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KEEPING THE PEACE THIS TURKEY DAY

I think we can all agree that Thanksgiving can be a bit of a stressful holiday. If I've learned anything from SNL holiday sketches and daytime television, it's that this time of year will be one filled with political arguments between your liberal aunt and your conservative grandpa. And so, out of the goodness of my heart, I've decided to compile a list of conversation starters for you and your family as you gather round the table this Thanksgiving.

1. Who's everyone's favorite Impractical Joker? Trust me, I know from experience that this can result in a long, arduous debate. Everyone who watches the show has a favorite, and everyone is passionate about why that one is the best. The only downside is that it may be a bit isolating for your weird uncle that lives off the grid, and I don't know if you wanna risk making him mad.
2. Bring up an old grievance from 3 Thanksgivings ago. Remember when your cousin's boyfriend made an off-hand comment about the poor quality of the stuffing? Even if they broke up a while ago, make sure to let all those feelings resurface and watch your mom fly into a murderous rage once again.
3. Invite your dad's high school girlfriend to dinner! When she shows up at the door, I guarantee all political conversation will come to a hard stop. For comedic effect, have a sound effect button on hand to play a record scratch.
4. What are people's thoughts on Shakira's feature role in the critically acclaimed film Zootopia? What does her performance say about society today and, more importantly, what does it say about what society can become? Bonus points: thoughts on the new Disney+ Zootopia spinoff?
5. Not necessarily a conversation starter, but just an idea: start playing Radiohead really loud every time someone says the names "Trump", "Biden", or "Hillary" (doesn't have to be Clinton). It's hard to argue about politics if all you can hear are the sweet sounds of Creep and Fake Plastic Trees! Plus, your incel cousin will LOVE it.
6. Is Steve Harvey charming or creepy? Is it possible for him to be both?
7. Update everyone on the drama in your friend group. Really make the meal all about you. Tell the whole table about how Jessica likes Brad but Brad slept with Amy and Amy thinks that Jessica hates her now, but Amy also sort of likes Joey and Joey has been talking to this Kenyon girl that no one's met. Ask for their opinions! Is Brad the bad guy, or just sexually liberated? Is Joey lying about the Kenyon girl? (He 1000% is.)
8. Would you rather fight a bear or 10 ducks? (The right answer is a bear, because guess what? I didn't specify what kind of bear! It could be Winnie the Pooh! And he's such a gentle lad, so he wouldn't hurt a fly.)

Anyway, hopefully that helped. And if your family doesn't argue about politics on Thanksgiving, then I hope it made you giggle.

- Micah Stromsoe DeLorenzo,
Prompted

HOW TO HOST THANKSGIVING

Fellow students, we are free!!! Get excited about being home, answering questions about what you want to do with your BA, and looking for excuses for why you need to walk the dog again. In order to show thanks, here are some suggestions on how to help with the only important Thursday of the year.

Decorating the Table

Name places: Should be no bigger than a post it. Your table mates do not need placards, they are being told where to sit. First names only. Save nicknames or last names for Game Night. Do not use a helvetica font unless you are submitting loved ones' names for an MLA paper. Scripts are fun! Have fun! Be fun!

Table cloth: Try something homey, a cherished table cloth or something your whole family would appreciate is the desire. For tongue in cheek, try flannel or gimmicky turkeys. For a very sterile experience, white and cream would be perfect. Don't worry, you'll stain them no matter what.

Table Decor: go a natural and pick leaves from a nearby tree. While giving them a wash should not need to be stated, make sure to air dry them. You want them crisp, not burnt. Optional, but recommended— longer stickers used to border a runner. Please trim the sticks down, no one wants a twig on their plate.

Food

Main: Classic turkey. Do not mess with it. Butter, salt, and pepper are minimums, you need to add from there. I will not give any input on brining or marinating, that is for you to decide. I will however say, no deep frying. Do you want to end up on America's Funniest Home Videos after you lose your eyebrows? If you do tofu, please do not try to make it into turkey. Just make good tofu. No adventure. Play it safe. Support your herbivore loved ones. You can't Beat Bobby Flay this time.

Sides: Start with mashed potatoes and build out from there. Cranberry sauce should be a no brainer. Perfect condiment/side. Sour enough to balance out flavor profiles, but also can be a crutch to closeted vegans. Mac and cheese WITHOUT eggs is more than acceptable. Do not be afraid of brussel sprouts. Be afraid of green beans.

Desserts: don't try to follow Martha Stewart. Stella Park is all you need. Her recipes are tried and true in my household, and will be your Thanksgiving savior. Stay classic with pecan, pumpkin, and/or apple pie. Try being fun and flirty with a tarte tatin (sub apples with pears to truly win friendsgiving). And if all else fails, there is nothing a good pumpkin roll cant solve.

- Griffin Conley, Unprompted

KANYE WEST'S TOP 5 MOMENTS THAT FEEL JEWISH

Kanye West has recently made some horrible antisemitic comments towards the Jewish community. As a proud member of the community I couldn't sit by and let this slide... which made me look at this as an opportunity to focus on the **similarities** between Kanye and the Jewish community that could help unify, rather than widen the divide. Beside are **Kanye West's Top 5 Moments that feel Jewish**, based on my own prior knowledge and information given to me in dreams.

1. Making an album dedicated to his mother
2. When he interrupted my bar mitzvah and said that my archnemesis Jacob Rubenstein "had the best torah reading of the year"
3. Having generally poor mental health
4. That time he pressured me to go to Law school
5. Insulting the Jewish community

- Isaiah Meadows, Jewish Community Member



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