

Can a shooter actually influence the dice?

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Like the Crusades or Trump/Anti-Trump discussions, there are two very strongly held beliefs on this. I **think** that some of this comes from the wording of the question, and some comes from the belief that a bit of disruption causes total destruction of initial conditions.

So, let's take the wording first. This is something you have to quickly adjust between first getting excited about "Dice Control" and when you actually start getting into it and understanding what is going on. When you are first introduced to the idea, "Dice Control" is what you hear the most. "Wow! I'm going to learn how to actually CONTROL the dice to make them do what I want!" Like mesmerizing the dice, you will be able to force them to your will.

Then, you actually start learning about it, and you realize that you actually have very little control over them. However, "very little" is not none.

Let's take a baseball player at bat (sorry, I'm American so that's what comes to mind). They player is planning on pounding the ball far off into the stands for a home run. In fact, that's pretty much what every batter is hoping for every time. But what happens? The pitcher throws a curve ball, or the batter is distracted for a fraction of a second, or the wind blows a tiny bit. Or a bird flies in and gets clipped by the ball. That is, there are any NUMBER of things that could (and DO) happen that keep that particular hit from becoming a home run. These are not excuses, merely the everyday influences of the every changing environment in the world around the batter

So we take this to the shooter. As much as they want to make the dice bend to their will, PHYSICS will play a major part in keeping this from happening. However, setting the dice in a particular way and throwing perfectly **WILL** have some effect on their outcome. The ONE thing that the casino has put on the craps table to randomize the shooters throw are the foam diamonds around the sides of the table that the shooter is supposed to hit.

However, note that many shooters do not always hit those. It depends on the strictness of the boxman, but often if the shooter makes the attempt and gets close, they are fine. Too many times, they might get called, but a couple of times they can often slide by. Second, even if the dice do hit the diamonds, there is a chance, low, but a chance, that it will not throw off the dice from the intended influence by that much.

ALL of this taken into account, all the shooter has to do is SLIGHTLY influence the fall of the dice to sway the odds to their side in the long run. Smart betting and slightly changing the odds to your numbers showing up more frequently can make you money. It does not take CONTROL to win you money, only INFLUENCE, and a small amount at that.

Finally, there is the simple proof that there are a fair number of people out there that do this regularly. Are they breaking the bank? NO! That is the point. They are influencing the dice enough to make some money, and walking. If a player shoots 4 times and makes \$500 and walks, the casino won't even notice, but that is a decent payoff for the shooter.

I would venture to say that the vast majority of the deniers (such a common term these days) are those that tried for an afternoon or two to change their RRS number and didn't see any change, so they determined that it was all hogwash used to sell shooting systems. They refuse to understand that it may take months of daily practice several hours a day to master the nuances of the set, the pick-up and the throw. In addition, a batter that comes to the plate KNOWING that they can't hit worth crap is going to strike out each time. The batter that knows he is well skilled and practiced knows that he has a good chance of hitting that home run.