



# Relative Hand Strength

- The relative strength of our hand, whether it's a strong value hand, medium strength value hand, drawing hand, or weak hand depends on several different factors:
  - Our Opponents' Perceived Hand Strength
  - Post-Flop Board Texture and Action



# Our Opponents' Perceived Hand Strength

- Our opponents' perceived hand strength is based on the following:
  - Pre-Flop Ranges and Actions
  - Opponent Playing Styles and Tendencies
- Pre-Flop Ranges and Actions
  - **Weak Pre-Flop Actions:** Limping and Calling
  - **Strong Pre-Flop Actions:** Betting, Raising, and Re-Raising
- Opponent Playing Style and Tendencies
  - Nits, Tags, Lags, Loose-Passive, Maniacal, etc.



# Post-Flop Board Texture & Action

- It's important to understand how different pre-flop ranges connect with different board textures.
- Post-flop actions help further refine our opponent's ranges.
  - A flop check/raise on a dry board texture is typically perceived as a sign of strength. A flop check/raise on a wet board texture is perceived as being polarized due to the presence of draws.
- Turn & River Card Run Outs
  - Can drastically change the relative value of a hand.
  - A strong value hand can turn into a very weak holding.
  - A drawing hand can turn into an extremely strong value hand.