

[Fast Company: Job Skills to Deal With Your Most Difficult Family Members](#)

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[Jasmijn Bol](#), PricewaterhouseCoopers Professor of Accounting, was interviewed for a story in [Fast Company](#) on job skills that can help guests successfully navigate the fraught environment of family holiday gatherings. Bol offers strategies for dealing with what the author calls “boundary-busters” — family members who persist in “crossing the parameters of polite and respectful conversation to put their nose in your business.”

Take a breath and try to get to a place of understanding rather than anger. The person may just be curious about your life and have a poor way of asking questions or making conversation, says Jasmijn Bol, a professor at Tulane University’s Freeman School of Business who teaches a course on tacit knowledge. “Because depending on what the underlying motives are,

I think your approach would be different,” Bol adds.

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