# A Galaxy of Stories

# Cognitive Dissonance Theory: Cassian Andor's Conflicted Personal Self in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*

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# Roadmap

- Ask the Question
- Literature Review
- Results and Discussion
- Answer the Question
- Limitations and Recommendations
- Implications

What is the effect that cognitive dissonance has upon intra- and interpersonal interactions in this film?

## Literature Review

- Cognitive Dissonance Theory (CDT) (Festinger, 1957)
  - Dissonance
  - Consonance
  - Cognition
- Action-Based CDT Model (Harmon-Jones & Harmon-Jones, 2008)
  - Action in dissonance
  - No action in consonance
  - Action to resolve dissonance

# **Plot Summary**

- 1. The Ring of Kafrene
  - Tivik and Stormtroopers
  - The Planet Killer
- 2. Rebel Alliance Base
  - Cassian and Jyn
  - Cassian's New Orders
- 3. Jedha
  - Jyn's Guardian
  - The Escape

- 4. Eadu
  - Cassian's Decision
  - Jyn's Argument
- 5. Rebel Alliance Base
  - Alliance Refusal
  - Vigilante Scarif Mission
- 6. Scarif
  - Plan Transmission
  - Rogue One Sacrifice

- The Ring of Kafrene
  - "a planet killer" (Edwards et al., 2016, 9:55)

Figure 1
Tivik and Cassian Andor



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- Rebel Alliance Base
  - "[T]here will be no extraction. You find [Erso's father], you kill him. Then and there." (Edwards et al., 2016, 18:20-27)

Figure 2 Cassian Andor



From "La serie di Star Wars su Cassian Andor ha un nuovo regista" by Paolo Armelli, 2020, retrieved <a href="https://www.wired.it/play/televisione/2020/09/23/serie-star-wars-cassian-andor-regista/">https://www.wired.it/play/televisione/2020/09/23/serie-star-wars-cassian-andor-regista/</a>. CC BY-NC-ND.

Figure 3
Fugitive Jyn Erso



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## Scene 3: Eadu

Figure 4
Eadu Jyn Erso



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Figure 5
Eadu Cassian Andor



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- Flight From Eadu
  - "I had orders. Orders that I disobeyed." (Edwards et al., 2016, 1:11:35-39)
  - "Orders? When you know they're wrong?" (Edwards et al., 1:11:41-43)

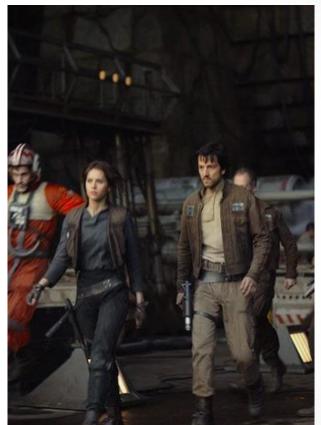
Figure 6 Angry Cassian Andor



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- Return to Rebel Alliance Base
  - "Every time I walked away from something I wanted to forget, I told myself it was for a cause that I believed in." (Edwards et al., 2016, 1:19:10-17)
  - "Welcome home." (Edwards et al., 1:20:21)

Figure 7
Jyn's Welcome Home



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## Answer the Question

 What is the effect that cognitive dissonance has upon intra- and interpersonal interactions in this film?

It causes moral compromise.

## Limitations and Recommendations

Fiction as Reality

Relationships and Impacts

# **Implications**

Individual words and actions in scope

• Christians' behavior as a living testimony (2 Cor. 5:17, 20)

### Review

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Just as one stone creates ripples across an entire pond, so too do individual actions cause collective effects.

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