

Putnam and Italy

ITALY IN 1494



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Prisoner's Dilemma

$$t > c > d > s$$

Player 1	Cooperate	s, t	c, c
	Defect	d, d	t, s
		Defect	Cooperate
		Player 2	

Player 1	Cooperate	-5, 10	5, 5
	Defect	0, 0	10, -5
		Defect	Cooperate
		Player 2	

Other games have different payoff structures

Chicken and Battle of the Sexes

	Stand firm	Back down
Player 1		
Back down	0, 10	0, 0
Stand firm	-10, -10	10, 0
	Player 2	

	Beach	Mountains
Wife		
Mountains	0, 0	8, 10
Beach	10, 8	2, 2
	Husband	

What would Putnam predict from low levels of social capital in Mexico?

	<u>Can trust</u>	<u>Can't be too careful</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
February cross section (N = 2,398)	14.0%	83.6%	2.4%
July cross section (N = 1,199)	13.9%	83.6%	2.5%
February panel	13.9%	83.3%	2.7%
July panel (N = 1,277)	14.4%	83.6%	2.0%

Q: Do you believe you can trust most people these days, or do you think you can't be too careful?