

PREDATOR SYSTEMS THEORY

Overview

“Systems” is the sociological order of a group. “Predators” are “chosen or ”elite” authoritarian figures who exploit others. Key traits are “charm” and “deception.” They rarely, if ever, apologize. There are numerous predatory and high-demand groups, including political, religious, self-help, lenders, professional services, and businesses.

Seven Elements of a Predatory System

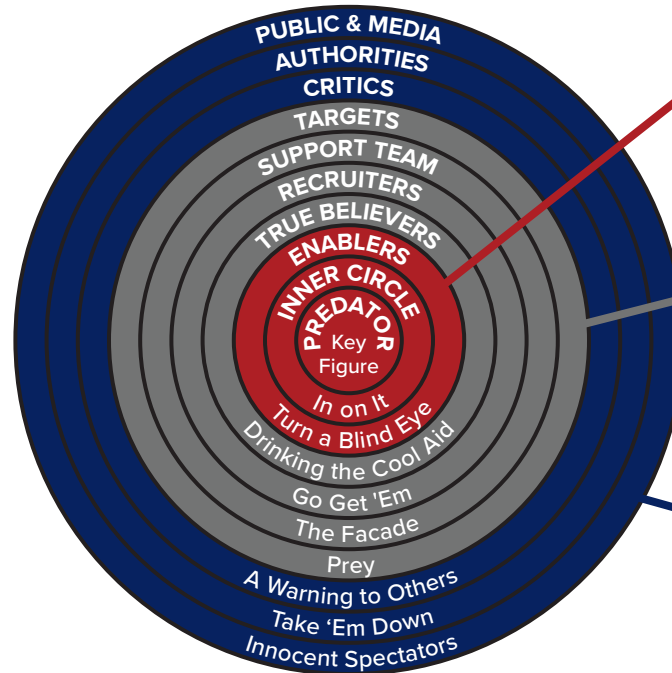
- 1. Structure.** Predators have a clear hierarchy, and emphasize authority and obedience.
- 2. Bait.** All great lies have an element of truth, which is used to bait their prey.
- 3. False Narrative.** Predators use a carefully crafted narrative or sales pitch.
- 4. Deceit.** Predators indoctrinate with a mix of truth, half-truths, and lies, while omitting key data.
- 5. Isolation.** In closed systems, physical or mental barriers are created with the outside world.
- 6. Agenda.** Predators seek adoration and put an undue emphasis on sex-power-money.
- 7. Hidden Costs.** Members are exploited for time, money or emotions. Predators use conditional love, elitism, fear, and shame to prevent leaving.

Identifying Predator Systems

- 1. Undue Influence.** Look for “red flags” of “love bombing,” charm, flattery, half-truths, grooming, contradictions, manipulation, or coercion.
- 2. Full Disclosure.** All beliefs and doctrines should be 100% disclosed. Pertinent information should not be withheld on pretenses of it being secret, confidential, or sacred. Ask pointed questions, as results are related to the uncomfortable conversations we choose to have.
- 3. Big Lie.** Many people can tell small lies, but cannot imagine telling a big one. Predators tell the big lies that tend to be too good to be true.
- 4. Second Opinions.** Predators thrive on isolation. Get several outside opinions.
- 5. Listen to the Critics.** Predators have disdain for critics and outsiders. Nonetheless, speak with former members about their experience.

94% of Results - Good or Poor – Are Systems
- Dr. W. Edward Deming

There are principled and predatory organizations,
and principled people will always stand up against the predators.



- 1. Predator – “Key Figure”** A charismatic leader who exploits others. Seeks control and obedience.
- 2. Inner Circle – “In on It”** Co-conspirators who have flexible integrity and enjoy the ill-gotten gains.
- 3. Enablers – “Turn a Blind Eye”** Members or apologists who understand the agenda but are conditioned to dismiss it or make excuses.

- 4. True Believers – “Drinking the Cool Aid”** Believers project their own good morals onto those in power and willingly defend them. They cushion the predators from outsiders.
- 5. Recruiters – “Go Get 'Em”** Predators use recruiters, salespeople, missionaries, promoters, and hiring managers.
- 6. Support Team – “The Facade”** Impressive staff, contractors, outside professionals, properties, and websites provide a buffer of legitimacy.
- 7. Targets – “Prey”** Predators continually seek prospects and gullible recruits.

- 8. Critics – “A Warning to Others”** Whistle-blowers and former members who confront the illicit behavior or report to law enforcement, regulators, authorities, or the media.
- 9. Authorities – “Take 'Em Down”** Law enforcement and governmental agencies.
- 10. Public & Media – “Innocent Spectators”** Predatory behavior is so shocking; it can attract public or media attention.

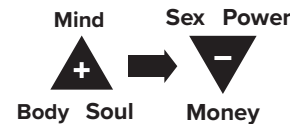
Masking



For predators, it is all about optics and appearances. While they appear credible or charming, they are wearing a mask.

The Predator Shift

Healthy organizations emphasize a holistic “mind-body-soul” worldview. Predators put an extreme emphasis on “sex-power-money.”



Critical Thinking

Examine the groups ethics (ethos). Be alert for contradictions or dishonesty. Examine the logic (logos) of the narrative. Keep emotions (pathos) in check, get all sides (duos) of the issues directly from the source.

Egos Logos
Pathos Duos

Setting the Bait

Predators use bait. They take a universal value or belief for their “exclusive” use,” and mix it with their toxic dogma.



Three Lies and You’re Out



Harvard’s Dr. Martha Stout states that those caught in three lies may be a sociopath. Critically examine a group, and if you see dishonesty, get away.

The “Predator Systems Theory” is based on numerous research and consulting cases, such as the Manson Family, Heaven’s Gate, and Jeffrey Epstein.

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