

# I think I may have screwed up. LTR and family issue. Vets please chime in.

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tldr; long-time clash between SO and my family, and recent confrontation this past weekend. She wants a connection, they want her out of my life (unnecessarily and devoid of reason). I'm torn on how to handle the stress of it, and would appreciate some insight from the experienced brothers on where I fucked up, and how to move forward.

Hi brothers,

Well, I have been having issues between my SO and my family (for context see my post "Culture clash in LTR").

There was a cultural (mine) festival this past weekend in my city, and I wanted to share a part of the evening with my SO, since I'm getting her involved in learning about it as well as my mother tongue. I spent most of the day with my parents, sister, and brother-in-law, so once my parents left and based on the suggestion from my brother-in-law (he's cool with my SO), I asked her to come by (trying to eliminate contact with my parents for time being). She was extremely happy and excited to check it out. What happened next was miserable.

I told my sister she was coming by to hang with us, and gave her the option of all of us hanging out together or we go off and do our own thing and meet up later. She got angry, cold, said a few harsh words, and a mere few moments later my SO came around the corner. I don't think she heard anything, but when she came to greet us it was obvious that there were negative vibes. I'll admit it was quite uncomfortable. My brother-in-law was nice and open as usual, went in to hug my SO and they said hi to each other very normal. My SO was smiling and tried to make eye contact with my sister, but she wouldn't look at her, arms crossed, slightly leaning away. I kept whispering and motioning to my SO to "go in" and hug her anyway and greet her, because I know I wouldn't hear the end of it later. She didn't hear me the first time, but she got it the second time and still froze and didn't go in to greet her. So they didn't properly "greet" each other in the end.

We walked away, and the first thing I did was criticize my SO (possible misstep), and chewed her out for not taking my advice. She said my sister was visibly upset and didn't want to invade her space. I told her it doesn't matter, she should've greeted her and gone in anyway because it may disarm her at least. In the end, I was right (possibly a lose-lose, because my sister was being a bitch anyway), as my sister told me later that night that she didn't like that my SO just stood there smiling. The rest of the night there was tension, and my sister ended up leaving without me and ratted me out which caused another blow-up from my parents. Ridiculous to deal with this at this point in my life, but this is my situation currently. I too left and grabbed an Uber, only after having been with my SO for 1 hour. She sent me an apology when she got home. This was Saturday night.

Sunday my SO was texting me quite a bit. I just want my space to be drama-free for a second, so I ignored her that day. Was polite when I responded to her yesterday (Monday), but kept things short. She called a couple times, and I finally picked up at night. She wanted to talk about things, but I had told her on Saturday I don't want to talk about this situation anymore. That's when she said she needs to get it out of her system, to which I replied "so, you want to make yourself feel better, correct?". Through probing I then found out she spoke to her roommate, one of her co-workers, and her brother about it. I had a clear boundary going way back about sharing personal issues with other people, and how that's not a quality I like.

Long story short, I let her talk to make herself feel better, but there seemed to be a lot of comfort tests. She brought up that I had been critical of her the past couple weeks, and in my pattern of making veiled statements lately like "I want someone who takes care of themselves as much as I do", "I want someone who is willing to learn about my culture", etc etc, she asked if I had been thinking about ended things with her. I said no, but what I said still stands, those are things I want in a partner and she is welcome to do as she pleases though but that may not be for me. She asked if I want to be with her and go through things with her. I said yes. In the end, she said she wants the same and has no doubt in her mind she wants me, wants to learn about my culture only because its important to me and she loves me, and wants to communicate with me when there's a problem (or when I'm stressed) rather than me keeping things to myself and going radio silent, and asked for my guidance on how to move forward in this situation. I told her the way to move forward and is that she will not be around my family for quite some time. Personally, I will also not tell her when I'm "stressed" or "worried" and carry-on the way I always have in that regard. Sounds like a test to lower attraction personally.

I'm pretty sure I fucked up and took a few steps back this past weekend, and possibly with how I handled things in the aftermath. This is quite a stressful situation for me to always hear it from both sides. The SO wants comfort, and can't understand how my family doesn't want a relationship, and then there's my family who insists on me abandoning my SO. Realistically, I'm at a loss with how to navigate and would appreciate the help of some experienced brothers out there. Please also tell me where I fucked up in this situation.

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jb\_trp • 2 points • 1 August, 2017 04:08 PM

I feel like there's a lot more going on here than on the surface. How long have you been in an LTR? Why are you trying to "eliminate contact with your parents for the time being"? Why ignore your LTR for a whole day over a bunch of manufactured drama? There are possibly other issues here that scream of dysfunction.

Here's the TL;DR: You brought your LTR to a festival about your culture. Cool. Your sister was being a bitch and didn't want your LTR there. Not cool. You let your sister manufacture a bunch of fake drama because she stood there with a bitch face and neither your sister or your SO hugged each other. And you let it ruin the whole weekend. *How dumb is that?* There are people with real problems in this world, and if you're going to have to write a long and tedious post about something so petty, you've got a long way to go to have a successful LTR.

In the future, if your family doesn't like the girl you're with, ask them why. Maybe they see things you're ignoring. Just listen to their advice. If your family is drama and unhealthy, maybe take their advice with a grain of salt (i.e. it might not be good advice).

If your LTR has been well-vetted and is a good prospect and has done nothing wrong, and your family is drama and doesn't like her... Don't hang out with your family, because they sound like a pain in the ass.

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AtlasCuckd[S] • 1 point • 1 August, 2017 04:30 PM

The reasons I've heard: 1) we don't "match" in appearance (don't know if that's a race thing, or just appearance/style), 2) my SMV is higher (in a nutshell), 3) she is 3 years older than me (for the record, my mother is also 3 years older than my dad), and the mysterious 4) something doesn't "add up".

My SMV is higher, I agree (based on looks, clothes, income etc). I've vetted her, and we were dating for 4 months before I decided to be exclusive (we're at the 2 year mark now of when we first met). No red flags atm. Low enough N-count (7, confirmed through consistency in stories over time) for her age. Cooks for me. Sex is great and frequent, and matches my drive. Has her own hobbies.

I agree my family is drama, there are many layers of issues between members and things bubble to the surface. This whole thing was petty. I don't want to be a part of this drama, and have personally never started drama/fights or had any issues with their own life choices. It just comes my way in this situation and I'm not sure about how to navigate in these cases.

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jb\_trp • 1 point • 1 August, 2017 04:39 PM

This is good information. Yeah, try to avoid the drama. And the guy's SMV is always going to be higher than the woman's SMV. That's just how it works (women are biologically the "more valuable" sex because they can reproduce, thus always date/marry "up"). That's also why it's important to keep your SMV high.

You've been with this girl for two years and have a (seemingly) successful LTR, but your family doesn't like her? This doesn't add up. Is it just that she's a different race and your family would want you to marry someone from your culture?

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AtlasCuckd[S] • 1 point • 1 August, 2017 04:53 PM

Yes aside from this topic that pops up once every couple months, we get along very well and enjoy each other's company. We make every situation fun.

I don't share my person life with my parents much, because I've gotten burned every time. There was

always drama around me having a girlfriend. They most likely have their own ideas about who i should be with. She ran into my dad once a year ago while I was helping her move. We were both obviously disheveled and I guess that was not a good first impression looks wise and caught him off guard. A month later she came by the hospital to support me when my dad had an emergency surgery, and again not greeted very well by my family (my dad didn't see her he was passed out). She also came by their place to make food for my mom while my dad was in the hospital, which was probably a big cultural faux-pas. Nothing that I would call glaringly offensive, since all she's done is try to "be there" for me.

Both of my sisters married outside of our race. Both BILs are same race, drastically different from ours (take a guess which one gets shitted on most by a daughters parents). I'm the youngest and the SON at that. I'm sure they're betting a lot on me

0kool74 • 1 point • 1 August, 2017 07:00 PM

Geeves.....pass the trash can my good man. I wish to vomit!

VasiliyZaitzev • 1 point • 1 August, 2017 07:34 PM

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Definite misstep. Or just not fair. The problem is not that you SO didn't hug your sister, the problem is that your family insists on exerting unwarranted negative influence on your relationship.

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She sounds entirely reasonable.

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You need to decide if YOU are in charge of your life or your family is. I have a long standing rule - like 30+ years - that if anyone in my family doesn't like *anything* (or anyone) that I'm doing they can STFU and fuck off to Pluto.<sup>1</sup>

If anyone in my family offers unsolicited, unwelcome and unhelpful advice, they get "Ok", "I have to do what's right for me" and, ultimately, "Hey, why don't you start a fight?"<sup>2</sup> - this last one is well known as my last warning before I crush them, utterly, so they learned to respect that boundary. As I'm in my 40s, none of this has been an issue for a number of years - I started living on my own from 18.

So basically, you need to decide who is the boss of you - you, or your family who (as you say) is acting negatively in an unjustifiable way.

<sup>1</sup> The only exception to this is if I'm doing heroin and they tell me not to do heroin out of genuine concern for my welfare. This just in: I don't do heroin.

<sup>2</sup> Sometimes phrased as "Hey, I have an idea...why don't you try NOT being a dick?"

AtlasCuckd[S] • 1 point • 1 August, 2017 09:22 PM

Thanks for your insight Vasiliy.

Normally I hear from the SO everyday. I keep my own texting to a minimum, but she has a habit of sending good morning texts and updating me on her day. Nothing today.

She's upset I'm sure. What is the best way to move forward from this and recover frame and make the SO comfortable and trusting?