10 Ways to Give an Invalidating Apology



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10 Ways to Give an Invalidating Apology Include:

- 1. "I'm sorry IF..."
- 2. "I'm sorry BUT..."
- 3. "You were wrong too."
- 4. "Why didn't you tell me sooner?"
- 5. "I'm sorry for (names vague and confusing issue such as 'for not being the person you want me to be' or 'for not being kind in that moment')."
- 6. "It is what it is."/"I'm going to 'do me."
- 7. Making excuses for one's behavior using religion, mental health, or a substance
- 8. "I think these are based on your issues or past experiences."
- 9. Fine, from now on I won't do (fill in the blank with common activity such as call/text/talk to you) so I won't offend you."
- 10. An apology without changed behavior.

You can tell a lot about someone by how that person apologizes.