Eight Thanksgiving Conversations You Don't Want to Have

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1. When you hear *this* comment, for the 1,000th time...

*Relative: So...how are things out at “Zoo Mass?”*

*You: ...*

2. When someone asks about your summer plans...

*Aunt: So, you must have an internship lined up by now, right?*

*You: Yeah...sort of.*

3. When nobody gets Western Mass...
4. When someone complains about #Raceto2016 coverage...

You: Did you watch the recent debate?
Uncle: I don’t follow politics anymore, I don’t trust politicians and this country’s gone to hell anyway...

5. When someone asks about how your thesis is going...

Aunt: How’s your thesis coming?
Uncle: How many pages have you written?
Grandpa: Bet you’re almost done, right?
Mom: What are you working on again?

6. When you see you’re forced to sit at the kids’ table...and it’s basically babysitting...

Cousin 1: Are you, like, one-hundred?
Cousin 2: Will you play with us?

7. When you’re grandma is amazed by your height...

Grandma: You’ve grown!
You: No grandma, you’ve just shrunk.
8. When you’re asked if you are staying out of trouble...

*Cousin: So, are you staying out of trouble?

*You: Actually, yeah.*