

## **STANDARD RESPONSES TO BE PREPARED TO USE WHEN SOMEONE CLAIMS TO BE OFFENDED BY WHAT YOU SAID**

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Here are the 9 responses to someone who says "I'm offended by what you just said", or "that's offensive".

In no particular order.

Different responses for different environments!

And when you respond with a question below, don't say anything further!!

Let the 'offendee' attempt to wriggle out of the situation!

1. And?
2. That's interesting; how do you mean?
3. Life must be very hard for you
4. I'm offended that you say you're offended. So, we're both offended now. What do you suggest?
5. Your 'offence' is of no concern to me.
6. I don't give a shit.
7. What do you precisely mean by 'offended'?
8. Your offence is created entirely in your mind. How did you do that?
9. I don't believe you: prove it.

And lastly: NEVER apologise to someone who claims to be offended.

That's a very bad strategy indeed.