

Games of Power

An Impossible Games Presentation
By Paul Phillips

Defining the Terminology

Game

Any behavior with a goal or objective

Power

Ability to do, act, or produce

Ability to control others; authority; sway; influence

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Game of Power

Behavior designed to get your attention

behavior designed to maintain your attention

behavior designed to control your attention

Winning

Players win as long as they control of your attention

The prize is feeling

Important

Powerful

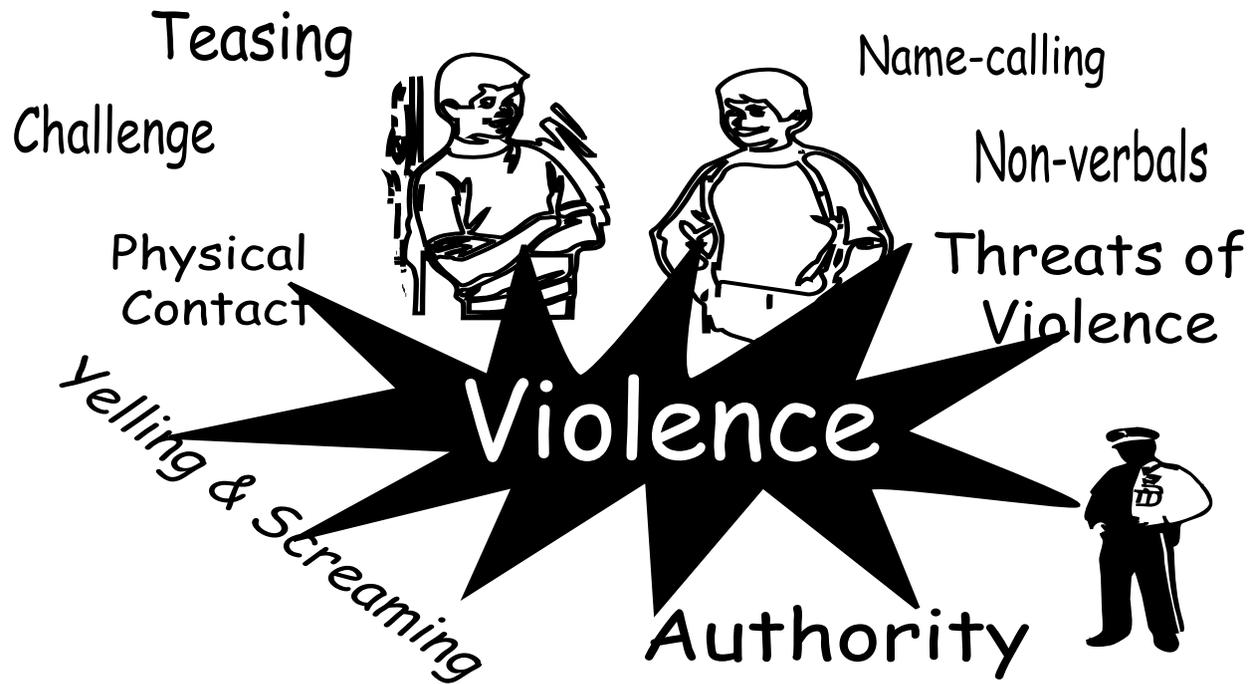
You are in the spotlight

The Names Of The Games

Games of Power

<i>Teasing</i>	<i>Confiscation</i>	<i>Obnoxious Behavior</i>
<i>Name-calling</i>	<i>Begging & Pleading</i>	<i>Rejection</i>
<i>Non-verbal Communications</i>	<i>Extortion</i>	<i>Pretending</i>
<i>Physical Contact</i>	<i>Tears</i>	<i>Whining</i>
<i>Challenge</i>	<i>Blackmail</i>	<i>Emotional Blackmail</i>
<i>Threats of violence</i>	<i>Sulking</i>	<i>Bribes</i>
<i>Violence</i>	<i>Ridicule</i>	<i>Silence</i>
<i>Yelling & Screaming</i>	<i>Threats of destruction</i>	<i>Quitting</i>
<i>Authority</i>	<i>Destruction of property</i>	

Raising the Intensity



Ways To Respond

Choose to play,

Escalate the **Game of Power**

Choose not to play,

Walk Away - aslo a **Game of Power**

Choose to surrender

OK! You Win! - aslo a **Game of Power**

Choose To Play

Respond with your own **Game Of Power**

This will escalate the intensity of the conflict!

Choose Not To Play

Walk Away

You may still suffer consequences

You may be labeled, or lied about

Your feelings still hurt

The player may be able to mess up your life

Choose to Surrender

OK! You Win

Do what the player wants.

It is not always bad.

Victims

Players feel like victims when they feel:

Ignored

Rejected

Marginalized.

Powerless

Insignificant

When You Feel Like A Victim,

What do you say to yourself?

What do you plan to do?

Do you get angry?

What do you fear?

Why Fear?

Because you are in the **Game of Power**
Your goal is to control others attention

What if you do?

What if you do not?

What can happen to you?

Power

The tongue has
the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Prov 18:21

Games of Needy People

Games of power are behaviors of people who want attention.

Without a victim a bully is powerless.

Without an audience, the show-off has no show.

Without an opponent, a player has no game.

Without a follower, a leader cannot lead.

Without a student, a teacher cannot teach.

So who has the power?

You are the Goal

The **Games of Power** player wants YOUR attention!

You Already Won

Players in a **Game of Power** have the other player's attention.

If I am winning
the Games of Power,
why do I feel so lousy?

Games of Influence

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In Games of Power You Choose the Winners

By where you place your attention!

You award the prizes

You have the power to make other important

You have the power to make other feel powerful

You Cannot Award Prizes to Yourself

If you place your attention on yourself

You award the prizes

Loneliness by spending your time by yourself

Alienation because others are not important

You are Important

Jesus said,

"In my Father's house are many rooms;
if it were not so,
I would have told you.

I am going there to prepare a place for you."

(John 14:2)

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Influence

To have an effect on the nature, behavior, development, action, or thought

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Game of Influence

Behavior designed to pay attention to someone

Spending time with someone

Making someone feel important

We Give Our Attention

To People we care about

To People we respect

To People we love

To People we want to care about us

To People we fear or try to avoid

The Difference

Game of Power request attention.

*We give it because we want
others to make us important*

Games of Influence give attention

*We give it because we want
to make others Important.*

Games of Influence

Kindness	Trust	Guidance
Love	Agreement	Values
Respect	Friendship	Helping
Loyalty	Honor	Character
Sharing	Acceptance	Inclusion
Commitment	Understanding	Listening
Comfort	Caring	Hugs

Spending time with someone.

You have already won the *Game of Power*

There are people who want your attention

Now win the *Games of Influence*

Give your attention to people and activities that
make world a better place.

Spend your time doing good to those you choose to
care about giving them the prize of being
important.