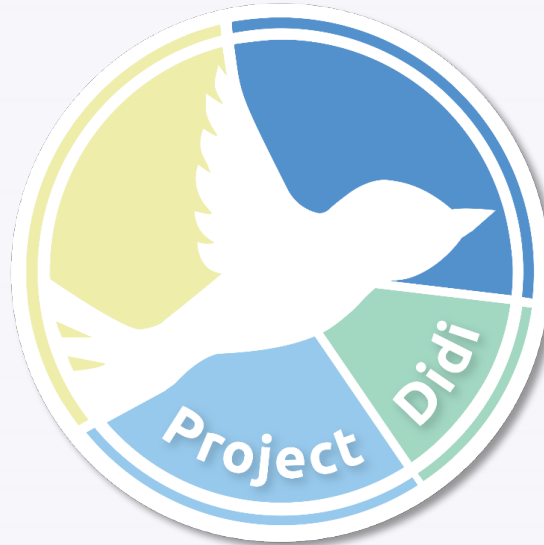


What is Project Didi?

The Problem

The world is becoming more conflict ridden as the 21st century progresses and these conflicts are becoming more violent in nature.



The Need

We can predict when a war will start, when markets will crash, which diseases a country will face next and more. Why don't we have the ability to predict when peace is possible?

The Solution

To build a suite of quantitative real-time tools that harnesses artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data to complement and reinforce their toolkit.

Simplifying

the path

to peace

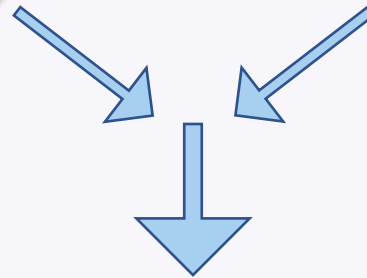


Underlying Magic

Existing
Qualitative
Concepts &
Theories

Big Data,
Machine
Learning, AI

Operational,
Quantitative,
Real-Time Tools





Today's Program

1. What is Project Didi?
2. What is Ripeness Theory?
3. Application of ripeness theory
4. What can we do?

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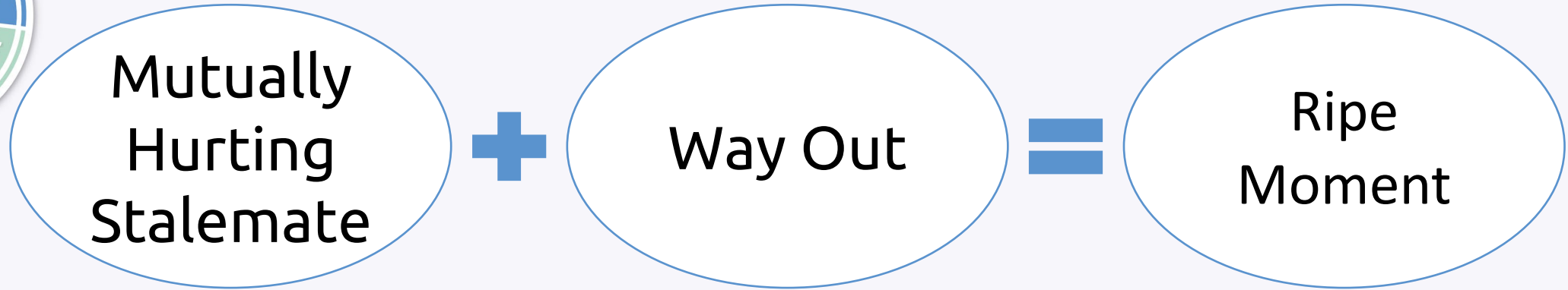
- Can be an emotional conversation
- The world is not 'black and white'
- I am a pragmatic optimistic Israeli

Roles

- 1) Mood-Minder
- 2) Timer
- 3) Googler(s)



What is Ripeness Theory

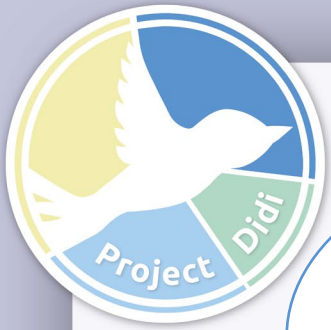


Ripe Moment

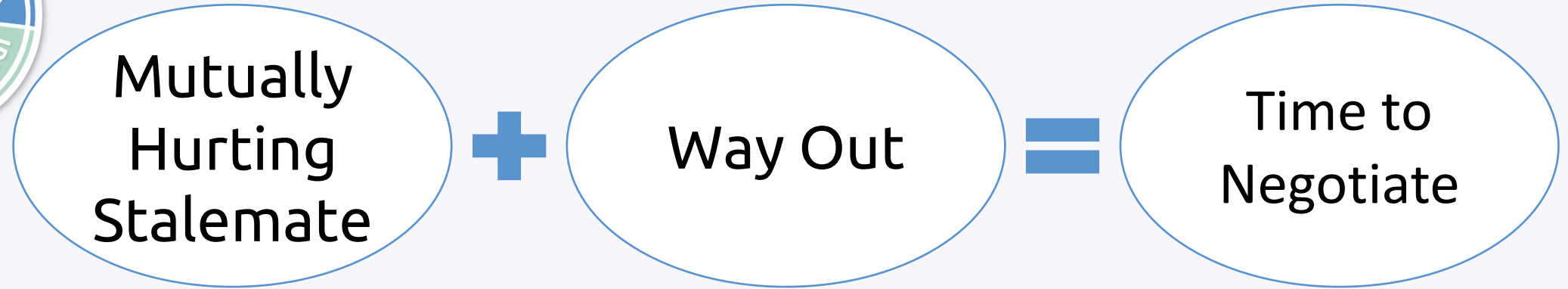
Increases likelihood of:

- Successful negotiation process
- Actual implementation of agreement
- Long-term success

Examples?



What is Ripeness Theory



MHS

No side can escalate the conflict to win outright.

WO

All sides perceive the other to be a partner for peace/conflict resolution.

Important!

Ripeness is SUBJECTIVE (perception) and not OBJECTIVE (fact)



What Do You Know About the Reforms?

supreme court

judges

knesset

corruption

bibi

the way the judges are selected

opposition to it

opposing views of israel's future

no constitution

religious coup

election results - campaign promises

counter-balance to decisions (left wing)



What issues does it bring up for you?

uncomfortable

curious

reservists - go to jail

comfortable - it's a good societal dilemma

good to see demonstrations

change in Israeli demographics

changing perceptions

what is democracy?

worried for my friends

civil war

deja vu - Germany; Rabin assassination;

Jewish sovereignty



The Judicial Reforms

Judges

Now: Process favors the 'professionals'

Change: Favors the coalition government

Override

Now: SC can override law if it contradicts a basic law*

Change: Law to provide SC (consensus) & Knesset (61) override powers. No debating Basic Law.

Reasonable

Now: Used often based on Judge's personal views.

Change: Cancel powers.

Legal Advisors

Now: Knesset must listen to official legal advisors*

Change: Minister's choose their advisors. Law that AG's decisions not enforceable.



Mutually Hurting Stalemate?


Neither side can escalate the conflict to win.

Against

Yes – There's no way we can win.

Pro

No – We have 64 MKs – We won!

 The Jerusalem Post

[Netanyahu suspends judicial reform, protests to rage on](#)

Pro, anti-government protests were ongoing in Jerusalem • Labor union cancels planned strike after Netanyahu's announcement.

3 weeks ago

What? How?



Mutually Hurting Stalemate?

Power Balance: Parties tend to negotiate when parity becomes dynamic.

Against

- 14 weeks of protests
- HiTech protests
- Reservists protest
- (Illegal) General Strike
- Shut down of airport
- Biden statement*

Pro

- 63 – Yuli Edelstein
- 62 – David Bitan
- 61 – Yoav Galant
- Galant fired
- 60 – Avi Dichter
- PM lost all legitimacy



Mutually Hurting Stalemate?

Neither side can escalate the conflict and win

Against

Yes – There's no way we can win.

Yes – We have power and can 'hurt' you. You need to listen to us.

Pro

No – We ~~have~~ 64 MKs. We already won!

Maybe – Can we win outright? Need to pause.

Conclusion

We have a ripe moment to exploit!
President Herzog's mediation starts*



Mutually Hurting Stalemate?

Impending Catastrophe: Pain can sharply increase if something is not done now.

Against

1. The court is our last line of defense
2. Bibi is a criminal trying to get out of jail
3. This government wants to annex the West Bank

Pro

1. The court overriding laws is undemocratic
2. We accepted the Disengagement
3. Israel will cease to be a Jewish state

Conclusion

There is a shared impending catastrophe:
The end of Israeli democracy



Is There a Way Out?

All sides perceive the other to be a partner for peace/conflict resolution.

Against

No – we don't believe the pause is real.

Pro

No – We won the election. We will win.

Conclusion

Neither side is ready to resolve the conflict.



Is There a Way Out?

President Herzog's Mediation Plan

Against

- **Yes** – We did it!
Herzog please try!
- **No** – It's a right-wing ploy

Pro

- **Yes** – We joined the process
- **No** – Herzog isn't an honest broker

Conclusion

It was the right idea, but President Herzog was the wrong person.



Is There a Way Out?

Valid Spokespeople: Are the designated leaders accepted both internally and externally?

Against

- Bibi – Can't be trusted
- Levin – Who is he?
- Ben Gvir – Fascist
- Smotrich – Fanatic

Pro

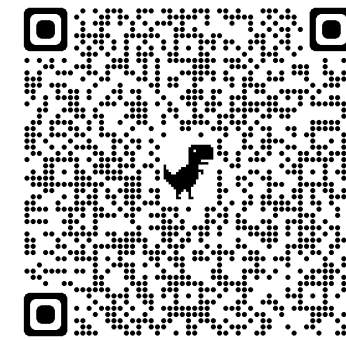
- Lapid – Hates religious
- Gantz – Attempting coup
- Protest Leaders – Elitists
- Bibi – Waning support

Conclusion

There's no one to talk with.



Is There a Way Out?



What if we had elections?

Against

	1.11	16.4	
National Unity*	12	28	↑
Yesh Atid	24	20	↓
Yisrael Beytenu	6	5	↓
Chadash-Ta'al	5	5	—
Meretz	--	5	↑
Ra'am	5	5	—
Avodah	4	--	↓
Opposition	56	68	↑

Pro

	1.11	16.4	
Likud	32	24	↓
Religious Zionism**	14	11	↓
Shas	11	10	↓
UTJ	7	7	—
Coalition	64	52	↓



Is There a Way Out?

What if we had elections?

Coalition

1.11

64

16.4

52



Opposition

56

68



MHS?

Against

Yes – There's no way we can win.

No – If the coalition falls, we can win the election outright.

Pro

No – We ~~have~~ 64 MKs. We already won!

No – We have to win now or we lose everything.

Conclusion

May be heading towards an escalation in the conflict.



Conclusions

Is there a Mutually Hurting Stalemate?

Objectively

YES!

Subjectively

NO!

Pragmatic Steps

- Balancing power worked. Protesters need to keep up the pressure (or appear to).
- Fear of the end of Israeli democracy is a shared impending catastrophe. Frame the conflict using this.
- Rhetoric promoting toppling the coalition can lead to escalation in the conflict. DO NOT frame this way.



Conclusions

Is there a Way Out?

Objectively

NO!

Subjectively

NO!

Pragmatic Steps

- Find valid spokespeople and get rid of illegitimate ones trying to enter (Barak, Livni, Olmert).
- Find a mediator that is accepted by all sides.
- Stop trying to define the solution now.



Conclusions

But wait... We are currently in a ripe moment!

Objectively

YES!

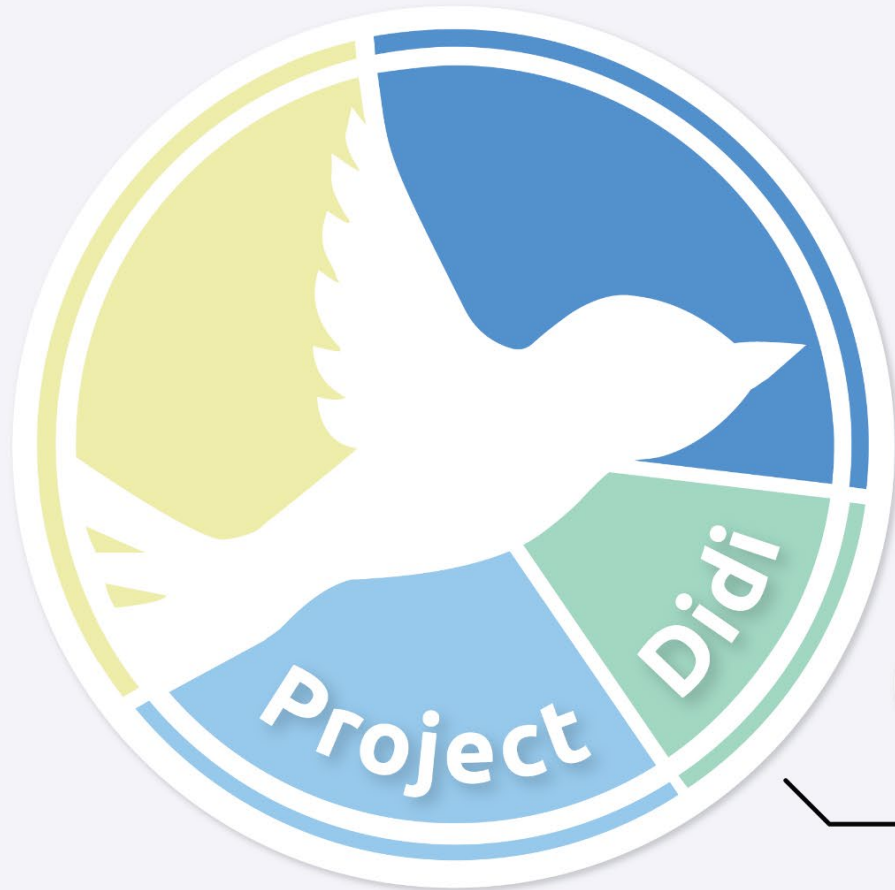
Subjectively

YES!

Pragmatic Steps

- Never waste a ripe moment, even if you are skeptical.
- Knowing what led to a ripe moment allows you to better strategize – e.g. secret talks, stalling, ‘bribes’.
- Stop damaging strategies – e.g. negation of the other.
- Use Memorial & Independence Days to heal and build.

Q&A



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