

Translate the following into Italian:

The results of the experiment bring Sherif and his colleagues to the conclusion that if two groups are given competitive objectives, they will rapidly arrive at a conflict. Competition is defined as a sort of interdependence in which the gains of one party occur at the expense of the other, and this occurs most frequently in situations where desired resources are scarce. In this situation it is possible to witness an increase in appreciation of the members of one's own group, and at the same time, greater aversion towards the members of the other group, which can sometimes increase to open hostility.

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In the last of his experiments, Sherif and his team modify the experimental situation, and introduce a fourth phase, designed to reduce the hostility. The groups in fact, must find some form of collaboration if they are to obtain the results that each of them desire. At the basis of this type of condition is the concept of "superordinated objective", an objective which is part of the ambitions of both groups, but which cannot be obtained without mutual participation (Sherif, 1966). Following this phase, Sherif observed a decrease in intergroup tension and hostility, concluding that if two groups in conflict with each other create superordinated goals for themselves, they will succeed in reducing the antagonism to the point where reciprocal cooperation is possible.

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Lastly, it is necessary to remark how a situation of competition is not always necessary to trigger a conflict between groups. Sherif himself (1967) observes that children began to manifest hostile and competitive behavior as early as in phase two, where no form of competition was programmed and groups performed all their activities separately.

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Each subject is asked to express an evaluation of his own group and of the other group, both at the beginning and at the end of the experiment.

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However, in the past few years, scholars have begun considering the possibility of extending traditional principles and techniques of conflict resolution to ethnic conflicts.