

Dinner with the Parents

A: So how was the dinner at your girlfriend's house last night? Was that your first time meeting her parents?

B: Yes, it was and it didn't go so well actually.

A: Why? What happened? Oh gosh.... **Don't tell me you got into another one of your heated debates** about the new healthcare law. Come on, you know better than that.

B: I know, I know. **I should have kept my views to myself**, but I made an assumption that we were all on the same page about that issue. **I thought we were more likeminded than we actually are.**

A: **I hope you didn't offend them.** I mean, don't you like this girl? It's never going to work out with her if the parents don't like you. **You've got to learn when**

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to draw the line and **if you can't resist clinging to your own views**, then at least change the subject.

B: Well I'm just glad that the **conversation didn't veer toward** some other controversial issue like **sexual harassment** in the workplace. I have some friends who have had some problems with this issue and I wouldn't have been able to resist asserting my point of view.

A: Ughh you'll never learn, will you? Well good luck with that relationship.