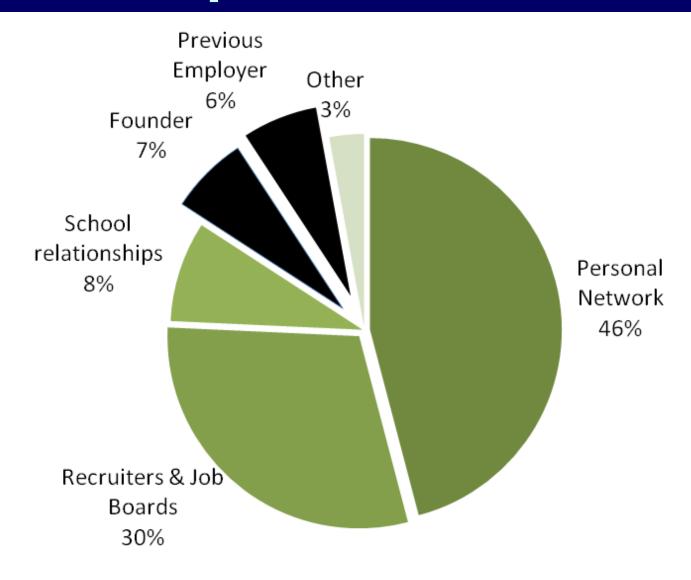
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# Networking During the Holidays

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## **How People Find Jobs Today**



I know a lot of people at an event I'm going to Thursday; but few know I am in the hunt for a job. How much of an "announcement" should I make of it?

I have been out of work for six months and fear friends and colleagues have grown weary of hearing from me when I bring up my job search. What can I do to ease their minds and my own?

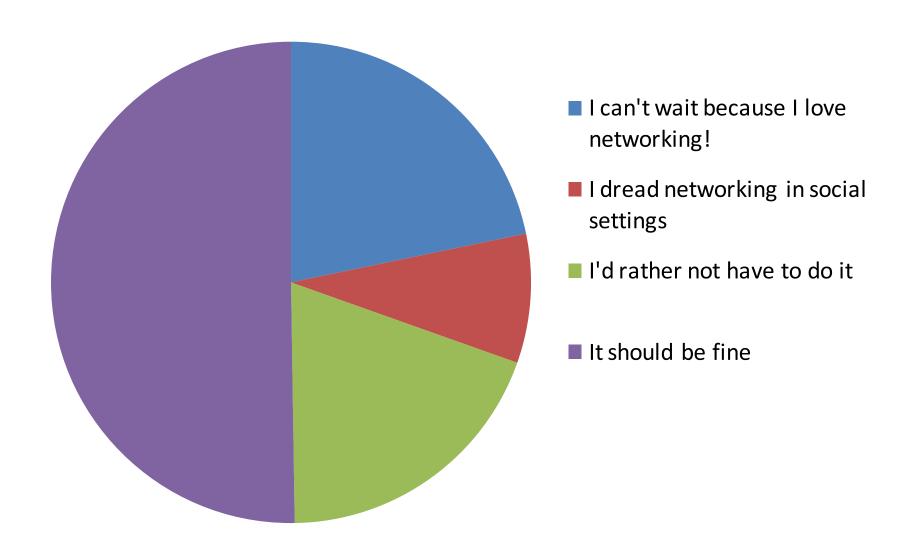
What's the best way to network at Christmas parties where you don't know anyone and you don't want to scare anyone off?

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# **Looking Forward to Networking?**



## Agenda

- 1. Holiday myths
- 2. Marketing Circle
- 3. Networking definition
- 4. At a party...
- 5. With family...
- 6. Conclusion

## Myths about the holidays...

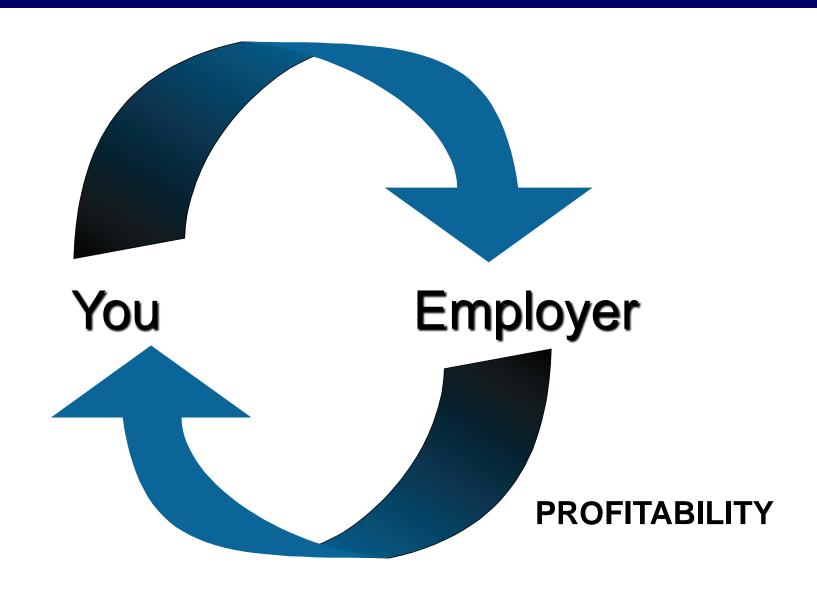
- No hiring
- No time for others to talk
- Nothing that you can be doing
  - not only work-related, but charitable
- Family and friends are already tapped out
- Low profile

Be a contrarian.

## **Marketing Circle**



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## **Networking**

A barter system based on exchanging mutually valuable information

## At a Party

1. Non verbals

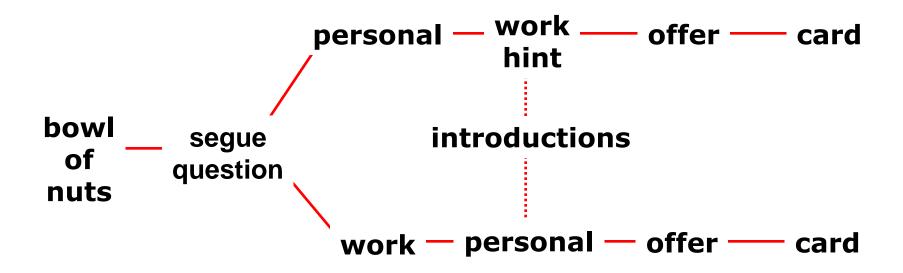
- 2. New people are important
- 3. Dance

4. Offer

5. Keep control



## **Cocktail Party Prowess**



## Plan Ahead

How are you going to answer:

"What type of work do you do?"



## Poll

Which is the best answer to the question: "What type of work do you do?"

- a. I'm out of work, whaddya got?
- b. I'm an analyst at a private equity firm
- c. I'm a master of big shorts
- d. None of the above

## **Examples**

Speak in "outcomes" and "gut."

- I do the research that lets your investments grow
- I invest in start-ups that will hopefully get America back on track
- I put groups together that rescue struggling companies

#### **Have Some Icebreakers**

- "What do you think about...?"
- "How are you responding to..."
- "I'm doing some interesting work around X these days. Are you doing something in this area, too?"
- "Did you see that...?"

## At home...

What About the Family?

They often know the least about us.

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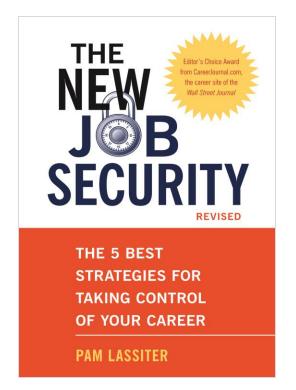
## Planting code words

Make their "action step" simple.

# Put Networking in Perspective

### The 5 Strategies

- 1. Send Clear Signals
- 2. Market for Mutual Benefit
- 3. Stop Looking for Jobs
- 4. Build Sustainable Networks
- 5. Negotiate in Round Rooms



# Giving is part of the season...

and part of career management

How do you know if you're bothering the person you want to network with?

# Once networked/connected, how to keep it moving?

How do you follow up without turning people off by sounding too desperate or direct?

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#### **Questions or comments?**

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