

Choice Architecture

Marketing

How the presentation of options changes what gets chosen.

Levers and the ethical line.

Levers

Defaults — the option chosen by inaction

Anchoring — the first number seen

Framing — losses versus gains

Ordering — first and last stand out

Decoys — an option that flatters another

The line

Nudge: helps and is easy to decline

Dark pattern: obstructs the exit

Test: would you disclose it openly?

Regulators increasingly treat these as unfair

Educational reference. Consumer protection rules in several jurisdictions now explicitly prohibit specific dark patterns.