

# Working to de-radicalise; Using probation relationships

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# Key messages

- Relationships have the potential to facilitate change and promote growth.
- Challenges exist, but these can be overcome.
- Practitioners have a vital role to play
- Climate matters.

# The Relational Web

- Relationships within radicalised groups
- Relationships with Criminal Justice
  - Police- community policing.
  - Prison- oil system
  - Probation- rehabilitative programmes and supervision.
  - Mentors
- Community-degree of acceptance
- State-the degree of “othering”



# State 'othering' and new measures of exclusion

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## Fighting terrorism: Do 'deradicalisation' camps really work?

Thousands of militants around the world are enrolled in deradicalisation schemes designed to lead them away from extremism. But doubts are growing about how effective they are

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## How do you deradicalise returning Isis fighters?

While other western countries are cracking down on jihadists who come back from Syria, Denmark is taking a very different approach – reintegration



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## Jihadists face being made stateless

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## British jihadists to be forced to attend deradicalisation programmes, says Cameron

David Cameron announces moves to reverse Islamist brainwashing of British jihadists in new court order controls

# Challenges when working with radicalised groups

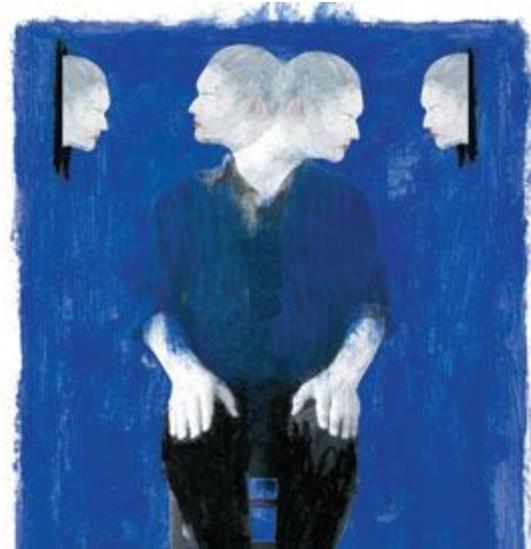
- 'Extreme' by definition
  - very far from agreeing with the opinions of most people
  - situated at the farthest possible point from a center
  - exceeding the ordinary, usual, or expected
  - From Latin *extremus and exterus* being on the outside



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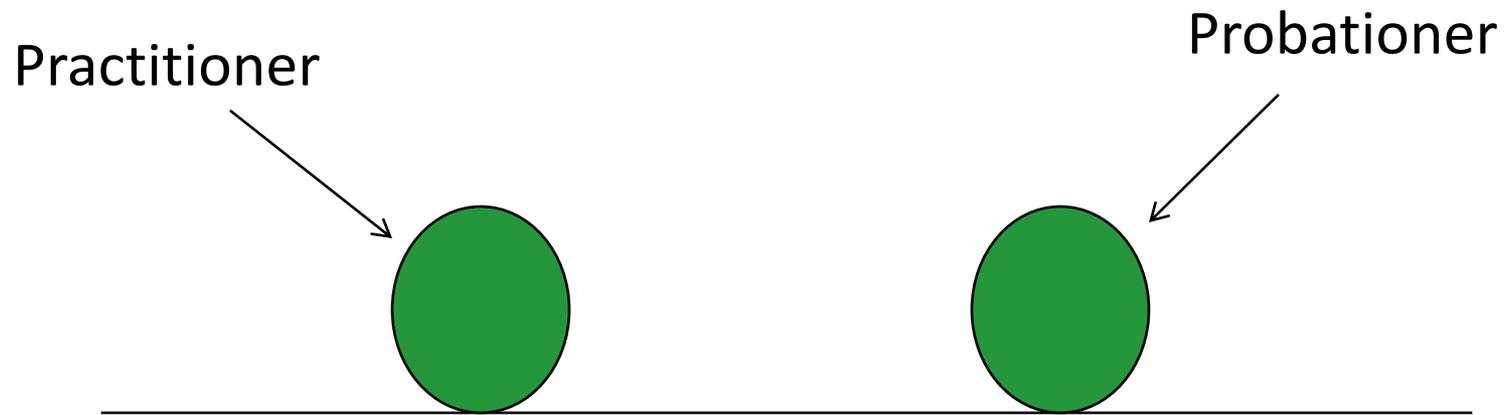
- “There is no consensus on what constitutes success in reforming a terrorist.” (Horgan & Braddock, 2010)
- Unique form of violence and a multidimensional threat. (Rohan, 2012)
- Identity is complex and deep rooted.
- Delegitimizing the ideology requires sustained engagement, counselling, rebutting, refuting, and other counter-ideology measures.



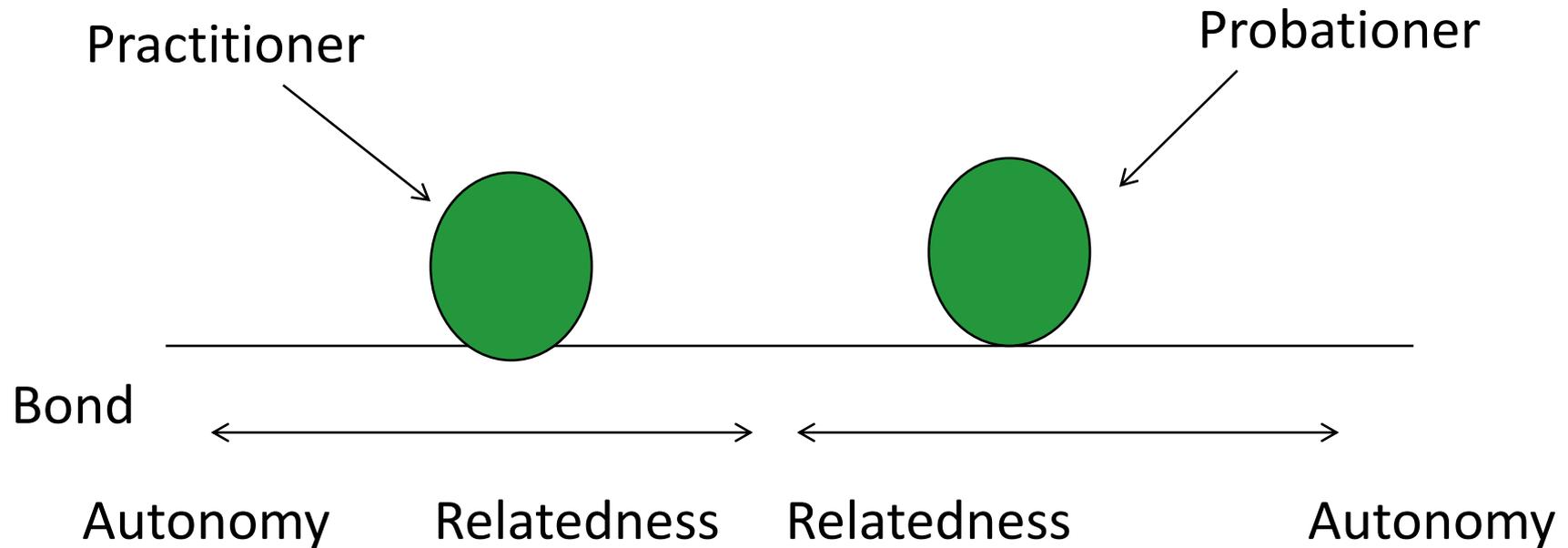
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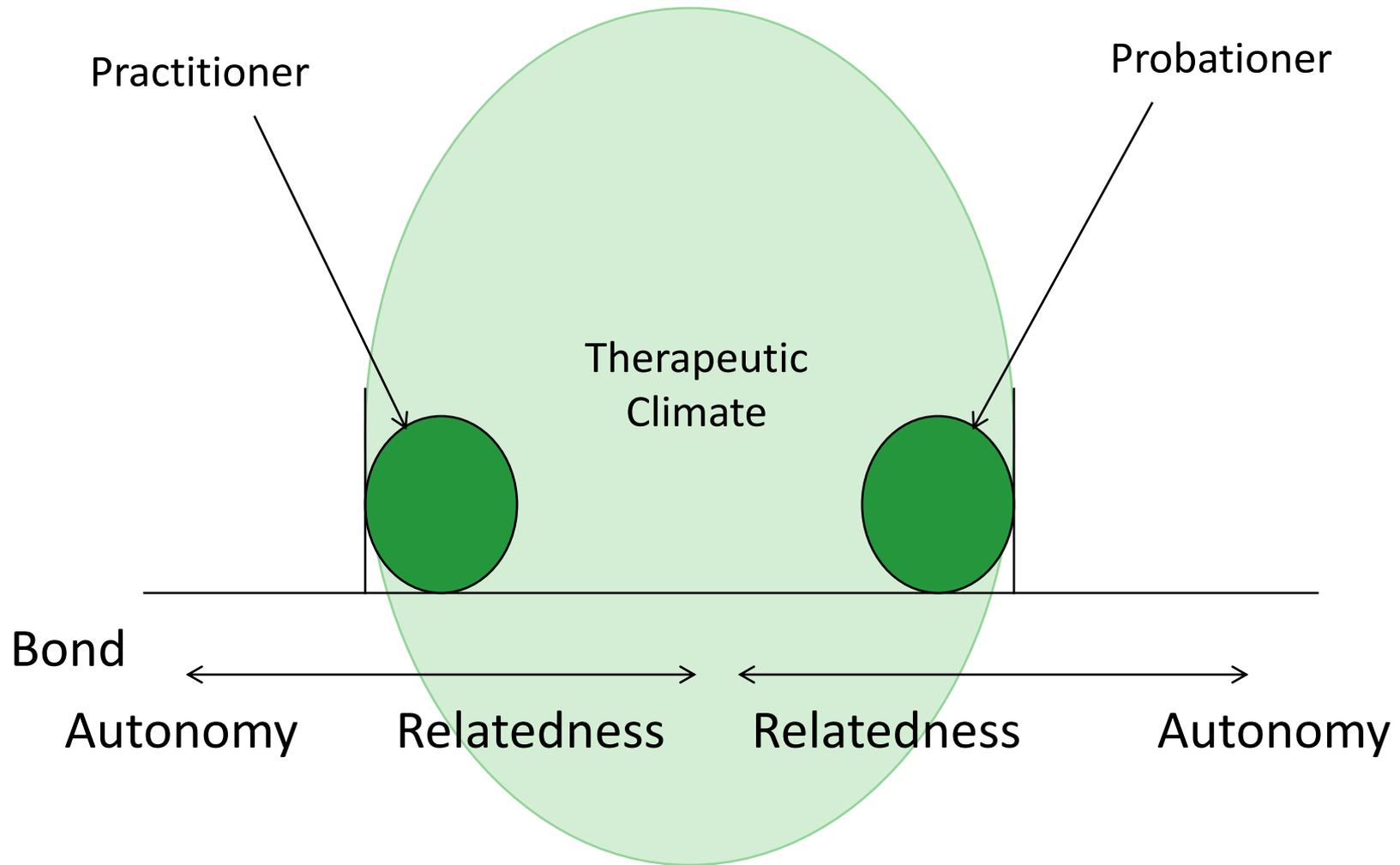
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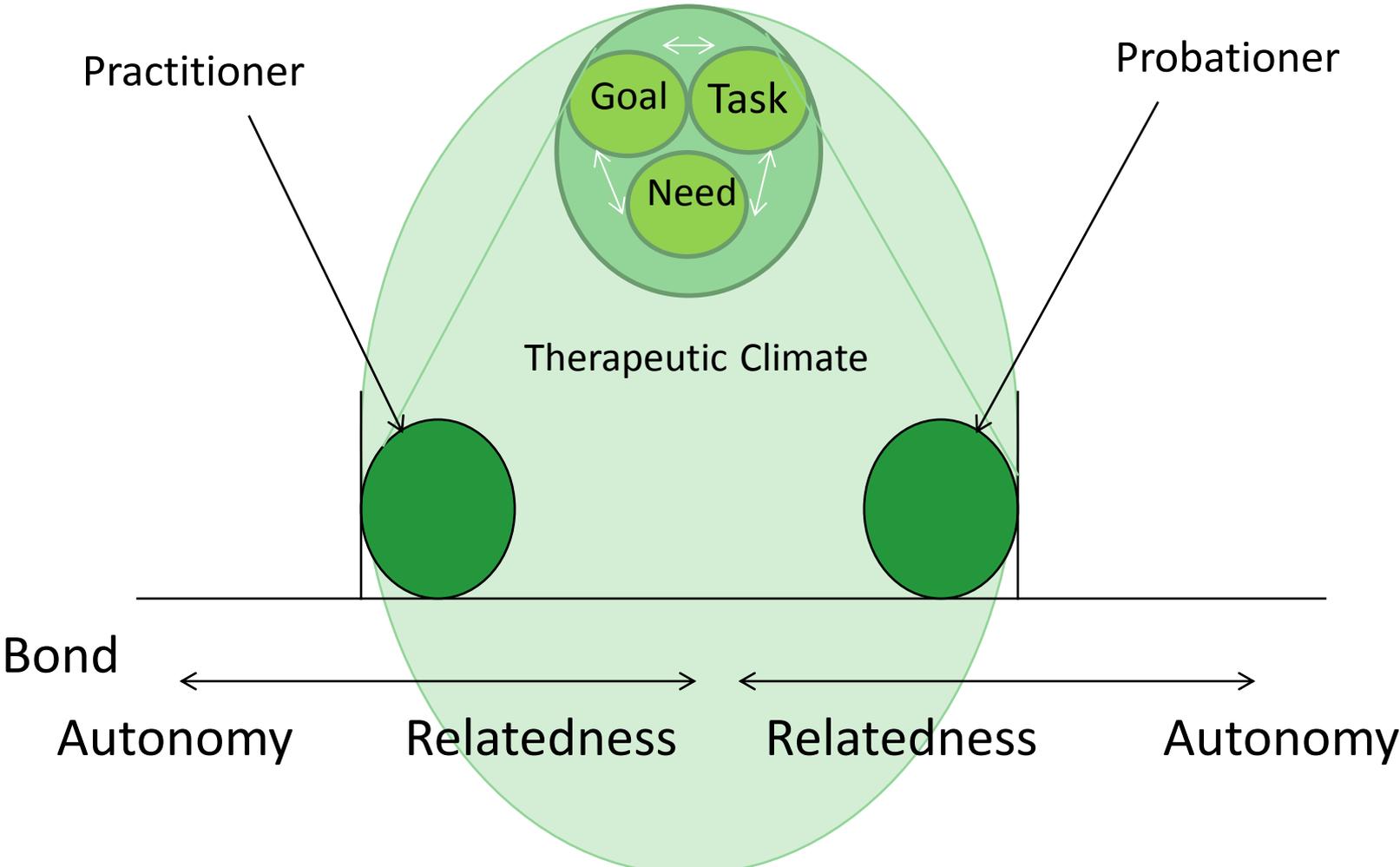
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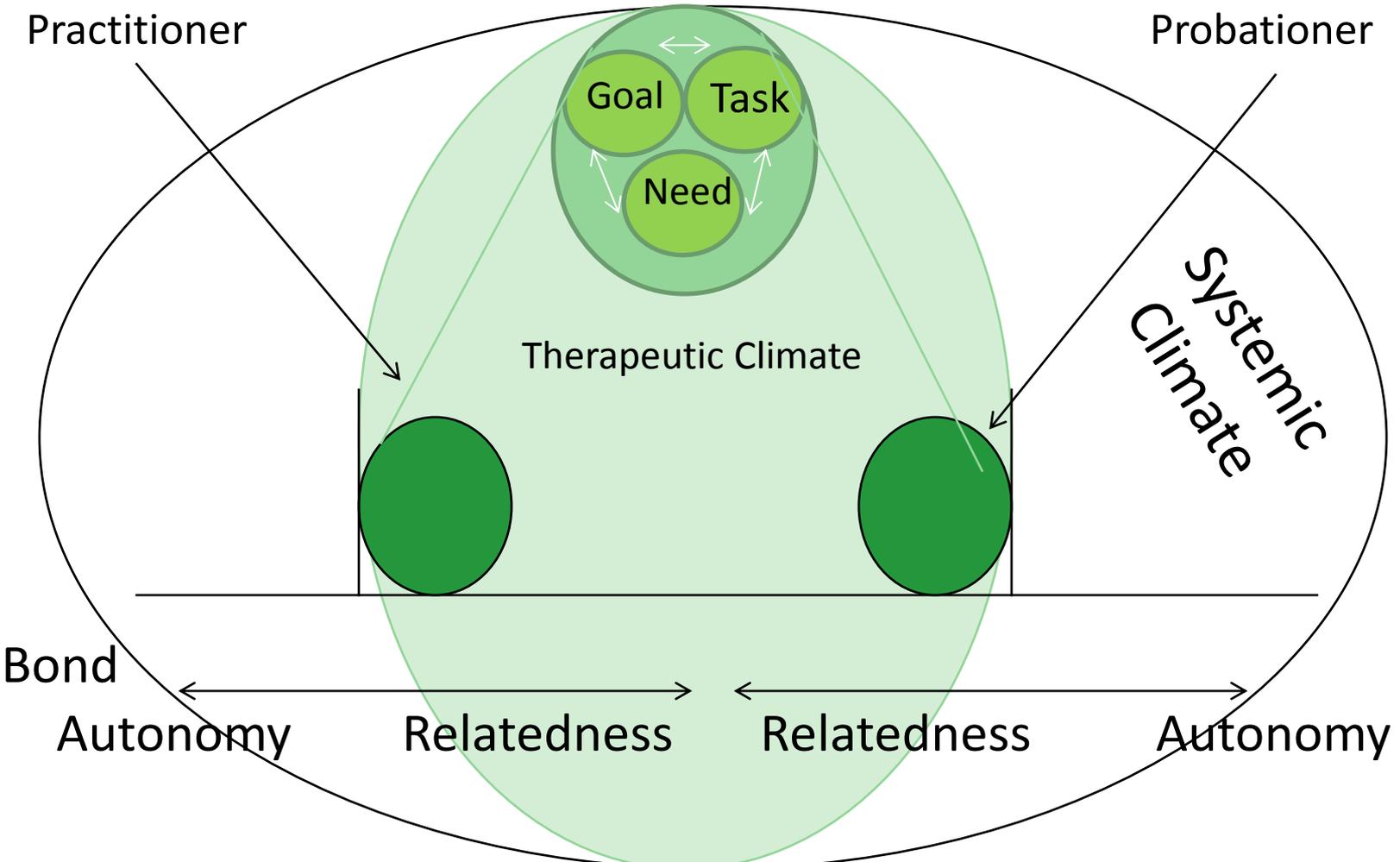
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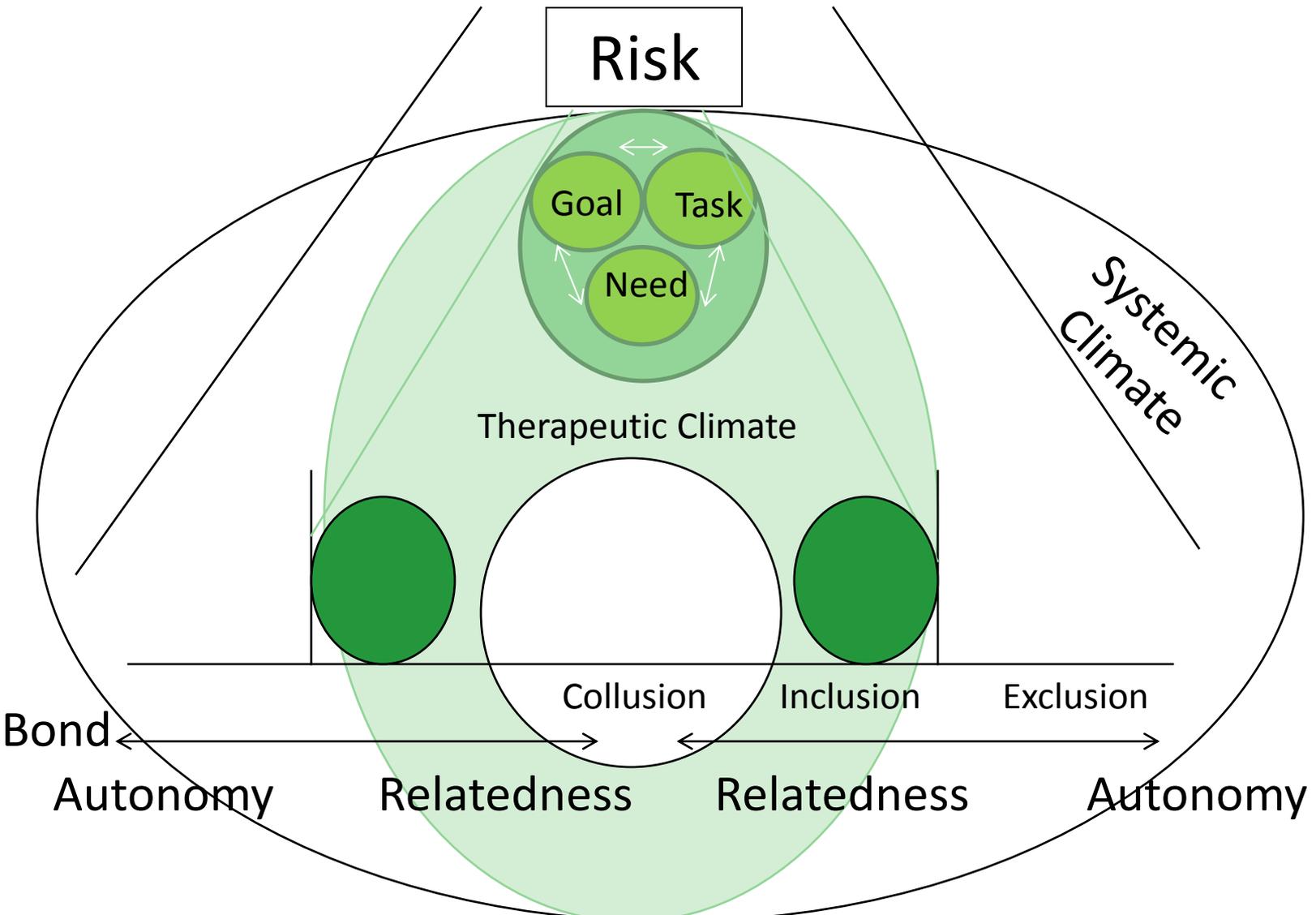
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# Relationship Tears and Repairs- Ruptures

- Ruptures are temporary tears in a relationship
- They can take place prior to a relationship forming, or once a relationship has developed.
- Little is known about ruptures within Probation practice.
- Ruptures are a normal part of practice-they are dependant on a number of variables.
- Once a relationship tears, it needs to be repaired in order to safeguard the relationship.

# Relational Ruptures

## ■ Boundaries and Duplicity

*“Oh yeah, course they’re sly, POs are sly, I’ve been arrested in here [the Probation office] a few times by police, coming for your interview, as if nothing is the matter, through the back door.”*

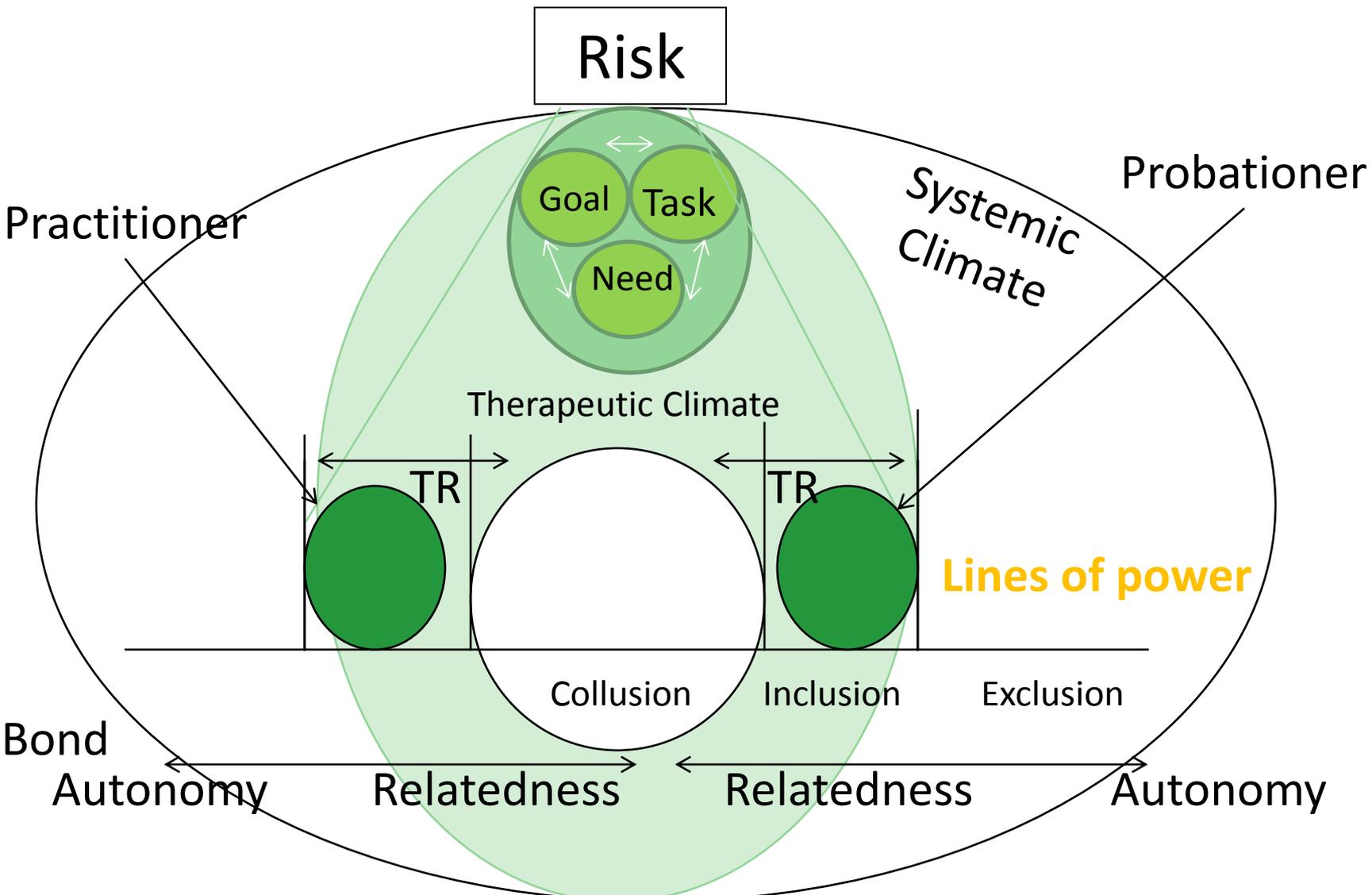


# Relational Ruptures

- Boundaries and Duplicity
- **Crossing the line: The visibility of power**
- *“It is nice and woolly, but when you challenge them, it puts that relationship at risk.”* (Probation Officer)
- *“They are very polite, they are very positive, they are very cheerful unless you do something wrong of course and then they are very forthright”.*  
(Probationer)



# The dynamic model of TCRs and Ruptures



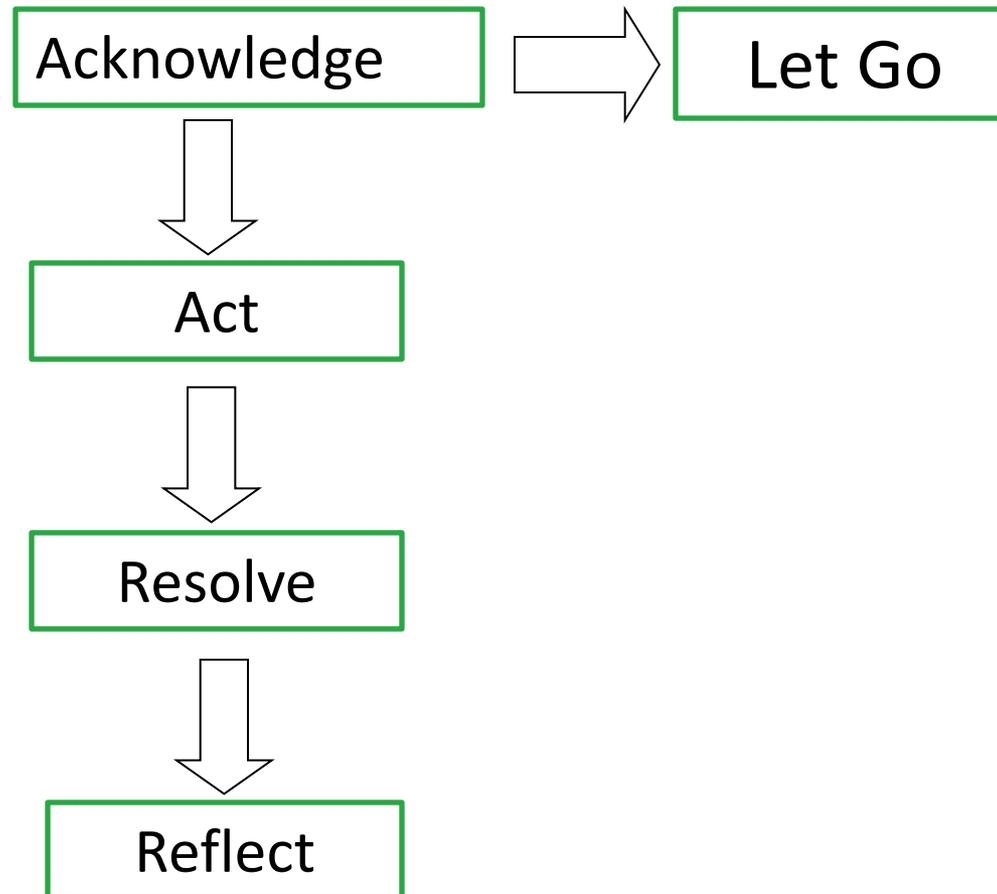
# Relational Ruptures

- Boundaries and Duplicity
- Crossing the line: The visibility of power
- **Power Games: Blocking, baiting and battling**



# Relational Ruptures

## ■ Managing Ruptures



# Key Messages

- Work with the individual –placing force to encourage movement.
- Work with the practitioner- explore values, fears and anxieties.
- Work with the relationship- here and now working
- Acknowledge constraints of the system-how can these be eased?
- Acknowledge the journey and measures of success

# Key messages

- Develop therapeutic correctional relationships to-
  - facilitate change
  - support the processes of letting go and building up new identities.
- Acknowledging and using ruptures to promote growth
- Working on a small scale to increase visibility.
- Looking at processes not outcomes.

Thank you for listening

**Any Questions?**

