Say It Another Way

1. "I hope you didn't offend them."

- a. "I hope you didn't upset them."
- b. "I hope you didn't anger them."

2. "I'm glad the conversation didn't veer toward sexual harassment in the workplace."

a. "I'm glad we didn't start talking about the issue of suggestive comments in the workplace."

3. "You've got to learn when to draw the line."

- a. "You need to know when to stop the conversation."
- b. "It's important to know which topics not to discuss."

4. "I made an assumption that we were all on the same page."

- a. "I assumed that we were all on the same page."
- b. "I thought that we all had the same views."

5. "If you can't resist clinging to your own views...."

- a. "If you have to be adamant about your own point of view."
- b. "If you must insist on your own ideas..."

6. "Don't tell me that you got into another one of your heated debates."

- a. Don't tell me that you got into another intense disagreement."
- b. "I can't believe that you had another one of your arguments."

7. "I should have kept my views to myself."

a. "I shouldn't have shared my perspective."

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b. "I wish that I had not told them what I thought."

- 8. "I thought that we were more like-minded than we actually are."
 - a. "I thought we held the same beliefs but we don't."
 - b. "I realized that our political views are very different."

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