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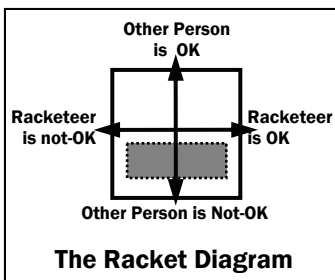
Racket Behavior

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A racket is defined as a specialized display of feeling by one person here, the racketeer, which places a burden on the other person, victimizes him.

A racket has the effect of restricting the recipient's choices. The choices left to the person being racketeered with, are either to flee (get-away-from) the situation OR become mired down in (get-nowhere-with) the racket, with a racketeer.

The "open lattice" box enclosure is drawn across both lower quadrants of the OK Corral here in order to show the social effects of a person playing a racket. This is to show that the



effect on the other person is to restrict his choices with the racket player down two out of the possible four; down to the racket player either getting rid of the other person or miring the other person down into getting nowhere with him.

The "rackets people play," like "the games people play," contain some of the critical elements for biologically sustaining meaningful life. The rackets people play is not pathological, damaging or harmful as long as the individual person does not rely solely on this form of gaining responsive strokes and recognition. Like the games people play, so also with the rackets people play when reasonably spaced and decently timed they add zest, like salt and pepper to the social encounters people have with each other.

Rackets come onto us in life in four areas. However, they are primarily for family member bonding. In the more general social setting, when used sparingly, they are not out of place or detrimental to the person who periodically relies on one of his rackets.

The Categories of Rackets People Play

Rackets and racketeering behavior are found in four general areas of life. These four are:

1. **FAMILY RACKET behavior** - The rackets in family are one of the elements, one of the stroking elements that hold a family together. The ability to deliver very strong, meaningful central quality "You Are Not-OK" emotional strokes will be remembered ...

2. SOCIAL RACKET

behavior - in the general social setting, "out in public."

3. POLITICAL RACKET

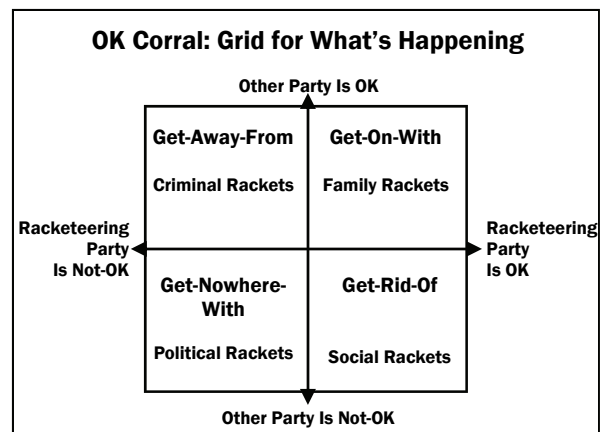
behavior - in the political setting to influence the passage of legislation and enforce legislatively authorized and mandated regulations. These are the ones for example passed under the demanding insistence of "special interest groups" who progressed, - gained muscle by way of mob appeal - from "Social Racketeering to Political Racketeering."

Much of political racket behavior uses the CLOAKING DEVICES of "protecting" and "helping" members of the "public."

4. CRIMINAL RACKET

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Political Rackets

"Anti-nukes" have capitalized on their ability to magnify the dangers of nuclear contamination coming from nuclear power plants. "Anti-nukes" initially began with a Social Racketeering activity in order to force the reasoning of proponents out of the arguments, to silence those who knew what they were talking about: physical hazards, safety measures, and productive potential from this source of energy.

"Anti-nukes" got their own people into public office, to pass legislation that made this realistically very cost effective source of energy and power so exorbitantly expensive (e.g. from litigation) Now nuclear energy has become one of those industries which a political racket has rendered impotent. In other words it is an industry which can GET-NOWHERE-WITH this USA society.

Family Rackets Behavior

A few family behavior rackets are listed below; Feelings and emotions that are dramatically portrayed without any need for words:

Suffering.
Tears.
The Wrath (Rage) Racket.
You Hurt My Feelings.
You're Making Me Angry.
You're Confusing Me.
You make me feel guilty.
You scare me.
You are making me feel anxious.
You make me feel desperate.
You make feel Helpless.
You make me feel Tired.
You burn me up.

This list is not intended to be complete.

The key element of a racket form of emotional display is: the one using this feeling is simultaneously portraying that the responsibility for the coercive feeling, AND the cessation of it being displayed, lies not with the one showing the feeling. The racketeer portrays that responsibility for causing this feeling and for keeping it going lies instead with the person at whom the feeling is being directed.

Social Rackets Behavior

Two types:

1. Those to blackmail an individual FOR PERSONAL REASONS in front of an (potential) audience.
2. Those played to larger groups FOR REASONS OF A "CAUSE" where demands are being made against a group or program which may not be present.

When somebody bursts into tears at another person "You're hurting me" during a large social gathering, makes an accusatory public scene,

such is defined here as racketeering behavior. If someone loudly angrily singles out an individual to make accusations or accusatory demands of the other, it is quite legitimate to define this as social racketeering behavior: loudly, angrily: "Stop pawing me, you masher!" That could be very frightening especially if there were police around. "You hurt me (my feelings)," loudly in an auditorium. It is intimidating, scary to the person it's directed at. Either they are going to give in or put some distance between themselves and the accuser. Or some guy hollers at his wife in righteous anger "You tramp": a rage racket. If this is done in the larger social setting she will modify her behavior very dramatically (for the time being).

Social Personal Racket Behavior

For example a "pain" racket is a social personal racket. This racket is played by people who are in "constant pain" and who "constantly" are seeking to find others who can give them "relief from their constant suffering." Those working in pain clinics can tell the difference: "pain" racketeers and those in pain. "Pain racketeers" often will talk in disparaging terms of the last place and person they sought relief from, how that place or person instead made their pain worse, etc.

There was a 38 year old man who told of unremitting pain in his back, nothing had helped that pain, had helped **the** pain for more than 10 years of going to clinics, surgeries or doctors. At home "the pain" tyrannized his family, wife and four children; Irritably demanding they carry out his requests or "the back pain" would become worse.

"The pain" controlled his home and the behavior of those who lived in it. His children left home as soon as they possibly could. On the rare occasions when he was out socially such as to the doctor's office he would be righteously impatient with family who did bring him. He "could not drive," "Too painful." Angry, impatient with staff at whichever clinic he had most recently "been sent to." His "back pain" was also mirrored by the "pained" expression on his face when he was not irritably scowling or scolding in his tones. His appearance, complaints and words all demanded that someone (else) do something for him, that it was because of the inadequacy of others that he had "the pain," he could not get any relief from "the pain." On the other side of the coin in his marriage, his wife portrayed how much she "suffered" because of the demands his "pain" made on her. Neither was in any way hinting in the least at dissatisfaction with their marriage in terms of parting, of separation.

Social "Cause" Racket Behavior

Most Political Racketeering starts with Social Racketeering. For example, somebody decides [privately owned] billboards along the road are to be called "visual pollution" and have to come down. The racketeers advertise to gain recruits for their cause: to be against the essence of private enterprise and the cornerstone of being a land of plenty. One of the ways to gather recruits is to locate the owner and picket his office with angry denouncing signs. Go to local government meetings and angrily and righteously proclaim the particular practice or product to be

harming the populace, to be unsightly. Write letters to the editor, but in each case and regardless of the medium used, do it loudly and publicly and with the largest audience possible. In this example, describe in every manner and from every aspect imaginable how "Billboard Advertising is NOT-OK" demanding that they must go, and until they do go, the racketeers and their wrath racket will be hounding any vestige of resistance against removal and support for billboards. [Today, cities and counties are making deals (installing lighted/flashing "marquees") with billboard companies in exchange for a piece of the action/money.]

AGITATOR Demands as Rackets

In the early 70's it was popular near the author's home base for students to "rally" on the high school campus in order to mobilize bodies then to march on the school administration and "make demands." The school Principal was effectively told either you give in to our demands or we will not come to school. Some "peripheral members" of the group of agitators were already rumored to have been responsible for instigating "outsider" group invasions of specific classrooms on campus. Most "consumer advocacy" laws started as Social Rackets and with individuals carrying out (crusading) Social Racketeering. The Sierra Club's "successes" in their multifaceted efforts to get the people to be persuaded to vote for more restrictions onto their own lives, most of the activities have been of the social racket nature. That is they would select "single issues" to become exercised about then have portrayed a specialized quality of coercive distressed

and accusatory emotion. This specialized show of feeling had as its aim the accusatory blaming of those it is out to put out of business, those it is out to decommission. The "Anti-smog" regulations, the bureaucracies of California are inflicting on the people of the State were initiated via Social Racketeering. The "Anti-Nuclear" hysterical frenzy was started by some bands of Social Racketeers who have over a 60 year period were rather successful in terrorizing much of the populace about the "danger" of this form of energy that run the machines that can continue to make this a land of plenty, with more prosperity for more people. Are these same social racketeers the ones behind those who have designed "defects" into this equipment and also behind those who picket these facilities when they do come on line? Picketing for "Social Causes" is essentially **political racketeering**.

Social "Cause" Racket Behavior

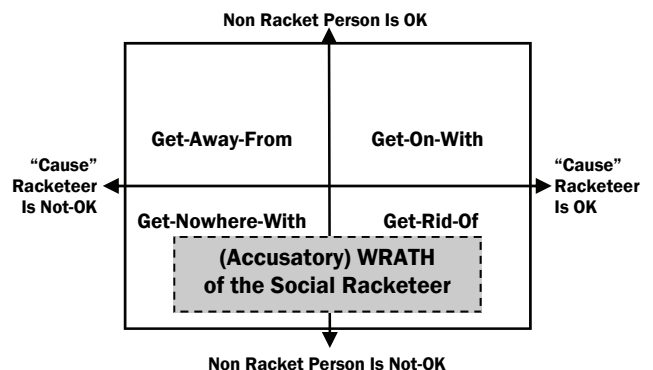
In the instances of social rackets, usually the specialized feelings shown are those of righteous anger and wrath. These are exhibited by the racketeer player in a manner that victims they have seduced into debating with them, sooner or later, become so intimidated that they become openly responsively furious. At that point, the victims either stop talking, recognizing how foolish they look, OR they rage and "rave" for a few sentences before they realize how badly they have been had. Social racketeers most often rely on the wrath racket in order to precipitate the victim of his racket into an angry rage. Thus by his actions, the wrath racketeer is able to provoke his victimized adversary

into actions which result either in the physical departure of the victim (racketeer Gets-Rid-Of the adversary) or at least prevents the victim from getting anywhere in arguing with him. Here we can see how, in terms of the outcome, the person playing his wrath racket in the larger social setting at the least gets-rid-of the reasoning of the other person, intimidates them to the point that they effectively become inarticulate. This social racketeer gets-rid-of the arguments and reasoning behavior of those they are opposing.

These social rackets occur in the larger social setting and are carried out for the added advantages of the effects on the audience: On the sidewalk, in the classroom, for a hallway scene, or the auditorium, or for the effects of the scene on those in the hallway, or the cafeteria, on the job at work, directed at a particular person while in front of an audience, "in the public." It's the scene that counts, the dramatic scene that is the coercive (driving) force coming from the initiator (racketeer). For it is only with the scene that the racketeer can be sure to get-rid-of the opposition, or at least to render the opposition impotent (get-nowhere-with).

The OK Corral: Grid For What's Happening shows us the details of these events in graphic form:

OK Corral: Grid for What's Happening



You ever notice how completely silent these political-social racketeers are about the almost completely safe French nuclear power plant design that uses helium as the medium of heat transfer. Helium as an element is totally unable to carry any dangerous nuclear radioactivity. It is inert.

Social racketeers capitalize on their ability to frighten enough people who will then vote in their own boys to pass political laws to enforce their demands. As a rule they are "fairly careful" to also convince a significant preponderance of the voting public people to back them. Political Racketeers are "careful" to stimulate the fears of the people, to get them to ...



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This diagram shows that the principle goal **And Outcome** of the racketeer with his social "cause" behavior and racket is to Get-Rid-Of (the reasoning of) the Non-Racket Person. It is of little moment to the racketeer whether or not the racket event ends with a Get-Rid-Of or a Get-Nowhere-With the Non-Racket Person. While the Non-Racketing Person may end up with a "Mexican stand-off" type Get-Nowhere-With, and keep the racketeer from getting any place either with him personally or in the debate, the racketeer has, nevertheless, at the same time prevented the Non-Racket Person from getting anywhere either. Some liken this to becoming mired down in a tar-pit.

Political Rackets

The third category of Rackets is POLITICAL RACKETS. These are such as with the righteous anger and wrath rackets (crusades) to prevent ANY "polluting" (by humans and/or their machines) of "the air", "the water", "the tidelands", "the marshlands", "the hillsides", "the wilderness areas", saving the endangered species (from mankind), saving the wildlife animals, saving the marshlands, saving (you name it); and if you don't believe as the racketeer says, then you are an undeniably wicked, heartless person. The Naderites engage in political racketeering via their professing to be "protecting the consumer." There will always be some consumers who are not capable of effectively doing their own shopping who need protecting.

These are classified as

Political Rackets because they have the power and force of Law. While ultimately the effect is to put the private business out of business, first there is hindering of and interfering with the business. Legislation whatever its plausible nature or statement involves more policing. A private business is a self-governing entity to start with. Its success or non-success depends on its ability to ATTRACT customers. If its products are sufficiently unattractive the private business loses business. Big business, little business, there is no business that has the force of guns and law on its side until the politicians give it those coercive powers.

The predominant effect of "protective" legislation is to stymie private individuals and businesses from being productive, is to keep private enterprises from getting anywhere; forms, harassing "compliance inspections," "citations", fines. None of these activities lend themselves to better quality or better goods.

The element of defining these "political consumer advocates" as being NOT OK is supported by:

1. The reception they get from those they are policing, AND

2. The lack of authentic pride which the politicians and their bureaucracy agents feel about their own bullying activities. Question some of these inspectors about the kind of work they do and their job satisfaction. Their explanations will be filled with personal opinions, often barely plausible justifications and derogatory recriminations against those they are policing. They have a hard time being easily proud of the work they do. They are mercenaries, another kind of mercenary soldier, hired to put the opposition out of commission.

"PROTECTING:"

When we get into the larger setting, the larger numbers of people protected from the results of their personal actions by laws for example the planning departments and planning commissions. Righteously protecting "the people." Environmental Health Departments (a euphemism for Public Health Departments in order to cover and justify the politically motivated infringements ...

To be continued

OK Corral: Grid for What's Happening

