maxi-  
51 mize the chances of achieving peak performance.

Although we advise that negotiators deliberately  
52 consider which outcomes are most important in any  
53 particular negotiation, such decisions are unlikely  
54 to be straightforward. This mental accounting may  
55 be biased toward an overvaluation of short-term  
56 objective outcomes. However, a prioritization of SV  
57 might serve the negotiator better in the long-term.  
58 Research from the procedural justice domain sug-  
59 gests that people tend to emphasize instrumental  
60 concerns when they make choices, yet focus on pro-  
61 cedural justice when asked about experiences already  
62 encountered. Tyler and Blader (2004) suggest that  
63 this tendency may have important implications and  
64 extensions to the negotiation context, where eco-  
65 nomic outcomes may be valued prior to and during  
66 the negotiation but subjective criteria may be valued  
67 more heavily retrospectively. As such, negotiators  
68 could be caught in a bind as preferences or the rela-  
69 tive weighting of OV and SV shift over time. One  
70 of our goals in presenting our proposed framework  
71 is to emphasize the importance of SV, which may  
72 help negotiators in overcoming this bias if both  
73 OV and SV are considered in advance as important  
74 outcomes.  
75

Notwithstanding these difficulties, consciously  
76 weighing the relative importance of OV and SV  
77 represents one method of handling divergent pre-  
78 dictors (e.g., Savage, Blair, & Sorenson, 1999).  
79 Another method involves reappraising the situation  
80 so as to eliminate the bind altogether. For example,  
81 Galinsky et al. (2002) found that negotiators' whose  
82 satisfaction had been undermined by their own high  
83 aspiration values could increase their satisfaction  
84 after the negotiation by shifting their focus from  
85 their aspiration prices (or goals) to their reservation  
86 prices (or backup plans). Still another strategy may  
87 be to compensate for any harm done to SV. For  
88 example, Van Kleef and De Dreu (2008) found that  
89 offering an apology can offset some of the negative  
90 effects of displaying anger on SV.  
91

### 92 **Future Directions**

As mentioned earlier, the examples offered here are  
93 intended to be illustrative of the kinds of predictors  
94 that might be researched in the future. Since less  
95 than 20% of negotiation studies focus on subjective  
96 outcomes (Mestdagh & Buelens, 2003), there is a  
97 great deal still to be learned. We hope that this chap-  
98 ter will provide a framework for future research on  
99 predictors of SV. For example, one area for future  
100 research is in the domain of self-enhancing biases,  
101 which may lead negotiators to overestimate their own  
102 performance (Kramer et al., 1993), contributing to  
103



1 greater SV, yet undermine their ability to reach  
 2 agreements due to unrealistic expectations. Another  
 3 domain for future research is the tenet of negotiation  
 4 theory that prescribes the use of objective criteria, or  
 5 principles of legitimacy to strengthen one's argu-  
 6 ments in a negotiation (Fisher et al., 1991). This  
 7 practice may potentially enhance OV, but the use of  
 8 rights-based arguments may also undermine rela-  
 9 tionships because conflicting parties tend to disagree  
 10 over what constitutes a fair settlement (Babcock &  
 11 Loewenstein, 1997; Ury, Brett, & Goldberg, 1988).

12 It is our hope that the framework presented in  
 13 this chapter will underscore the danger of measur-  
 14 ing just one type of outcome in negotiation and  
 15 help to motivate further research exploring the dual-  
 16 ity of negotiation outcomes. Additionally, negotia-  
 17 tion serves as an illustrative context that highlights  
 18 the broader POS perspective that positive dynamics  
 19 and subjective outcomes are crucial for organiza-  
 20 tional scholars and practitioners to take into account  
 21 above and beyond instrumental concerns.

## 22 Notes

- 23 1. Both authors contributed equally.
- 24 2. For the sake of parsimony, we conflate the subdimensions of  
 25 SV throughout this chapter.
- 26 3. To the contrary, distributive self-efficacy, which refers to  
 27 one's confidence in claiming a greater share of resources for  
 28 oneself, results in a divergent effect—benefiting one's own  
 29 OV at the expense of the counterpart's SV.
- 30 4. An exception to the benefits of self-efficacy in negotiation  
 31 may be a negotiator who is overly positive or high in self-  
 32 efficacy. These negotiators may be biased in their judgments  
 33 or assessments of the negotiation. Kramer, Newton, and  
 34 Pommerenke (1993) found that positive mood and motiva-  
 35 tion to maintain high self-esteem contribute to negotiator  
 36 overconfidence and overly positive self-evaluations; to the  
 37 extent that an impasse occurs, these negotiators may be high  
 38 in SV but at the expense of not reaching an agreement.
- 39 5. Gender may have less of an effect, for example, when situa-  
 40 tions are low in ambiguity (i.e., economic structure is clear)  
 41 or when women are negotiating on behalf of others (Bowles,  
 42 Babcock, & McGinn, 2005). Similarly, although gender ste-  
 43 reotypes are pervasive and powerful, how they are activated  
 44 (implicitly or explicitly) and which gender-specific traits are  
 45 connected to negotiator effectiveness may alter how the ste-  
 46 reotypes influence negotiation performance (Kray, Galinsky,  
 47 & Thompson, 2002; Kray et al., 2001); for instance, an  
 48 explicit endorsement of stereotypes that are negative for  
 49 women actually led women to outperform men as they  
 50 behaved in a manner inconsistent with the stereotype (see  
 51 also Curhan & Overbeck, 2008; Kray et al., 2001).
- 52 6. Many factors increase relational self-construal accessibility,  
 53 including situational contexts, which contribute to tempo-  
 54 rary accessibility, and individual differences, which may  
 55 foster chronic accessibility. As such, relational self-construal  
 56 may be a predictor that is both within and outside of the  
 57 negotiator's control.

7. Situations in which individuals hold a representation of  
 themselves as being fundamentally interdependent. 58
8. Some studies have found benefits to face-to-face negotia-  
 tions (Arunachalam & Dilla, 1995), whereas other studies  
 have found benefits to computer mediated negotiations  
 (Croson, 1999). Still others have found few differences at  
 all (Rangaswamy & Shell, 1997). Poole, Shannon, and  
 DeSanctis (1992) argue that all mediums have their  
 strengths and weaknesses (e.g., some mediums are better at  
 surfacing conflict, while others are better at providing time  
 for reflection, etc.), and the optimal choice depends on the  
 specifics of the negotiation. 69
9. These two studies suggest that rapport building may also be  
 a strategy to overcome some of the potential drawbacks  
 associated with online negotiations. 70
10. Transitions between happy and angry states also impact  
 negotiation outcomes, where negotiators who become  
 angry yield higher concessions and reach agreements more  
 than negotiators displaying steady-state anger (Filipowicz,  
 Barsade, & Melwani, 2010). 77

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