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I can't think of anyone I'd rather have advising me than
Bob Cialdini."*

—TOM PETERS, The Tom Peters Group

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Influence: Science and Practice (5th Edition)



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Influence: Science and Practice is an examination of the psychology of compliance (i.e. Widely used in classes, as well as offered to people operating successfully in the business world, the eagerly awaited revision of Impact reminds the reader of the power of persuasion.) Cialdini organizes compliance methods into six categories based on psychological concepts that direct human behavior: reciprocity, consistency, cultural evidence, liking, authority, and scarcity. Written in a narrative design combined with scholarly study, Cialdini combines proof from experimental use the methods and strategies he collected while working as a salesperson, fundraiser, advertiser, and in other positions inside institutions that commonly make use of compliance tactics to get us to say "yes" (i.e. uncovering which elements cause a person to state "yes" to another).



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To Anyone Reading One Of The One Star Reviews. This Publication Is A New Common. The Harvard Business Review article "Harnessing the Research of Persuasion" by Cialdini, from their October 2001 issue. This publication is a casino game changer.. The irony can be, he explains exactly how these auto responses work and therefore this book is becoming quite popular among the very viewers he speaks against using these techniques..It's been stated in the uncharitable evaluations, that the complete content of the book could have been written in a couple of pages. This is certainly in the very best 5. As an writer of books on offering, I look out for the best books on sales and sales psychology.. Also if the original incentive or motivation is removed once they have already agreed, they will continue steadily to honor the contract..3. You can even get the Six Principles from the books Table Of Contents...save time.But sales ideas need to not only be listed.. As Lily Tomlin said, people would frequently accuse her of being a cynic, but she discovered she could still hardly continue.. For salespeople to reap the benefits of a sales reserve, the ideas have to be described, understood, proven, approved, and made actual..but absolutely nothing else happens. Salespeople are transformed by the content of this reserve, like with all great product sales books.

Scarcity Perceived scarcity will generate demand.. Our lizard brain betrays us more often than we may think..we are in need of proof.. The individuals who read a brief article by the writer, probably read the ideas. He purports that it is dangerous for businesses to take action, because as we find out we are becoming manipulated, we will use those autoresponses much less and less. Learning how persuasion can be carried out, how we can do it, & they need to be sold..not only explained. import to my children as well..I own perhaps 2,000 books about selling. I agree, initially look, this might seem true.."I believe one of the most amazing illustrations in his book issues well publicized suicides, as there aren't just the expected copy cat suicides, but also up to 10X even more fatal aircraft and vehicle crashes. Scott Adams had a summary of books he recommended on the science of persuasion. Near the top of his list was this book, which was an extremely fascinating and enlightening examine. It reminds me why being truly a skeptic and a cynic are therefore valuable and necessary, especially in today's world.. See physical attractiveness stereotype. The nice cop/bad cop strategy can be based on this principle.

Reciprocity People tend to come back a favor, thus the pervasiveness of free samples in advertising. In his conferences, he frequently uses the exemplary case of Ethiopia providing thousands of dollars in humanitarian aid to Mexico just after the 1985 earthquake, despite Ethiopia suffering from a crippling famine and civil battle at the time. Ethiopia have been reciprocating for the diplomatic support Mexico offered when Italy invaded Ethiopia in 1935. I'll steal from the Wikipedia post and reprint these here:

1.2. **Commitment and consistency** If people commit, orally or on paper, to an idea or goal, they are more likely to honor that commitment because of establishing that idea or objective as being congruent with their self-picture.. Cialdini notes Chinese brainwashing of American prisoners of battle to rewrite their self-image and gain automatic unenforced compliance. Another example is usually children being designed to do it again the Pledge of Allegiance every day and why marketers make you close popups by stating "I'll subscribe later" or "No thanks, I favor not making money"..is a good example. Irony So this book is mainly in the advocacy of the consumer. For example, in one experiment, a number of confederates would look up into the sky; bystanders would after that look up into the sky to see what they were seeing. At one stage this experiment aborted, as a lot of people were looking up that they stopped visitors..I picked the book up since it was recommended by an effective business proprietor who indicated that in building her business model, marketing strategy, and designing her site she used the concepts in this publication and found them to end up being very effective. That's its only real flaw, although author does have another book out recently, & the lessons inside about how we are susceptible to persuasion don't actually need updating by itself; Cialdini cites incidents such as the Milgram experiments in the early 1960s and the My Lai massacre.

5. **Liking** Folks are very easily persuaded by other folks that they like. Cialdini cites the marketing of Tupperware in what might right now be known as viral marketing. This book is dated, & For example, saying offers are for sale to a "limited time just" encourages sales. In

the publication Robert Cialdini delineates the 6 methods a "compliance professional" will lead us down the yellowish brick road - to accomplish things which are generally both foolish and against our personal interests. and they'll no longer be utilized as intended (for our advantage) by our brains. Good examples need to be given, Concepts have to be explained. A few of the many biases favoring more attractive people are discussed. The secret is that as the world gets more complex, these 6 things provide us with social shortcuts, to continue the straight and narrow with minimal effort. But this implies we need to be vigilant - to make sure we are not being taken advantage of. He notes that we often get that funny sense in the pit of our tummy when we are becoming manipulated against our will, and he suggests using that sense/intuition to our advantage - to recognize when we are at risk. Among the things I love about this reserve is certainly that Cialdini himself is the first to admit that even with all he knows, actually he was and is not immune, and he provides some extremely funny examples showing how he individually has been rooked. This really is an essential read book. These are lessons I will use daily & A must read book on the science of persuasion. That latter stage is its great strength. Social proof People can do issues that they see other people are doing. The premise is normally that we have mental shortcuts that trigger, almost automatic responses. That is our bodies and brains being psychologically efficient inside our best interests. The author believes that lots of companies manipulate and benefit from these emotional efficiencies for profit... And you need the entire book to achieve that. 6.. Find conformity, and the Asch conformity experiments. Insightful with good breakdowns of each principle and great examples. He even explains how a consumer can act against their natural and automated response for some of these triggers, which, for a business person, provides analysis into how exactly to overcome rebuttals. Could be that he wrote this book for the consumer, thus they understood how they are getting manipulated and how to overcome it... or could possibly be that he geniusly manipulated us into believing it had been in advocacy of the buyer when it's really for the business owner, heh heh. In any event, good go through. In the same vein, the last thing on his list is definitely a one sentence training course on persuasion - the sentence being, "People can do anything for those who encourage their dreams, justify their failures, allay their fears, confirm their suspicions, and help them throw rocks at their enemies. impart to my children... In answer to the few one star reviews. People were more likely to buy if they liked the person selling it to them. largely seems to pre-date what we consider the modern internet/Television phenomenon, & that's obvious in reading it. 4. to be reasonable, this wouldn't likely receive much improvement from an up to date revision. It's amazing how little it takes to establish a fresh subconscious interpersonal norm. Authority People will have a tendency to obey authority figures, even if they're asked to perform objectionable acts. they are solid more than enough, outlined sufficiently, & supported with facts & data plenty of that they endure the obvious test of time.. moreover, he we are able to resist it, is an extremely worthwhile lesson, which I will carry forwards in my own life & This book does that.



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