Conflict

Belief that one's behaviors/goals are not compatible with the behaviors/goals of others

Factors that Influence Conflict

1. Social Dilemmas

Conflict between self-interests and group interests
Social Dilemma

1. Prisoner’s dilemma is an example of a social dilemma

2. When faced with a social dilemma...
   - each party personally better off when they act selfishly
   - both parties worse off as a group when they act selfishly
   - as a group, the parties would have been better off if they had acted unselfishly
Tragedy of the Commons

Wasting shared resource by acting in one's self-interest

Factors that Influence Conflict

1. Social Dilemmas
2. Competition

People competing for same resources believe their individual self-interests are not compatible

Peacemaking

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The Contact Hypothesis

Contact between members of different groups lessens conflict
Peacemaking

1. Mere Exposure

Different groups thrown together to “work it out”

2. Cooperation

Working cooperatively toward a superordinate goal reduces conflict

Jigsaw Classroom

[Diagram of a jigsaw puzzle with groups and tasks]