

Final In-Class Presentation Assignment

Your in-class final presentation will cover the same material as your second group presentation. You should respond to the concerns of your group members and prepare a presentation that answers the questions you answered in the first and second group presentation:

1. What is the background situation? (Give as much detail as you can)
2. Who are the players?
3. What are the strategies available to them? (Be sure you have them all.)
4. What are the outcomes for the different strategy combinations?
5. What would someone who pursued only their short term self-interest do?
6. What would be best for everyone if everyone did it?
7. To what degree has this dilemma been solved?
8. What is the mechanism that has/could solve the dilemma?
9. Can this mechanism produce the socially best outcome in social dilemmas?
10. Could this mechanism work in this situation or is there evidence for it working here?

Unlike your group presentations, this presentation should be a bit more formal. You should plan on your presentation lasting about 15 minutes followed by 10 minutes of discussion/questions. You are free to use whatever visual aids you like (computer presentation, handouts, blackboard, etc.). You are not required to use them, although they are often helpful for illustration.

With your presentation, you should provide everyone with a bibliography. This *must* include at least one outside source (not read in class) and should probably include material we read in class (but only those you made use of). The outside material could be a wide range of things. It could be interviews, newspaper articles, academic publications about the situation or about social dilemmas in general. I will be happy to copy your bibliography for you, but you have to get it to me before class with sufficient time to copy it.

Please do rehearse your presentation at least once. Your grade will be partially determined by your presentation ability, clarity, and organization. Also, check to be sure that your presentation runs close to 15 minutes. If it does not, find ways to be more specific about the background, the dilemma, or the solutions to the problem.

Rubric

Here are the criteria that I will use to evaluate your presentation. Each of the major areas count equally.

1. Presentation style
 - Was the presentation organized?
 - Was the presenter clear and articulate?
 - Were the ideas made clear in way that could be understood by the audience?
 - Did the presentation take sufficient time?
 - Was there a bibliography?
 - Did the presenter demonstrate adequate preparation?
2. Social dilemma
 - What is the background situation?
 - Who are the players?
 - What are their strategies?
 - What are the “payoffs”?
 - What is the strategy pursued by people maximizing their own short term self-interest?
 - What is the set of strategies that is best for everyone if everyone followed it?
 - **Is it actually a social dilemma? Is there really a conflict between individual self-interest and social good?**
 - To what degree has the social dilemma been solved?
3. Solutions
 - What are the solutions?
 - How do the solutions relate to something we discussed in class?
 - What reasons are there to think that the solution would solve the dilemma?
 - If solved: is there evidence for the solutions acting to solve the dilemma?
 - If solved: how is the solution maintained?
 - If unsolved: who would implement this solution? How?
 - If unsolved: is the mechanism workable? Could it be implemented without herculean effort?
4. Discussion
 - Did the presenter answer the questions that were asked?
 - Was it clear that the presenter had thought more about the issues?
 - Was the presenter polite in taking criticism/discussion?