Don't Bargain Over Positions Problem Positional Bargaining: Which Game

Should You Play?

Soft Participants are friends.	Hard Participants are adversaries.
The goal is agreement.	The goal is victory.
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Make concessions to cultivate the rela- tionship.	Demand concessions as a condition of the relationship.
Be soft on the people and the problem.	Be hard on the problem and the people.
Trust others.	Distrust others.

Change your

Make offers.

Disclose your

bottom line.

Accept one-sided

agreement.

losses to reach-

Search for the single

answer: the one

they will accept.

Insist on agreement.

contest of will.

Yield to pressure.

Try to avoid a

position easily.

Dig in to your position. Make threats.

Mislead as to your bottom line. Demand one-sided gains as the price of agreement. Search for the single answer: the one you will accept.

Insist on your position.

Try to win a contest of will.

Apply pressure.

Solution Change the Game— Negotiate on the Merits

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Principled Participants are

problem-solvers.

The goal is a wise outcome reached efficiently and amicably.

Separate the people from the problem.

Be soft on the people, hard on the problem.

Proceed independent of trust.

Focus on Interests, not positions. Explore interests.

Avoid having a bottom line.

invent options for mutual gain.

Develop multiple options to choose from; decide later.

Insist on using objective criteria.

Try to reach a result based on standards independent of will.

Reason and be open to reason; yield to principle, not pressure.