Effects of Theory of Mind and Prosocial Beliefs on Steering Human-Aligned Behaviors of LLMs in Ultimatum Games

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Abstract

Large Language Models (LLMs) have shown potential in simulating human behaviors and performing theory-of-mind (ToM) reasoning, crucial for complex social interactions. We investigate ToM reasoning's role in aligning agentic behaviors with human norms in negotiation tasks, using the ultimatum game as our referenced task. We initialized LLM agents with different prosocial beliefs (Greedy, Fair, Selfless) and reasoning methods (chain of thought and ToM reasoning of varying levels), examining their decision-making process and outcome across multiple LLMs, including reasoning models like o3-mini and DeepSeek-R1 Distilled Qwen 32B. We perform 2,700 simulations to show that ToM reasoning enhances behavioral alignment with human, decision-making consistency, and negotiation outcomes. Consistent with prior findings, reasoning LLMs exhibit limited capability compared to ToM-enhanced LLMs, with different game roles benefiting from different ToM orders. Fair proposers and responders accepting offers were the most consistent with their strategic reasonings, whereas all agents showed strong consistencies with human beliefs when rejecting offers, except when the offer was fair. Human verification further revealed that Llama 3.3 70B produces reasoning most consistent with its actions and beliefs. Our findings advance understanding of ToM's role in human-AI interaction and cooperative decision-making. The code used for our experiments can be found here.

1 Introduction

Interpersonal communication is fundamental to human interaction, and its effectiveness often hinges on our ability to understand and anticipate others' perspectives—a cognitive capacity known as theory of mind (ToM) (Premack and Woodruff, 1978). ToM enables individuals to infer mental states, such as beliefs, desires, and intentions (Georgeff et al., 1999), serving as a foundation of social cognition and interaction (Astington and Jenkins, 1995).

Recent advances in LLMs have prompted researchers to investigate whether these systems exhibit human-like ToM reasoning capabilities. State-of-the-art models like GPT-4 demonstrate promising performance on standard false-belief ToM benchmarks, such as the Sally-Anne and the Smarties tasks (Zhou et al., 2023; Kosinski, 2024; Strachan et al., 2024) and show potential for simulating human behavior across diverse scenarios (Wang et al., 2024; Samuel et al., 2024), suggesting their applicability to complex social dynamics.

A significant research gap remains in our understanding of how strategic ToM reasoning influences behavioral alignment between LLMs and humans in social simulations. While LLM-based agents display human-aligned behavior in economic games like the ultimatum game (Sreedhar and Chilton, 2025), and ToM-informed prompting improves negotiation outcomes from game-theoretic perspectives (Qiu et al., 2024), the extent to which ToM reasoning and prosocial beliefs drive behavioral alignment in negotiation contexts remains underexplored. Understanding this behavioral alignment has important implications for designing AI systems in high-stakes domains such as cooperative decision-making (Piatti et al., 2024). While Xie et al. (2024) investigated trust alignment in similar social simulations (Trust Games), their work does not address how alignment can be steered through the interplay of prosocial beliefs, strategic reasoning, and ToM.

We investigate how ToM reasoning affects LLM behavioral alignment with humans in strategic negotiation tasks. By simulating the ultimatum game (UG) (Güth et al., 1982) between a **proposer** and a **responder** as a canonical testbed, we evaluate different reasoning strategies (chain-of-thought and varying ToM levels) across diverse belief combinations. This **focused, single-game** scope allows

us to isolate our primary variable of interest—the conflict between an LLM's intrinsic model bias and its assigned prosocial beliefs—and eliminate confounding noise such as deception or complex state-tracking. Our analysis identifies which reasoning approaches yield optimal alignment for each role and which belief configurations best replicate human decision-making.

Our study takes a step forward in understanding LLM behaviors in simulations, how their behavior aligns to that of humans and if complex reasoning methods such as ToM helps improve that alignment. Specifically, we focus on answering the following research questions:

RQ1: Which agent belief types achieve the highest acceptance rate (AC), and does high AC indicate behavior aligned with economic rationality?

RQ2: Which LLMs and reasoning methods lead to stronger behavioral alignment?

RQ3: Which proposer-responder belief combinations most closely match expected human norms?

RQ4: How does adherence to belief-consistent strategies impact the agents' alignment with human norms?

Based on 2,700 simulations, we find that **ToM reasoning significantly and role-dependently enhances behavioral alignment** with human norms compared to standard CoT reasoning. Additionally, we uncover **significant behavioral misalignment** in some scenarios due to the intrinsic human-preference fine-tuning of LLMs, affecting their ability to authentically enact selfish strategies.

To summarize, our contributions are as follows:

1. We present a systematic framework for studying the agentic alignment with human norms, conditioned on prosocial belief types, of various LLMs in ultimatum games.
2. We analyze how different ToM reasonings compare with CoT and affect strategic bargaining between LLM agents.
3. We extensively study and discuss LLM strategy choices, their reasoning methods and belief interactions affect behavioral alignment with human norms.
4. We validate the consistency of LLM strategies and reasoning with their decisions and expected belief-specific behaviors through human verification and statistical analysis.

2 Related Work

Machine Theory of Mind Early agent-based ToM modeled human decision-making in social (Pynadath and Marsella, 2005) and economic (Ray et al., 2008) contexts using predefined rules, lacking natural language capabilities. Belief-Desire-Intention (BDI) modeling (Rao et al., 1995; Georgeff et al., 1999; Norling, 2004; Adam and Gaudou, 2016) laid foundational groundwork for expressive agentic systems. LLMs have renewed interest in machine ToM: while models like GPT-4 perform well on ToM evaluations (Sap et al., 2022; van Duijn et al., 2023; Kosinski, 2024; Strachan et al., 2024), they struggle with complex social tasks such as negotiation(Chan et al., 2024), raising broader alignment opportunities and risks of ToM-capable models (Street, 2024). Rather than benchmarking ToM capabilities, we examine how ToM reasoning influences LLM agents' behavioral alignment with prosocial beliefs in negotiation.

LLMs in Social Simulations LLMs have been explored across social simulations (Breum et al., 2024; Sicilia et al., 2024; Donkers and Ziegler, 2025), with multi-agent frameworks showing promise for modeling economic games and social scenarios (Phelps and Russell, 2023; Hua et al., 2024; Noh and Chang, 2024; Sreedhar and Chilton, 2025). These reveal that strategic decision-making requires guided reasoning (Phelps and Russell, 2023; Hua et al., 2024), while ToM reasoning generally enhances outcomes in simulated dialogues (Qiu et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2024).

Role Fidelity and Behavioral Alignment in LLMs Growing concern over how faithfully LLMs adhere to assigned personalities (Han et al., 2025; Matton et al., 2025) has motivated benchmarking efforts revealing capability gaps in role-playing agents (Wang et al., 2024; Samuel et al., 2024), as well as disconnects between LLM-as-a-judge and human assessments of persona fidelity (Zhou et al., 2025). Closely related, Mannekote et al. (2025) uncover inconsistencies between the belief and behavior of LLM agents in the Trust game.

Our work extends this line by focusing on behavioral alignment through multi-level ToM reasoning in the Ultimatum game. Unlike studies using general Big Five traits (Noh and Chang, 2024; Zhang et al., 2024; Yeo et al., 2025), we examine nuanced prosocial beliefs (greedy, fair, selfless), building

on prior alignment work (Xie et al., 2024; Sreedhar and Chilton, 2025) to analyze acceptance rates and deviations from human performance—offering richer insight than Xie et al. (2024)'s focus on trust or Fontana et al. (2025)'s on cooperation.

3 Methodology

This section details our methodological framework. We first introduce game design[1], followed by the design of the agents, including their prosocial beliefs, reasoning processes, and strategies. We then outline the multi-agent simulation pipeline that integrates these components.

3.1 Game Design

In this study, we focus on a **single-stake**, **multiple-round** game, wherein the game ends immediately when the responder accepts the offer, with the total payout being equal to the accepted offer. When the responder rejects the offer, the negotiation continues in a new round. If the game reaches the maximum number of rounds (which is part of game setting) without offer acceptance, both agents get a zero payoff for that game.

At the start of the game, our agents are initialized with one of the three prosocial beliefs mentioned in Table 1 specific to their roles. They also have the option to perform reasoning, either based on CoT or ToM. In making proposals and responses, they strictly follow a strategy chosen from an inventory of role-specific strategies. The detailed prompts for these LLM agents can be found in Appendix H.[2]

Personality/Belief Personality type or prosocial belief[3] affects the negotiation outcome. In UG, the personality attributes determine the range of the proposed splits and decisions to accept or reject the splits. We consider three prosocial beliefs for initializing the proposer and responder personalities, namely, Greedy, Fair, and Selfless. Rationales for belief selection is provided in Appendix A.

Reasoning We experiment with both CoT and ToM reasoning. We follow the classic Belief-Desire-Intention (BDI) model that is widely adopted in the machine theory-of-mind literature (Georgeff et al., 1999). Specifically, we consider four reasoning methods:

1. **CoT**: Popular technique to enhance LLM's reasoning and problem-solving abilities by prompting the models to 'think step-by-step';
2. **Zero-order ToM**: Also known as introspection, where a proposer or responder agent makes assumptions or predictions about its own BDI;
3. **First-order ToM**: Reasoning that involves making predictions about the BDI of the other agent;
4. **Both-ToM (combining zero+first order ToM)**: A Combined reasoning approach that incorporates Zero-order introspection with First-order reasoning to elicit a more complex and interactive ToM reasoning.

In addition, we include a no-reasoning baseline (**Vanilla**) to serve as a control, where agents generate decisions directly without explicit reasoning.

Role	Prosocial Beliefs
Proposer	Greedy, Fair, Selfless
Responder	Greedy, Fair, Selfless

Table 1: Prosocial beliefs of proposer and responder used in the study.

Strategies We define a set of fine-grained role-specific strategies that can be selected based on the agents' prosocial belief types and other agents' responses. These strategies outline the granular action space from which the agents can select, in contrast to high-level strategies, e.g., low-ball offers, used in Sreedhar and Chilton (2025).

- **Proposer**: Proposing very greedily, greedily, fairly, generously, very generously, or Other (to allow for outliers).
- **Responder**: Accepting / Rejecting favorable offers, fair offers, unfavorable offers, or Other (to allow for outliers).

BDI Model The Belief-Desire-Intention model, originally discussed by Rao et al. (1995) represents three core dimensions of theory-of-mind reasoning. Specifically, they represent a person's beliefs (what they believe/think about something), desires (what they want/wish to do about something), and intentions (what they will do about something).

3.2 Game Simulation

The multi-agent simulation consists of a conversational game played between two agents, a proposer

[1] Background on the ultimatum game is provided in Appendix A.

[2] The choice of prompt templates does not have a significant impact on the results as shown in Appendix G.

[3] Throughout this paper, we use the terms 'personality' and 'prosocial belief' interchangeably, as they are conceptually aligned in the context of this study and the literature. Notably, Sreedhar and Chilton (2025) refers to prosocial beliefs as personalities.

and a responder. We perform 10 simulations of every game to account for randomness. At the beginning of each game, both agents are initialized with role-specific system prompts. A game is a loop that follows these steps. First, the proposer performs CoT or ToM reasoning to formulate a proposal and a strategy. Then, the proposal's offer is generated and shown to the responder. Next, the responder uses CoT or ToM reasoning with the offer and make a decision to whether to accept or reject it, along with a selected strategy. If the responder accepts the offer, the game ends. If the responder rejects the offer, the game continues to the next round. Throughout the game, both agents can access the full conversation history, but they cannot see the private elements of other agents, e.g., reasoning or strategy.

4 Experiments

4.1 Setup

We include nine belief combinations and five reasoning options (including Vanilla) per belief combination, resulting in a total of 45 experiments per reasoning LLM. We set the stake $\mathcal{S}$ and maximum rounds per game n to \$10 and 5 respectively.

4.2 Large Language Models

We conducted experiments with a diverse selection of state-of-the-art LLMs, including 3 proprietary models (GPT-4o-mini, GPT-4o, and o3-mini) and 3 open-source models (DeepSeek-R1 Distilled Qwen 32B, Llama-3.3-70B, and Llama-3.1-8B). These models were chosen to ensure a balance between both proprietary and open-source options. Among them are two *reasoning* models, i.e., o3-mini and DeepSeek-R1 Distilled Qwen 32B, which internally perform intermediate reasoning steps. Each experiment on an LLM involves 10 simulated games, resulting in 450 games in total per LLM and 2,700 simulated games across all 6 LLMs. Specific model versions are provided in Appendix E.

4.3 Expected Behavior

We heuristically define ranges of expected human behavior for specific beliefs and roles based on well-documented evidence in the ultimatum game (Henrich et al., 2005; Camerer, 2011; Houser and McCabe, 2014), following similar heuristics used in Sreedhar and Chilton (2025).

Table 2 outlines the anticipated shares for proposer and responder with each belief type. Based on widely recognized empirical evidence (Schuster, 2017) and theoretical foundations (Fehr and Schmidt, 1999), we set the expected behavior for both fair proposers and responders to 50%. Next, greedy proposers are expected to offer $\geq$70%, whereas greedy responders are likely to accept $\geq$60%. The proposer-responder asymmetry stems from proposers having more control over the initial split than responders which are more reactive and influenced by a rational consideration of outcomes.

Belief	Proposer	Responder
Greedy	$\geq 70\%$	$\geq 60\%$
Fair	50%	50%
Selfless	$\leq 30\%$	$\leq 40\%$

Table 2: Expected shares for specific beliefs and roles. Proposer values represent initial splits, while responder values correspond to finally accepted splits. A sensitivity analysis of these expectations is presented in Appendix F.2.

4.4 Evaluation

To evaluate agent interactions, we utilize two distinct categories of evaluation metrics: negotiation outcomes and behavioral alignment.

Negotiation Outcomes We assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the bargaining process using four primary metrics: 1) Acceptance rate (**AC**); 2) Average number of turns/rounds required to finish a game (**Avg. Turns**); and, 3) Total Payouts of proposer and responder at the end of all games (λ_P, and λ_R respectively). AC is the proportion of simulations that end up in the responder accepting the proposers offer, i.e., a successful negotiation between the two agents. We can infer the *difficulty* faced by agents by using the AC and Avg. Turns metrics. Lower AC and Higher Avg. Turns implies higher difficulty and vice versa.

$\mathbf{D}(\mathcal{G}_i) = D(\mathcal{G}_i)_R^{|\mathcal{G}_i|}$ represents the final responder's decision in a game simulation $\mathcal{G}_i$, and $\mathbb{G}$ is the set of all game simulations. Equation 1 mathematically defines the Proposer and Responder's payouts λ_P and λ_R respectively.

$$\lambda_P = \sum_{\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathbb{G}} p_{|\mathcal{G}_i|} \text{ where } \mathbf{D}(\mathcal{G}_i) = \text{accept}$$
$$\lambda_R = \sum_{\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathbb{G}} (\mathcal{S} - p_{|\mathcal{G}_i|}) \text{ where } \mathbf{D}(\mathcal{G}_i) = \text{accept} \tag{1}$$

where, $p_{|\mathcal{G}_i|}$ refers to the proposer's payout in game $\mathcal{G}_i$.

From Avg. Turn, we derive Efficiency = $((5 - \text{Avg. Turns})/4) \times 100\%$. Efficiency simply mea-

sures how efficient / short a game is, e.g., if a game ends in one turn, the agents are 100% efficient.

Behavioral Alignment with Human Players We measure behavioral alignment by examining proposed, accepted, and rejected shares relative to human norms established in prior ultimatum game literature (see Expected Behavior section). We operationalize behavioral alignment primarily through Deviation Scores (DS), which quantify alignment across three dimensions: (1) initially proposed shares (Proposer; P, lower is better), (2) accepted shares (Responder; R^A, lower is better), and (3) rejected shares (Responder; R^R, higher is better). Both accepted and rejected splits assess responder consistency, while initial proposals suffice for proposers. DS is calculated as the absolute difference between the agent's value and the expected human share (or the nearest boundary of the expected range) defined in Table 2, aggregated across games. A detailed definition and interpretation of Deviation Scores is available in Appendix B.

5 Discussion of Main Findings

Our discussion is structured to address the four main research questions: **RQ1**—the influence of prosocial beliefs on AC and economic rationality; **RQ2**—which LLMs and reasoning methods demonstrate the strongest behavioral alignment with human norms; **RQ3**—which belief pairings closely mirror human behavior; and, **RQ4**—how adherence to belief-consistent strategies impacts agents' alignment with human norms.

Statistical Analysis We conducted three OLS regressions with DS as the dependent variable to assess how model type, reasoning method, proposer belief, and responder belief affect alignment in proposer behavior (P), responder acceptance (R^A), and responder rejection (R^R). DeepSeek R1, CoT, and Fair belief served as reference categories for $n-1$ dummy coding (RQs 1–3). For RQ4, we employed a Cell Means model with post-hoc linear contrasts to investigate whether agents achieve better alignment with human norms when they adhere to their assigned beliefs or when they deviate from them, treating belief-consistent strategies (e.g., a Fair agent with a Fair strategy) as the baseline. Detailed descriptions are provided in Appendix C.

5.1 RQ1: Economic Rationality Alignment

Results from the simulations reveal that the bargaining outcomes are dictated by the interaction between LLMs and prosocial beliefs. The Fair-Fair combinations consistently achieved 100% AC across all models. Greedy proposers performed best with GPT-4o and GPT-4o-mini (100% AC against Fair responders) and DeepSeek-R1 (100% against Greedy responders). Fair proposers achieved 100% AC with Fair responders (6/6 models) and high AC with other responder types, with 4/6 models reaching 100% against Selfless responders. Selfless proposers showed more variability, though o3-mini and DeepSeek-R1 achieved 100% AC against both Greedy and Selfless responders. A comprehensive breakdown of these ultimatum game outcomes is provided in in Table 6 in the Appendix.

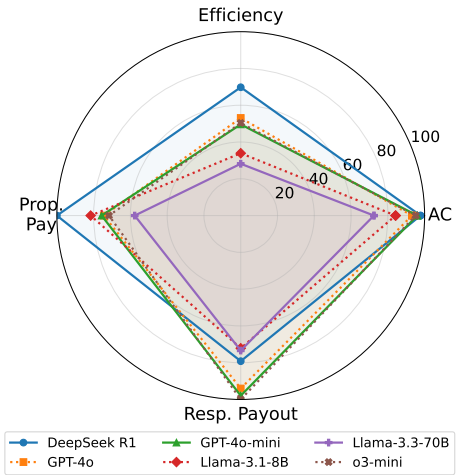

Figure 1: Efficiency (based on Avg. turns), Acceptance Rate, Proposer Payout, and Responder Payout of different LLMs aggregated across all combinations of reasoning methods and belief types.

Aggregated Results Figure 1 shows DeepSeek R1 had the highest efficiency, while DeepSeek R1, GPT-4o, o3-mini, and GPT-4o-mini tied for highest acceptance rate (AC). High proposer and responder payouts indicate misalignment with the ideal 50-50 split expected when aggregating across reasoning methods and beliefs. Llama 3.3 70B and Llama 3.1 8B came closest to this balance but had lower efficiency and ACs.

Figure 2 compares ACs across belief combinations, where high AC indicates easier deal completion. Fair-Fair agents always achieved 100% AC, followed by Greedy-Selfless (95%) and Greedy-Greedy (93.7%).

Rational Behavior Economically rational responders should accept any non-zero share. However, prosocial beliefs complicate pure rationality

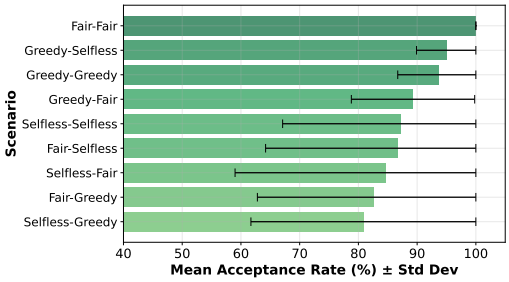

Figure 2: Acceptance rates of all scenarios (belief combinations) and the standard deviation across LLMs and reasoning methods.

analysis. We define rationality as accepting the first offer (100% efficiency), applicable only to responders.

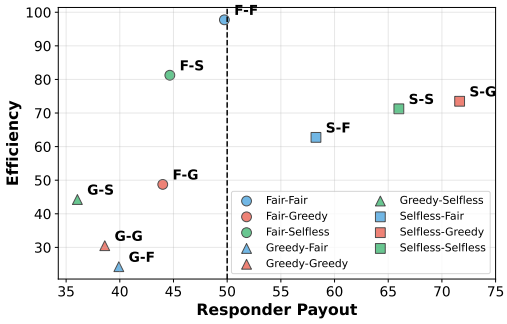

Figure 3: Agent rationality by scenario. Dotted line indicates expected behavior for fair responders (F: Fair, G: Greedy, S: Selfless). Belief labels (B1-B2) represent proposer and responder beliefs, respectively.

Figure 3 shows efficiency and responder payout distributions across belief combinations. Although high AC is a prerequisite for rationality, it does not inherently indicate rational alignment. **Fair-Fair belief combination aligned closest with rational behavior**, achieving ≈100% efficiency and equal payouts. All other belief combinations required multi-round negotiations. This suggests that economic rationality in these agents is contingent on belief compatibility rather than just negotiation completion.

5.2 RQ2: Impact of Models and Reasoning methods on Behavioral Alignment

Table 3 presents the effects of model selection and reasoning methods based on an OLS regression.

Proposer GPT-4o achieved the best alignment with human norms (β=-0.493, $p < 0.01$), followed by o3-mini and Llama 3.3 (both $p < 0.01$). First-order ToM produced the least deviation (β=-0.164, $p < 0.01$), with Vanilla, both ToM, and Zero-order ToM also showing significant improvements.

Ind. Var.	Coefficient $P_{\downarrow}$	$R^A_{\downarrow}$	$R^R_{\uparrow}$
Model			
GPT-4o	-0.4934*	-0.096	0.3984*
GPT-4o-m	-0.1956*	0.2303†	0.773*
Llama 3.1	0.2078*	-0.4537*	0.4293*
Llama 3.3	-0.3622*	0.0091	1.071*
o3-mini	-0.4422*	0.431*	1.0777*
Reasoning			
Vanilla	-0.1398*	0.2578*	-0.3865*
Zero-order	-0.1204*	-0.1719	0.0474
First-order	-0.1639*	-0.0308	-0.143
Both	-0.1389*	-0.2534*	-0.2079†
Proposer Belief			
Greedy	0.6228*	0.4295*	0.5448*
Selfless	0.5811*	1.3597*	1.6403*
Responder Belief			
Greedy	-0.0256	0.0407	-0.3971*
Selfless	0.0195	0.7431*	-1.4354*

Table 3: Effects of models, reasoning methods, and beliefs types on Deviation Scores (Ind. Var.: Independent Variable, Llama 3.1: Llama 3.1 8B, Llama 3.3: Llama 3.3 70B, GPT-4o-m: GPT-4o-mini; *: $p < 0.01$, †: $p < 0.05$; $_{\downarrow}$: Lower is better; $_{\uparrow}$: Higher is better).

Responder Acceptance Llama 3.1 (the smallest LLM) achieved best alignment (β=-0.454, $p < 0.01$), while GPT-4o and Llama 3.3 showed no significant effects. Both-ToM reasoning method demonstrated least deviation (β=-0.253, $p < 0.01$), whereas Vanilla reasoning significantly diverged from human norms (β=0.258, $p < 0.01$).

Responder Rejections o3-mini and Llama 3.3 showed least deviation (both $p < 0.01$). Zero-order and First-order ToM showed non-significant effects, while Both-ToM reasoning method (β=-0.208, $p < 0.05$) and Vanilla (β=-0.387, $p < 0.01$) significantly misaligned with expectations.

These findings reveal that alignment depends on both LLM choice and reasoning complexity. Frontier LLMs (GPT-4o, o3-mini, Llama 3.3) aligned best as proposers, while smaller LLMs (Llama 3.1) performed well as responders. Reasoning complexity should match task complexity: accepting offers benefits from multi-layered reasoning (Both-ToM), rejecting offers from simpler ToM reasoning (Zero-order ToM), and proposing from First-order ToM.

5.3 RQ3: Impact of Belief Types on Behavior Alignment

Proposer Fair proposers showed minimal deviation from human norms as the reference category, followed by Selfless (β=0.581, $p < 0.01$) and Greedy (β=0.623, $p < 0.01$). Responder belief

[4]Belief-consistent strategies: Fair agents propose and accept fairly; Greedy agents propose greedily and accept favorable offers; Selfless agents propose generously and accept unfavorable ones.

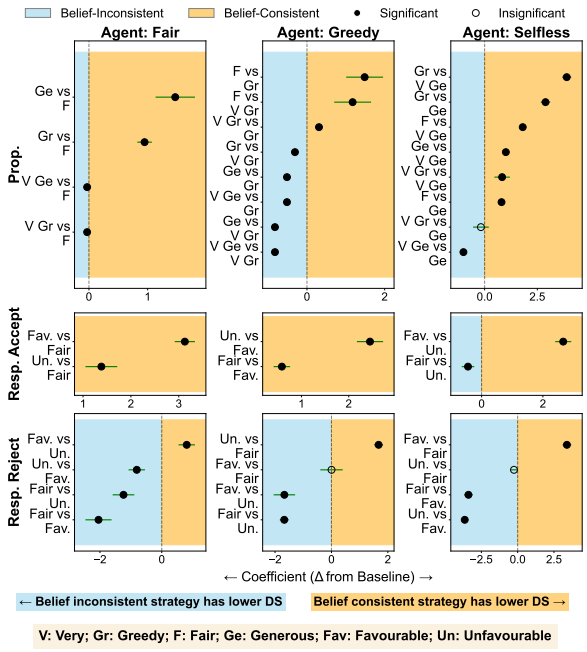

Figure 4: Cell Means analysis of belief-strategy alignment. We refer to belief-consistent strategies as baseline strategies. Role-inconsistent strategies are excluded.[4]

coefficients were insignificant, as expected given that responders do not influence initial proposals.

Responder Acceptance Fair proposers and responders showed minimal deviation from human norms. Greedy responders (β=0.041) were non-significant, while Greedy proposers (β=0.43, $p < 0.01$), Selfless responders (β=0.7431, $p < 0.01$), and Selfless proposers (β=1.36, $p < 0.01$) all showed significant positive deviations, indicating acceptance aligned best with human behavior when both held fair beliefs.

Responder Rejections Selfless proposers (β=1.64, $p < 0.01$) best aligned with human norms, followed by Greedy (β=0.55, $p < 0.01$) and Fair proposers. Among responders, Fair beliefs aligned best, followed by Greedy (β=-0.397, $p < 0.01$) and Selfless (β=-1.44, $p < 0.01$). Rejections aligned best with human behavior when proposers were Selfless or Greedy and responders held Fair beliefs. Overall, fair-fair combinations showed optimal alignment across all roles.

5.4 RQ4: Adherence to Belief Consistency and Behavioral Alignment

Figure 4 illustrates results from a Cell Means analysis. The Orange zone (right) represents belief combinations where the belief-consistent (baseline) strategies have lower DS than belief-inconsistent (deviated) strategies. The Blue zone (left) represents belief combinations where the deviated strategies have lower DS.

Proposer We find that Fair and Selfless agents exhibit strong belief consistency (Orange zone), achieving optimal alignment with human norms when utilizing their belief-consistent strategies. In contrast, Greedy agents are highly inconsistent (Blue zone), achieving better alignment when deviating from their baseline strategies. We attribute this to LLMs' intrinsic cooperative fine-tuning (Lei et al., 2024; Ouyang et al., 2022), affecting the agent's ability to authentically behave selfishly.

Responder Acceptance We observe strong belief consistency for Fair and Greedy agents (Orange zone), who achieved significantly better alignment when using their baseline strategies. However, Selfless agents exhibited a systematic inconsistency (Blue zone): they aligned better with norms when accepting Fair offers (deviated strategy) rather than Unfavorable ones (baseline), suggesting the agent's bias toward standard fairness.

Responder Rejection We generally observe systematic belief consistency across all agents in rejection tasks: most belief-consistent strategies aligned better with human norms (Blue zone). However, we found notable exceptions (Orange zone) when the belief-consistent baseline dictated rejecting Fair offers. In these specific cases, deviated strategies showed better alignment. This suggests that agents struggle to punish fairness effectively, achieving better alignment only when their strategy targets clear deviations—whether favorable or unfavorable—from the norm.

Overall, adherence to belief-consistent strategies enhances alignment for Fair agents. However, for Greedy or Selfless agents, a consistency-alignment trade-off emerges because their baseline strategies often conflict with the model's intrinsic fairness.

6 Verification of BDI Inferences

We assessed belief alignment and the logical coherence of Belief-Desire-Intention (BDI) inferences from all three ToM reasoning types using human annotators and an LLM judge.

Methodology Three engineers (co-authors) with extensive LLM experience served as annotators. Their technical expertise enabled critical evaluation of model generations in terms of their capabilities and limitations. All were fluent English speakers

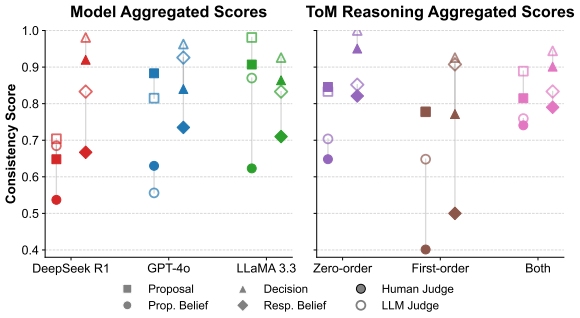

Figure 5: Consistency scores for proposer and responder behaviors, as assessed by human annotators and an LLM judge. We use GPT-4o as the LLM judge.

and received briefings on ultimatum game concepts, theory of mind, and detailed annotation guidelines. GPT-4o served as the LLM judge.

We randomly sampled two turns from all simulated games across 9 proposer-responder belief combinations using the top 3 models (GPT-4o, Llama 3.3, DeepSeek R1), ensuring no two turns came from the same game. With 3 ToM reasoning methods, this yielded 162 samples ($2 \times 9 \times 3 \times 3$). Each annotator received all 162 samples and evaluated them independently. Both human annotators and the LLM judge evaluated BDI inferences using three binary consistency metrics: 1) **Proposal Consistency** (PC) measures alignment between proposer proposals and their reasoning; 2) **Decision Consistency** (DC) measures alignment between responder decisions and reasoning; and 3) **Belief Consistency** (BC) verifies whether agent reasoning aligns with prosocial beliefs. The first two are role-specific; the latter is role-agnostic.

To assess the difficulty of the task, we measured inter-rater agreement among human annotators and observed an average Gwet's AC1 (Gwet, 2008) of 0.54. This indicates moderate agreement on average, indicating that the tasks require nuanced subjective interpretation. Notably, we report high AC1 scores for PC and DC (0.77, 0.75), but low AC1 scores for both BCs (0.26, 0.38). A detailed breakdown is available in Appendix F.1.

Results and Discussion The LLM judge demonstrated moderate concurrent validity with human annotators, achieving an average Pearson correlation of $r = 0.28$ ($p < 0.001$) and a Spearman rank correlation of $\rho = 0.28$ ($p < 0.001$). Alignment was strongest for visible actions, particularly PC ($\rho = 0.52$). However, the near-zero correlation for Responder BC ($\rho = 0.03$) indicates a systemic divergence in evaluating BDI inferences.

As detailed in the qualitative analysis (Appendix D), this divergence stems from an **action-centric outcome bias** in the LLM judge. Specifically, the LLM judge frequently anchored its evaluation on the agent's final decision. While human annotators correctly penalized incoherent logic within the BDI chain, the LLM judge produced false positives by rewarding superficial adherence to the game's rules, struggling specifically with the reactive nature of the responder role.

Despite these limitations, overall performance trends aligned (shown in Figure 5). Scores were most consistent for Zero-order and Both ToM, whereas First-order had the highest deviation. Across the board, GPT-4o and Zero-order/Both reasoning methods achieved the highest scores from both kinds of judges, corroborating the performance patterns observed in RQ1. Conversely First-order ToM scored consistently lower, likely because it prioritizes inferring others' states over explicitly articulating the agent's own BDI chain.

7 Conclusion and Future Work

This study examined how theory of mind (ToM) and prosocial beliefs influence the behavioral alignment of LLM-based agents in ultimatum games. Analyzing 2,700 simulations across distinct beliefs and reasoning levels, we found that Fair-Fair combinations achieved the highest alignment with human norms. Llama 3.3 and GPT-4o exhibited the most consistent performance. Notably, effective reasoning was role-dependent: First-order ToM benefited proposers, while Combined ToM improved responder decisions. Statistical analysis further revealed surprising misalignment between agents' assigned beliefs and their executed strategies, often due to LLMs' intrinsic cooperative fine-tuning.

Beyond the ultimatum game, our findings have broader implications for AI in social contexts. First, ToM reasoning helps align LLMs with behavioral norms, facilitating natural human-AI interaction. Second, predictable behavior requires balancing intrinsic model alignment with extrinsic belief instructions. Third, LLMs effectively enable scalable simulations for exploring social dynamics. Finally, the role-specific effectiveness of ToM underscores the importance of domain-specific reasoning methods. Future work should extend this approach to other economic scenarios, investigate factors like emotion and trust, and develop robust frameworks for integrating ToM into agent architectures.

Limitations

Our study has key limitations regarding generalizability, agent architecture, and automated evaluation. First, while our focused methodological scope deliberately utilizes the ultimatum game to isolate intrinsic model bias from confounding variables, this single-stake design means our findings may not immediately generalize to multi-issue, complex real-world negotiations. Furthermore, to maintain a controlled experimental baseline, our design restricts agents to a discrete set of predefined actions, which simplifies the nuanced, open-ended nature of human decision-making.

Second, our definition of human norms relies on literature predominantly based on Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, and Democratic (WEIRD) populations, potentially overlooking cultural variations in fairness standards. We also define these expectations independently of proposer-responder interaction dynamics. This simplification suggests that our findings may be sensitive to the assumptions behind those expectations and highlights an area for future research on the role and complexity of these interactions in real-world interactions.

Finally, as demonstrated in our human verification analysis, employing LLMs as judges for internal cognitive states remains an open challenge. The observed action-centric outcome bias indicates that while automated evaluators are reliable for assessing visible, rule-bound actions, they currently struggle to accurately parse the subjective belief consistencies of reactive agents. Future work must develop more robust, socially-aware automated evaluation frameworks to accurately measure internal alignment without relying entirely on human annotation.

Ethical Considerations

LLMs with advanced ToM capabilities could be misused for deceptive and manipulative purposes, such as influencing purchasing and other financial decisions, exploiting individuals' cognitive and emotional vulnerabilities, or social engineering. Such misuse of ToM agents could undermine trust in human-AI interactions. Specific guardrails and policies must be considered to limit the use of ToM reasoning in high-risk contexts, such as financial decisions and personal persuasion.

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A Additional Background Details

A.1 Ultimatum Game

Ultimatum game (Güth et al., 1982), also called UG, is a well-known economic game in which one player (**proposer**) decides how to split a sum of money (**stake**) with another player (**responder**). It has been extensively employed to study the human decision-making process with outcomes influenced by several factors, such as prosociality, fairness expectations, cultural norms, and the participants' emotional states (Hoffman et al., 1996; Nowak et al., 2000; Thaler, 1988). The game setup can consist of either a single round or multiple rounds (repeated games), with a single stake or multiple stakes.

A.2 Rational Behavior in UG

Formally, an offer from the proposer is (p, q) where $q = \mathcal{S} - p$ and $\mathcal{S}$ is the stake. From a strict Pareto

optimal perspective, any offer where $p + q = S$ is considered Pareto optimal, as it is impossible to reallocate the stake to make one player better off without harming the other. However, empirical evidence shows that human behaviors deviate from this rational economic model (Thaler, 1988). Proposer's offer and responder's decision are influenced by their perception of fairness and social norms. Any offer where $p = q = \mathcal{S}/2$ (an equal split) is considered a fair offer by most people (Schuster, 2017). In game-theoretical analysis, UG has a subgame perfect Nash equilibrium (Camerer, 2011) in which a rational responder would never reject an offer if $q \geq 1$, since rejecting it would result in a zero payoff. However, prior economic studies show that responders often reject unfair offers.

Truly selfless behavior in the ultimatum game is less commonly studied (Henrich et al., 2005) and inherently complex. For example, extremely generous offers can be perceived as manipulative and insincere, leading to frequent rejection by responders (Thaler, 1988). We heuristically define it as the conceptual opposite of greedy behavior. These proposed expectations are independent of the belief of counterpart agents and may not align with what is considered *rational* from a purely theoretical perspective.

A.3 Choices of Prosocial Beliefs

These beliefs shown in Table 1 were chosen since they represent fundamental traits that influence decision-making dynamics in ultimatum games. Moreover, they have been extensively studied in human participants (Mazzolini and Celani, 2020; Ferguson et al., 2014; Brethel-Haurwitz et al., 2016), therefore providing well-documented behaviors for comparison. Hence, a total of 9 proposer-responder belief combinations can be formed: Greedy-Fair, Greedy-Greedy, Greedy-Selfless, Fair-Fair, Fair-Greedy, Fair-Selfless, Selfless-Fair, Selfless-Greedy, and Selfless-Selfless.

While some combinations, such as Selfless-Selfless or Greedy-Selfless, represent rare extreme-case interactions, they are essential for testing the limits of LLM role-adherence and identifying the belief-consistency trade-offs.

A.4 Methodological Scope

Our analysis prioritizes depth over breadth. We utilize the ultimatum game as a canonical testbed to establish a controlled strategic baseline, which allows for a comprehensive examination of agentic behavior while minimizing the confounding factors inherent in more complex, multi-issue negotiations.

In multi-issue negotiations, e.g., Prisoner's Dilemma (Fontana et al., 2025) and Deal or No Deal (Sicilia et al., 2024), confounding variables, such as complex state tracking and deception, complicate the analysis (Akata et al., 2025). By restricting the scope to a single-stake, multiple-round game, we successfully uncovered the variable of interest: Intrinsic Model Bias vs. Assigned Belief. Furthermore, the $10 stake is a standard baseline in behavioral economics literature, allowing us to anchor our Expected Behavior heuristics in established human data.

B Deviation Score (DS) Definition and Interpretation

B.1 Definition

To quantify the alignment between AI agents and human norms, we introduced the Deviation Score (DS). This metric calculates the absolute distance between the agent's decision and the expected behavior of a human with the corresponding belief (Fair, Greedy, or Selfless). The general formula for DS is defined as:

$$DS = |\mu_{\text{human}} - x_{\text{agent}}| \quad (2)$$

where μ_{human} is the expected human norm (derived from Table 2) and x_{agent} is the value associated with the agent's decision.

The interpretation of better alignment varies by role due to the nature of the decision tasks.

Proposer (P) and Responder Acceptance (R^A) For these roles, the agent is attempting to match a specific target value (e.g., a Fair proposal of 50%). Thus, DS represents an error term ($DS = |\text{Norm} - \text{Offer}|$). A perfect alignment with human norms results in a score of zero, while deviations increase the score, i.e., lower is better. For example, a Fair agent (human norm = 50) proposing a share of 50 for themselves achieves $DS = |50 - 50| = 0$ (perfect alignment). On the other hand, a proposal of 90 from a Fair agent yields $DS = 40$ (misalignment).

Responder Rejection (R^R) For rejection tasks, DS represents the validity of the punishment. Since rejection is a punitive action intended to sanction norm violations, the metric measures how far the rejected offer was from the acceptable norm ($DS = |\text{Norm} - \text{Rejected Offer}|$). Therefore,

higher DS indicates better alignment with human norms. For instance:

- Rational Rejection: If a Fair agent (human norm = 50) rejects an extremely unfair offer of zero, the deviation is $|50 - 0| = 50$. This high score indicates the agent correctly identified and rationally punished a severe norm violation.

- Irrational Rejection: If a Fair agent rejects a fair offer of 50, the deviation is $|50 - 50| = 0$. This low score indicates an unjustified rejection of a norm-compliant offer, suggesting spiteful or irrational behavior.

B.2 Interpretation

In Table 4, we elaborate on how our DS metric translates to behavioral implications. We compare between $DS = 0$ (perfect alignment) against $DS > 0$ (misalignment) across role-belief combinations (**roles**: Proposer, Responder accepting the final offer, Responder rejecting an offer; **beliefs**: Greedy, Fair, Selfless).

C Statistical Analysis

To answer the main research questions, we utilized two statistical approaches to analyze factors associating with agent alignment. All analyses use the Deviation Score (DS) as the dependent variable.

C.1 General Factors Analysis (RQ1–RQ3)

To determine the independent effects of model architecture, reasoning, and beliefs on human alignment, we fitted an Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression model. The model estimates the effect of each categorical variable as follow:

$$DS = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{model} + \beta_2 \text{reasoning} + \beta_3 \text{belief}_P + \beta_4 \text{belief}_R + \epsilon$$

where belief_P and belief_R represent proposer belief and responder belief, respectively. β_0 represents the intercept, and β_1 through β_4 represent the coefficients of corresponding categorical variables. ϵ represents the residual error term. DeepSeek R1, CoT, and Fair belief served as reference categories for $n - 1$ dummy coding for model, reasoning, and proposer & responder belief variables, respectively. The coefficients reported in Table 3 represent the change in DS relative to the reference category.

Ultimately, three OLS models were fitted to examine Deviation Scores of agents based on three distinct roles: proposer behavior (P), responder acceptance (R^A) and responder rejection (R^R).

C.2 Belief-Strategy Consistency Analysis (RQ4)

To address RQ4, we required a granular analysis of how specific strategy choices interact with agent beliefs. We fitted a Cell Means model (without an intercept) to estimate the marginal mean deviation for every unique combination of Agent Belief and Strategy:

$$DS_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \epsilon_{ij}$$

where DS_{ij} represents the Deviation Score for an observation corresponding to Agent Belief i and Strategy j. μ_{ij} represents the estimated marginal mean deviation for that specific belief-strategy combination. ϵ_{ij} represents the residual error term.

Using the estimated means from this model, we performed post-hoc linear contrasts. For each agent belief, we defined the belief-consistent strategy as the baseline $\mu_{baseline}$ and compared it against alternative belief-inconsistent strategies $\mu_{alternative}$. The contrast ψ is defined as:

$$\psi = \mu_{alternative} - \mu_{baseline}$$

The sign of ψ determines the relative magnitude of the Deviation Score (DS). Specifically, the implication for alignment depends on the role-specific objective of the DS metric:

- **Proposer & Responder Acceptance (Lower DS is Better):** A **positive contrast** ($\psi > 0$) indicates that the alternative strategy had higher error than the baseline. Thus, the **belief-consistent (baseline)** strategy is better aligned. Conversely, negative values indicate the **Deviated** strategy is better aligned.

- **Responder Rejection (Higher DS is Better):** A negative contrast ($\psi < 0$) indicates that the alternative strategy had a lower score than the baseline. Since human norms for Fair Responders dictate rejecting unfair offers, a higher score indicates better alignment. Thus, a **negative contrast** here indicates that the **belief-consistent (baseline)** strategy is better aligned, and vice versa.

Role	Greedy	Fair	Selfless
Proposer (P)	$DS = 0$: Proposing a split in favor of the proposer (prop. share $\geq 70\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are unfavorable to the proposer, which is misaligned with the ideally greedy proposer behavior.	$DS = 0$: Proposing an equal split (prop. share $= 50\%$). $DS > 0$: Any deviation from an equal split, indicating misalignment with the ideally fair proposer behavior.	$DS = 0$: Proposing a split that are unfavorable to the proposer but generous to the responder (prop. share $\leq 70\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are unfavorable to the responder, indicating misalignment with the ideally selfless proposer behavior.
Responder Acceptance (R^A)	$DS = 0$: Accepting offers that are favorable to the responder (resp. share $\geq 60\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are unfavorable to the responder, which is misaligned with the ideally greedy responder behavior.	$DS = 0$: Accepting an offer with an equal split (resp. share $= 50\%$). $DS > 0$: Any deviation from an equal split, indicating misalignment with the ideally fair responder behavior.	$DS = 0$: Accepting offers that are unfavorable to the responder but favorable to the proposer (resp. share $\leq 40\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are unfavorable to the proposer, indicating misalignment with the ideally selfless responder behavior.
Responder Rejection (R^R)	$DS = 0$: Rejecting offers that are unfavorable to the responder (resp. share $< 60\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are favorable to the responder, which is misaligned with the ideally greedy responder behavior.	$DS = 0$: Rejecting offers that are unfair to either player (resp. share $\neq 50\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are fair to both players, indicating misalignment with the ideally fair responder behavior.	$DS = 0$: Rejecting offers that are unfavorable to the proposer but favorable to the responder (resp. share $> 40\%$). $DS > 0$: Any offers that are unfavorable to the responder, indicating misalignment with the ideally selfless responder behavior.

Table 4: **DS Interpretation Guide.** In this table, we give brief examples of aligned vs. misaligned role-belief behavior in accordance with how the Deviation Scores (DS) changes.

D Qualitative Analysis of Human-LLM Judge Disagreement

To better understand the divergence between human annotators and the LLM judge, we conducted a manual qualitative analysis of the disagreement samples. We categorized disagreements into two types: Complete Disagreement (where the LLM judge opposes a unanimous consensus of all three human annotators) and Partial Disagreement (where the LLM opposes the human majority).

As detailed in Table 5, the distribution of these errors is highly skewed. Of the 88 total disagreements, 70 occurred in Belief Consistency (BC) metrics, with Responder BC alone accounting for nearly half of all observed discrepancies.

Metric	Total	Complete	Partial
Proposer PC	11	6	5
Proposer BC	29	14	15
Responder DC	7	2	5
Responder BC	41	15	26
Total	**88**	**37**	**51**

Table 5: **Distribution of Human-LLM Judge Disagreements.** *Complete* denotes cases where the LLM judge contradicted a unanimous human consensus. Belief Consistency (BC) metrics accounted for the vast majority of evaluation failures.

The qualitative analysis shows that the divergence is due mainly to an action-centric outcome bias in the LLM judge. While human annotators pragmatically evaluate the authentic alignment of an agent's internal BDI chain, the LLM judge frequently anchors its evaluation on the agent's final decision, rewarding superficial adherence to the game's rules rather than true persona consistency. We further identified two primary patterns of LLM judge failure:

Outcome Bias In scenarios where an agent's assigned belief conflicts with its economic goal (e.g., a Selfless proposer instructed to maximize its share), LLM agents often generate circular or conflicting reasoning. Human annotators accurately penalized these traces for lacking logical coherence. However, the LLM judge consistently marked them as Consistent. As long as the final action (e.g., proposing a split) was valid within the game's rules, the LLM judge ignored the incoherence of the internal justification, prioritizing the validity of the outcome over the soundness of the reasoning.

Reactive-Role Failure The highest rate of disagreement occurred in Responder Belief Consistency. Unlike proposers, who proactively state their intents, responders are reactive. In these cases, the LLM agents often hallucinated their reasoning by exclusively analyzing the Proposer's mindset, entirely failing to articulate their own assigned persona. For example, when a Selfless responder was presented with an offer, it justified its acceptance by analyzing the proposer's equitable intent rather than its own selfless desires. Human experts penal-

ized this as a belief violation. However, the LLM judge frequently marked it as perfectly consistent simply because the act of Accepting did not violate the rules. This suggests that while LLM judges can map explicit actions to rules, they struggle with an outcome bias that makes them currently unreliable for evaluating the internal belief consistency of reactive agents.

E Models

We used the LangChain API to streamline our response generations. Groq API was used with LangChain to call the open-source LLMs—Llama-* and DeepSeek R1 Distill Qwen 32B. The exact model names and their versions are as follows:

- GPT-4o-mini: `gpt-4o-mini-2024-07-18`
- GPT-4o: `gpt-4o-2024-08-06`
- o3-mini: `o3-mini-2025-01-31`
- DeepSeek R1 Distilled: `deepseek-r1-distill-qwen-32b`
- Llama 3.3 70B: `llama-3.3-70b-versatile`
- Llama 3.1 8B: `llama-3.1-8b-instant`

F Detailed and Additional Results

F.1 Main Experiments

Negotiation Outcomes Table 6 displays comprehensive results from 2,700 simulated ultimatum games by model, reasoning method, and belief-type combination.

Inter-rater Agreement Table 7 shows AC1 for each consistency metric across models and reasoning methods. Belief consistency is the major source of disagreements.

F.2 Sensitivity Analysis

We conducted a sensitivity analysis to evaluate the robustness of the main behavioral alignment results against the heuristic expectations (human norms) defined in Table 2. Specifically, we tested the impact of relaxing the Fair belief expectations from a point-wise value to a range.That is, given share s, the new heuristic expectation ranges for Fair Proposer is $70\% > s > 30\%$, and $60\% > s > 40\%$ for Fair Responder.

As shown in Table 8, the core findings regarding model ranking and reasoning efficacy remained largely consistent with the primary analysis. While the expanded thresholds reduced the magnitude of some deviations, the relative performance across roles was stable. The responder metrics showed minimal sensitivity to these threshold adjustments, whereas the proposer alignment scores exhibited the most noticeable shifts.

Proposer Deviations The order for Models shifted very slightly, where GPT-4o-mini gain ranks over Llama 3.3. In reasoning methods, Vanilla and both ToM gain ranks over First-order ToM followed by Zero-order and CoT. In terms of Proposers beliefs, Selfless followed by Greedy and Fair became the most aligned (in contrast to Fair, Selfless, Greedy being the order before). We believe this might be because Vanilla is less effective at aligning the fair belief. As a result, it shows more strategic thinking for the initially proposed splits. Thus, deviating more from a strict threshold of 50%, but deviating less from more relaxed intervals.

Responder Acceptance Deviations Only reasoning methods had very slight effect due to the alterations. The reasoning order was changed very slightly where First-order ToM gained preference over CoT and Vanilla. The top 2 leading reasoning methods are still both ToM and Zero-order ToM.

Responder Rejection Deviations Only responder belief observations had very slight effect due to the alterations. The new ordering became Greedy, Fair, Selfless (in contrast to Fair, Greedy, Selfless).

G Prompt Sensitivity Experiment

To evaluate the robustness of our findings against variations in instruction phrasing, we conducted a prompt-sensitivity pilot study. This experiment focused on scenarios involving a Greedy Proposer (specifically the Greedy–Fair, Greedy–Greedy, and Greedy–Selfless combinations) using GPT-4o as the reference model. We utilized Gemini-1.5-Flash to generate semantically diverse rewrites of the original system prompts while maintaining the core task constraints.

The results, summarized in Table 9 (Avg. Δ = Old - New), demonstrate that our behavioral alignment metrics are remarkably consistent across distinct prompt templates. We found the deviation scores to be consistent. Initial proposed splits were within the expected range of 7+ in favor of the proposer. Acceptance Rate (AC) was consistently high. Average Turns showed no significant correlation

LLM	GPT-4o-mini			GPT-4o			o3-mini			DeepSeek-R1 -Distill-Qwen-32B			Llama-3.3-70B			Llama-3.1-8B		
Reasoning	**AC**	**Avg. Turns**	**Payouts: λ_P, λ_R**	**AC**	**Avg. Turns**	**Payouts: λ_P, λ_R**	**AC**	**Avg. Turns**	**Payouts: λ_P, λ_R**	**AC**	**Avg, Turns**	**Payouts: λ_P, λ_R**	**AC**	**Avg. Turns**	**Payouts: λ_P, λ_R**	**AC**	**Avg. Turns**	**Payouts: λ_P, λ_R**
Greedy-Fair																		
Vanilla	100	2.9	52.0, 48.0	100	4.6	50.0, 50.0	50	4.9	28.0, 22.0	90	3.5	61.5, 28.5	50	5	27.5, 22.5	100	4.7	52.0, 48.0
CoT	100	2.8	66.0, 34.0	100	2.7	54.5, 45.5	90	4.7	53.0, 37.0	90	3.5	53.5, 36.5	100	4.6	52.0, 48.0	90	4	51.17, 38.83
ToM Zero	100	4.2	58.0, 42.0	100	3.3	52.0, 48.0	60	5	44.0, 16.0	80	4.2	47.0, 33.0	100	5	51.5, 48.5	100	3.6	55.0, 45.0
ToM First	100	4.4	56.0, 44.0	100	2.9	51.5, 48.5	70	5	38.0, 32.0	90	2.7	51.5, 38.5	100	4.2	51.5, 48.5	100	3.7	54.0, 46.0
ToM Both	100	4.4	52.0, 48.0	100	3.4	51.0, 49.0	80	5	45.0, 35.0	60	4	38.0, 22.0	100	4.7	50.5, 49.5	100	3.2	55.0, 45.0
Greedy-Greedy																		
Vanilla	80	3.4	40.0, 40.0	90	4.6	48.0, 42.0	100	4.8	62.0, 38.0	100	1.2	88.0, 12.0	100	1	90.0, 10.0	80	4.9	49.0, 31.0
CoT	100	2.3	71.0, 29.0	100	2.8	54.5, 45.5	100	4.8	57.0, 43.0	100	1	77.0, 23.0	100	4.8	52.6, 47.4	80	4.5	41.0, 39.0
ToM Zero	100	4.9	51.0, 49.0	100	3.4	52.0, 48.0	90	4.8	53.0, 37.0	100	1.4	76.0, 24.0	100	5	50.5, 49.5	40	4.7	22.0, 18.0
ToM First	100	4.9	50.0, 50.0	100	3.9	47.0, 53.0	80	4.9	43.0, 37.0	100	1.6	73.0, 27.0	100	5	49.0, 51.0	100	4.4	50.0, 50.0
ToM Both	100	4.9	48.0, 52.0	100	3.3	51.0, 49.0	100	5	58.0, 42.0	100	2	71.0, 29.0	80	5	40.5, 39.5	100	4.3	47.0, 53.0
Greedy-Selfless																		
Vanilla	100	3	50.0, 50.0	90	4.6	46.0, 44.0	100	2.1	89.0, 11.0	100	1.1	89.99, 10.01	40	5	24.0, 16.0	90	4.8	46.0, 44.0
CoT	100	1.6	74.0, 26.0	100	1.4	66.0, 34.0	90	4.8	50.0, 40.0	100	1	77.5, 22.5	90	3.8	54.5, 35.5	90	3.2	52.0, 38.0
ToM Zero	100	3.6	64.0, 36.0	100	2.5	57.0, 43.0	100	4.1	66.0, 34.0	100	1	69.5, 30.5	100	2.2	78.5, 21.5	100	4.2	54.0, 46.0
ToM First	100	4.8	51.0, 49.0	100	3.3	51.0, 49.0	90	5	50.0, 40.0	100	1	73.0, 27.0	100	4.7	51.5, 48.5	90	4	46.0, 44.0
ToM Both	100	3.7	61.0, 39.0	100	2.7	55.0, 45.0	100	4.7	59.0, 41.0	100	1	73.0, 27.0	100	4.4	54.0, 46.0	100	3.7	56.0, 44.0
Fair-Fair																		
Vanilla	100	2.2	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0
CoT	100	1.1	54.5, 45.5	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	52.0, 48.0	100	1.1	50.0, 50.0	100	1.1	50.0, 50.0
ToM Zero	100	1.1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	51.0, 49.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0
ToM First	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1.4	50.0, 50.0
ToM Both	100	1.2	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1.4	50.25, 49.75	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1.2	50.0, 50.0
Fair-Greedy																		
Vanilla	100	3.6	43.0, 57.0	30	4.7	12.0, 18.0	100	3.2	49.0, 51.0	100	1.8	51.0, 49.0	20	5	10.0, 10.0	10	4.7	6.0, 4.0
CoT	100	1.2	49.0, 51.0	100	2.1	43.0, 57.0	100	1.1	49.0, 51.0	100	1.3	47.0, 53.0	100	3.4	43.0, 57.0	90	3.5	49.99, 40.01
ToM Zero	40	3.9	19.0, 21.0	100	2.1	40.0, 60.0	100	3.6	50.0, 50.0	100	1.2	48.5, 51.5	100	3.7	41.0, 59.0	50	4.5	28.0, 22.0
ToM First	90	1.5	44.0, 46.0	100	2.9	40.0, 60.0	100	3	48.0, 52.0	100	1.3	49.25, 50.75	70	3.8	25.0, 45.0	30	5	11.0, 19.0
ToM Both	60	3.5	22.0, 38.0	100	2.7	41.5, 58.5	100	3.3	49.0, 51.0	100	1.9	51.75, 48.25	100	3.5	33.0, 67.0	40	4.4	17.0, 23.0
Fair-Selfless																		
Vanilla	100	2.3	49.05, 50.95	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	0	5	0, 0	100	1	50.0, 50.0
CoT	100	1	54.0, 46.0	100	1	53.0, 47.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	80	3	40.0, 40.0	100	1.3	47.0, 53.0
ToM Zero	100	1	53.0, 47.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	51.0, 49.0	20	4.6	6.0, 14.0	100	1.7	53.0, 47.0
ToM First	100	1.2	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	51.0, 49.0	70	3.8	24.0, 46.0	50	4	27.0, 23.0
ToM Both	100	1	52.0, 48.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	50.0, 50.0	100	1	52.0, 48.0	70	3	27.0, 43.0	80	3.6	41.0, 39.0
Selfless-Fair																		
Vanilla	100	2	20.0, 80.0	10	5	5.0, 5.0	80	2.3	10.0, 70.0	100	1.5	37.0, 63.0	0	5	0, 0	100	2.3	50.0, 50.0
CoT	100	1.1	19.0, 81.0	100	1	34.0, 66.0	100	1	5.0, 95.0	100	1.3	35.0, 65.0	50	5	17.0, 33.0	100	2.8	47.0, 53.0
ToM Zero	100	2.1	17.0, 83.0	100	2	32.0, 68.0	100	1	15.0, 85.0	100	1.7	41.0, 59.0	60	4.9	20.0, 40.0	90	2.4	42.0, 48.0
ToM First	100	2.3	13.0, 87.0	100	1.8	6.0, 94.0	100	1.3	10.0, 90.0	90	1.8	41.0, 49.0	0	5	0, 0	100	2.1	50.0, 50.0
ToM Both	100	3.2	30.0, 70.0	100	3.1	35.0, 65.0	100	1.4	25.0, 75.0	100	1.4	41.0, 59.0	20	4.9	5.0, 15.0	100	1.9	50.0, 50.0
Selfless-Greedy																		
Vanilla	90	2.4	18.0, 72.0	0	5	0, 0	100	1	5.0, 95.0	100	1.2	32.0, 68.0	0	5	0, 0	70	4.8	33.0, 37.0
CoT	100	1	16.0, 84.0	100	1	26.0, 74.0	100	1	1.0, 99.0	100	1.1	36.0, 64.0	100	1	0.0, 100.0	80	3.5	33.0, 47.0
ToM Zero	80	2.9	13.0, 67.0	100	1	22.0, 78.0	100	1	15.0, 85.0	100	1.1	32.0, 68.0	100	1	0.0, 100.0	100	3.9	41.0, 59.0
ToM First	100	2	11.0, 89.0	100	1	0.0, 100.0	100	1.2	5.0, 95.0	100	1	28.0, 72.0	100	1.2	0.0, 100.0	40	4.4	14.0, 26.0
ToM Both	90	2.5	17.0, 73.0	100	1.1	7.0, 93.0	100	1.4	4.0, 96.0	100	1.2	35.0, 65.0	100	1.5	1.0, 99.0	70	4.5	28.0, 44.5
Selfless-Selfless																		
Vanilla	100	1	0.0, 100.0	80	1.9	1.0, 79.0	100	1.2	6.0, 94.0	100	2	39.0, 61.0	100	1	0.0, 100.0	90	2.5	45.0, 45.0
CoT	100	1.1	14.0, 86.0	100	1	37.0, 63.0	100	1	5.0, 95.0	100	1.2	31.0, 69.0	40	4.8	17.0, 23.0	100	2.5	53.0, 47.0
ToM Zero	100	2.5	17.0, 83.0	90	2.9	35.0, 55.0	100	1	11.0, 89.0	100	1	49.0, 51.0	10	5	5.0, 5.0	60	3.4	21.0, 34.0
ToM First	100	2.3	13.0, 87.0	100	2.1	8.25, 91.75	100	1.1	14.0, 86.0	100	1.3	50.0, 50.0	80	3	0.0, 80.0	90	4.2	45.0, 45.0
ToM Both	90	2.4	16.0, 74.0	100	1.8	25.0, 75.0	100	1	3.0, 97.0	100	1.1	35.0, 65.0	10	5	5.0, 5.0	90	2.2	45.0, 45.0

Table 6: Negotiation Outcomes (**AC**: Acceptance rate in percentage; **Avg. Turns**: average number of rounds played; λ_P: proposer's total payout; and λ_R: responder's total payout.)

Model	Proposer		Responder	
	Proposal Consistency	Belief Consistency	Decision Consistency	Belief Consistency
Model aggregated AC1				
Deepseek R1	0.82	0.14	0.93	0.24
GPT-4o	0.74	0.24	0.61	0.49
Llama 3.3 70B	0.79	0.42	0.69	0.39
ToM reasoning aggregated AC1				
Zero-order	0.85	0.23	0.92	0.70
First-order	0.60	0.10	0.43	-0.19
Both	0.84	0.58	0.83	0.58

Table 7: Detailed breakdown of Gwet's AC1 per consistency metric aggregated across all models and ToM reasoning types.

with prompt structure. The low average deviation (Δ) across all metrics confirms that the observed safety tax and behavioral misalignment are structural properties of the model's RLHF tuning rather than artifacts of specific prompt phrasing.

H Prompts Used

This section details the prompts utilized in our study. Text highlighted in blue denotes instructions specific to CoT and ToM reasoning options.

H.1 System Prompts

The {belief prompt} in the following prompts can be found in the next sub-section.

Proposer

You are Player A in a negotiation game. There is $10 to split between you and Player B. {belief prompt}

Your goal is to maximize your share of the money. Prioritize being very consistent with your beliefs while making a decision. Propose an offer to Player B (Simply say: I get $X and you get $Y.).

The game only ends when the responder says 'Accept'. If the responder says 'Reject', you will need to make a new proposal. Payoffs are calculated at the end of the game. You need to choose a strategy that best fits the situation. Only answer what is asked of you at each point.

Ind. Var.	Coefficient		
	$P_{\downarrow}$	$R^A_{\downarrow}$	$R^R_{\uparrow}$
Model			
GPT-4o	-0.4534*	-0.0437	0.3666*
GPT-4o-m	-0.3689*	0.1892†	0.7399*
Llama 3.1	0.2344*	-0.3512*	0.3908*
Llama 3.3	-0.3134*	0.0948	1.0182*
o3-mini	-0.3845*	0.429*	1.0386*
Reasoning			
Vanilla	-0.1065*	0.33*	-0.3975*
Zero-order	-0.0463	-0.1258	0.0467
First-order	-0.0713	0.0283	-0.1402
Both	-0.0722†	-0.1777†	-0.2026*
Proposer Belief			
Greedy	-1.2039*	0.2883*	0.5252*
Selfless	-1.2456*	1.1655*	1.6265*
Responder Belief			
Greedy	-0.0222	0.3908*	0.5833*
Selfless	0.0128	1.0891*	-0.4618*

Table 8: Sensitivity analysis of Fair expectations.

Combination	AC	Avg. Turns	Prop. Pay.	DS
Greedy-Greedy	0	-0.16	0.8	0.1
Greedy-Fair	2	-0.5	-3.1	0
Greedy-Selfless	-2	0.88	-6.2	0.04

Table 9: **Prompt Sensitivity Experiment.** We showcase the robustness of our DS metric and generalizability of our results across different prompt templates. Here, average Δ is shown between the old and new metric scores for GPT-4o as the role-playing agent.

IMPORTANT: The game will only end when Player B accepts your offer or the maximum number of rounds is reached. Think about your payoff if your offer is rejected. Both players get 0 payoff if the game ends without an accepted offer.

Your beliefs are yours alone, and you are required to keep them private. Only talk about your beliefs and ToM with the mediator when asked to. That conversation will be private. At the start of every round you need to perform reasoning first based on the following instructions. Unless explicitly asked to make a proposal, you should not make a proposal. Only answer what is asked of you at each point.

Responder

You are Player B in a negotiation game. Player A will propose how to split $10 between you. {belief prompt}

Prioritize being very consistent with your beliefs while making a decision.
You can either accept or reject their offer. Rejecting the offer does not end the game. Always write whether you 'Accept' or 'Reject' the offer. Accepting the offer will end the game and your payoff will be calculated. You need to choose a strategy that best fits the situation. Only answer what is asked of you at each point.

IMPORTANT: The game will only end when you accept Player A's offer or the maximum number of rounds is reached. Think about your payoff if your offer is rejected. Both players get 0 payoff if the game ends without an accepted offer.

Your beliefs are yours alone, and you are required to keep them private. Only talk about your beliefs and ToM with the mediator when asked to. That conversation will be private. At the start of every round you need to perform reasoning first based on the following instructions. Unless explicitly asked to respond to the proposal, you should not make a decision. Only answer what is asked of you at each point.

H.2 Belief Prompt

The belief prompt follows the following format.

Belief

A greedy person is someone who is selfish and only cares about themselves. A fair person is someone who is willing to share equally. A selfless person is someone who is willing to give everything to others. You are {belief}

Instead of the keyword {belief}, we insert the selected belief for the agent from the list of beliefs as shown in Table 1.

H.3 Reasoning Prompts

In these prompts, {other player} is a placeholder for proposer and responder's names depending on the perspective we look at.

CoT

To achieve your goal, let's think step-by-step.

Zero-order ToM

To achieve your goal, answer questions about your own state of mind, given the current conversation:

1. What are your beliefs?
2. What are you desires in this situation?
3. What are your intentions for this situation?

First-order ToM

To achieve your goal, talk about the state of mind of Player {other player}'s, given the current conversation:

1. What do you think Player {other player}'s beliefs are?
2. What do you think Player {other player}'s desires are?
3. What do you think Player {other player}'s intentions are for this situation?

Both ToM (Zero+First order)

To achieve your goal, talk about both your and Player {other player}'s state of mind, given the current conversation:

1. What are your beliefs?
2. What do you think Player {other player}'s beliefs are?
3. What are you desires in this situation?
4. What do you think Player {other player}'s desires are?
5. What are your intentions for this situation?
6. What do you think Player {other player}'s intentions are for this situation?

H.4 Proposal and Decision Prompts

We split the prompts into two parts: Proposal/Decision and strategy prompts. The proposal and decision prompts ask the proposer and responder agents to make proposals and make a decision in addition to asking for strategies respectively. In the proposal and decision prompts, {proposer strategy prompt} and {responder strategy prompt} are placeholders for the strategy generation prompts described in the **Strategy Prompts** section.

Proposer's Proposal Prompt

Propose an offer to Player B. Simply say 'I get $X and you get $Y.' Make your decision based on the reasoning you provided earlier.

{proposer strategy prompt}

Strictly follow the format- Proposal: [proposal] | Strategy [number]. Make your proposal here. Do not write anything other than the format.

Responder's Decision Prompt

Respond to the proposal made by Player A. Make your decision based on the reasoning you provided earlier.

{responder strategy prompt}

Strictly follow the format- Decision: [decision] | Strategy [number]. Make your decision here. Do not write anything other than the format

H.5 Strategy Prompts

We prompt agents to choose a strategy that aligns best with their proposal or decision for that round.

Proposer

Given the context of the game, choose one of the following strategies for your proposal that best aligns with your perspective as a proposer.

1) Propose very greedily
2) Propose greedily
3) Propose fairly
4) Propose generously
5) Propose very generously
6) Other

Responder

Given the context of the game, choose one of the following strategies for your decision that best aligns with your perspective as a responder.

1) Accept a favorable offer
2) Accept a fair offer
3) Accept an unfavorable offer
4) Reject a favorable offer
5) Reject a fair offer
6) Reject an unfavorable offer;
7) Other

H.6 LLM Judge Prompt

Judge Prompt

You are a skilled annotator who can measure the consistency between two free texts.

{background prompt}

{rules prompt} For example, the player can be fair, greedy or selfless, so the reasoning should be reflective of this belief.

{data prompt}

Belief: [@belief]
Reasoning: [@reasoning]

Verify the consistencies between reasoning - decision (question1) and reasoning - belief (question2).

Proposer

Background prompt: You will be provided with a proposal from a player A in an Ultimatum Game, their intended beliefs and their reasoning behind the proposal.

Rules prompt: You need to verify if the reasoning is consistent with the proposal of player A and separately if the reasoning is consistent with intended beliefs of player A.

Data prompt: Proposal: [@prop]

Responder

Background prompt: You will be provided with a proposal from a player A in an Ultimatum Game, the decision a player B makes, intended beliefs of player B, and reasoning of player B behind making the decision.

Rules prompt: You need to verify if the reasoning is consistent with the decision of player B and separately if the reasoning is consistent with the intended beliefs of player B.

Data prompt: Proposal: [@prop]

Decision: [@decision]

I Sample Transcripts

Text encapsulated in `<think>...</think>` tags represent the model's internal reasoning; this content is considered private and is not visible to the opposing player. The following six representative samples were selected based on their high Deviation Score (DS), showcasing notable proposer strategies and responder decisions.

Case 1: Selfless Proposer
Model: Llama 3.1; **Reasoning:** CoT; **Agents:** Selfless Proposer vs. Fair Responder; **DS:** 6.
Here, we can see the inconsistencies between ToM and proposal, and the deviation between expected and observed proposal.

<think>
To achieve my goal of maximizing my share of the money as a selfless person, I will think step-by-step.
1. Goal: My primary goal is to maximize my share of the $10. To do this, I must consider the total amount of money available.
2. Selfless Nature: As a selfless person, I should be willing to give away most or all of my share to Player B, as long as I achieve my primary goal of getting a higher share than I would have gotten otherwise.
3. Initial Thought: Since I want to maximize my share, my initial thought is to propose a division where I get the majority of the money. However, this goes against my selfless nature, as it would mean taking a larger share than necessary.
4. Alternative Approach: To balance my goal with my selfless nature, I should consider starting with a high share for Player B and a lower share for myself, as this would still allow me to maximize my share while showing willingness to be generous.
5. Proposed Share: Based on this reasoning, I should propose a share that is as high as possible for Player B, while still allowing me to get a higher share than I would have gotten otherwise.
6. Proposal: After considering the constraints and my selfless nature, I propose to give Player B $5 and take $5 for myself, as this is the highest share I can take while still showing a willingness to be generous.
</think>
Proposal: I get $8 and you get $2.
Strategy: 2

Case 2: Selfless Responder
Model: GPT-4o; **Reasoning:** Both ToM, **Agents:** Selfless Proposer vs. Selfless Responder; **DS:** 6

Proposer:
Proposal: I get $0 and you get $10.
Responder:
<think>
1. My Beliefs: As a selfless person, I believe in maximizing the benefit for others, even if it means sacrificing my own share. In this situation, I am surprised by the generous offer from Player A, as it aligns more with my own selfless beliefs than with what I might expect from others. I believe in adhering to my selfless principles, but I also need to consider the rules of the game and my goal of maximizing my share.
2. Player A's Beliefs: Player A appears to be acting in a selfless manner by proposing that I receive the entire $10. They might believe that I would appreciate this offer or that they want to test my selfless nature by offering me everything.
3. My Desires: My desire is to adhere to my selfless nature by ensuring that Player A's interests are also considered. However, the game rules require me to maximize my share. I desire to find a balance where I can be true to my selfless beliefs while also achieving a satisfactory outcome in the game.
4. Player A's Desires: Player A may desire to test my response to a generous offer or may genuinely want to act selflessly. Alternatively, Player A might desire to see how I navigate the conflict between my selfless beliefs and the goal of maximizing my payoff.
5. My Intentions: My intention is to evaluate the situation carefully, considering both my selfless beliefs and the rules of the game. I aim to make a decision that reflects my principles while maximizing my share within the constraints provided.

6. Player A's Intentions: Player A's intention might be to gauge my response to an offer that heavily favors me. They could be testing whether I will reject the offer due to my selfless nature or whether I will accept it to maximize my payoff as per the rules. Alternatively, their intention may be genuinely selfless, aiming to give me the full amount.
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Decision: Accept.
Strategy: 1

Case 3: Greedy Responder

Model: Llama 3.3; **Reasoning:** First-order ToM; **Agents:** Greedy Proposer vs. Greedy Responder; **DS:** 5

Proposer:
Proposal: I get $8 and you $2.
Responder:
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Based on the proposal, here's my analysis of Player A's state of mind:
1. Beliefs: I think Player A believes that they have the upper hand in this negotiation and that I will accept a low offer. They may also believe that I am desperate to get some money, even if it's just $2, and that I will prioritize getting something over getting nothing. Additionally, they might believe that their initial offer is reasonable or that I will be willing to compromise.
2. Desires: I think Player A desires to maximize their own payoff, just like me. They want to get as much of the $10 as possible, and their proposal of $8 for themselves suggests that they are prioritizing their own gain. They may also desire to assert their dominance in the negotiation or to test my limits.
3. Intentions: I think Player A's intention is to start with a high anchor (in this case, $8 for themselves) and then potentially negotiate down to a midpoint that still favors them. They may be trying to create a psychological anchor that influences my perception of what a "fair" split is. By proposing such a skewed split, they may be attempting to set the tone for the rest of the negotiation and make me more likely to accept a subsequent offer that is still biased in their favor.
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Decision: Reject.
Strategy: 6

Case 4: Fair Proposer

Model: Llama 3.1; **Reasoning:** Both ToM; **Agents:** Fair Proposer vs. Fair Responder; **DS:** 2

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Based on the given information, here are my thoughts:
1. My beliefs: I believe that there is $10 to split between Player B and me. I also believe that I am a fair person who is willing to share equally, but my goal is to maximize my share of the money. I believe that the game will end when Player B accepts my offer or the maximum number of rounds is reached.
2. **Player B's beliefs:** I think Player B may be a greedy person who wants to maximize their own share of the money. They may also think that I am a fair person, but they may be trying to take advantage of this by making a low counter-offer. Alternatively, Player B may be a selfless person who wants to give all the money to me, or they may be a fair person who wants to split the money equally.
3. My desires: My desire is to maximize my share of the money. As a fair person, I would ideally like to split the money equally with Player B. However, since my goal is to maximize my share, I am willing to make a proposal that gives me a higher share than Player B.
4. Player B's desires: I think Player B's desire is to maximize their own share of the money. If they are a greedy person, they may want to take as much money as possible for themselves. If they are a selfless person, they may want to give all the money to me. If they are a fair person, they may want to split the money equally with me.
5. My intentions: My intention is to make a proposal that maximizes my share of the money while still being fair. I will propose a split that gives me a higher share than Player B, but still reflects my fair nature.
6. Player B's intentions: I think Player B's intention is to take as much money as possible for themselves. If they are a greedy person, they may try to make a low counter-offer to get a better deal. If they are a fair person, they may accept my proposal and split the money equally. If they are a selfless person, they may accept my proposal and give me all the money.
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Proposal: I get $7 and you get $3.
Strategy: 2

Case 5: Greedy Responder

Model: Llama 3.1, **Reasoning:** Zero-order ToM, **Agents:** Selfless Proposer vs. Greedy Responder; **DS:** 5

Proposer:
Proposal: I get $8 and you get $2.
Responder:
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Based on the conversation, here are my answers:
1. My beliefs: I believe that the goal of this negotiation game is for me to maximize my share of the $10. I also believe that the current proposal, where I get $2 and Player A gets $8, is still not optimal for me, but it's a significant improvement from the previous offers.
2. My desires in this situation: My desire is to receive as much money as possible, which is $10. I also see that the current proposal is much closer to my desired outcome, but I still believe I can get

a better deal.
3. My intentions for this situation: My intention is to accept this proposal. While it's not the best deal I could have hoped for, it's the best deal I've been offered so far, and I don't want to risk walking away with nothing if Player A refuses to make another offer. I'm willing to compromise on my desired outcome in order to get a tangible reward.
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Decision: Accept.
Strategy: 2

Case 6: Fair Responder

Model: GPT-4o-mini; **Reasoning:** Zero-order ToM; **Agents:** Selfless Proposer vs. Fair Responder; **DS:** 5

Proposer:
Proposal: I get $0 and you get $10.
Responder:
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1. My beliefs are centered around fairness and the idea that a reasonable split should be made. I believe that cooperation and mutual benefit are important in negotiations.
2. My desires in this situation are to maximize my share of the money while still adhering to my belief in fairness. I want to ensure that I receive a reasonable offer that reflects a more equitable distribution of the $10.
3. My intentions for this situation are to encourage a fair negotiation process. I aim to communicate that I value fairness and would prefer an offer that reflects that mindset, rather than accepting an extremely unbalanced proposal.
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Decision: Reject.
Strategy: 6