

A Barnard Girl's Guide To Not Pissing Your Family Off This Thanksgiving

After nearly a semester of never being more than five to ten blocks away from Barnumbia's liberal bubble, going home for Thanksgiving can be a culture shock for the small percentage of Barnard girls who aren't coastal elites. Luckily, the Fed has written a step-by-step guide on how to not piss your family off this Thanksgiving meal.

First, when choosing an outfit, try and find something that hides the nipple piercings you got done for \$150 at that super cool half-boutique half-organic café in SoHo. Avoid mesh and other flimsy fabrics, like lace, flannel, and chain mail. Think old fashioned vibes, like Miley Cyrus circa 2008. If you still own a bra, wear it.

When arriving at your grandma's/aunt's/cousin's/godmother's house/condo/retirement home, smile broadly and say as little as possible. Allow your family to hug you and ask you how the city has been. Respond to your birth name, because they probably don't remember that you changed your name to Lola.

When your family members inquire as to what you've been up to this semester, keep it simple. No one wants to hear about your radical pro-Israel, anti-fois gras student group. Talk about the dining hall (but not the vegan options) and your theater troupe (but tell them that the only production you've done so far is *Wicked*).

When dinner is served, put both the vegan options (on the off chance that there are some) alongside the non vegan options on your plate. Pretend to eat the vegan options. When no one is looking, feed the murder-food to the dog under the table.

DO NOT, and I repeat, DO NOT try to enter into a discourse on the colonial nature of Thanksgiving as a holiday. Avoid the word "discourse" altogether, just to be safe.

If you follow these steps, your Thanksgiving is sure to be normal and drama-free. Hey, your parents will probably still find a way to complain about you, but if you didn't have mommy/daddy issues, then why would you have chosen Barnard in the first place?

Happy Holidays from your friends at the Fed!