Thought Questions:

Situation: 1
Your mother is old and sick and can no longer live on her own. What do you do?

Situation: 2
Your sister calls asking for money again, you know she is not very good with money and will probably call again later. What do you do?

Situation: 3
Your brother-in-law calls asking you to help him get a job at the company you work for. You know he is not qualified for the job. What do you do?

Situation: 4
Your parents want you to spend New Year’s with them but you would rather hang out with your friends. What do you do?

Situation: 5
Your parents do not approve of your boyfriend/girlfriend. What do you do?

Situation: 6
You want to be an awesome amazing teacher but your parents are trying to force you to be a doctor. What do you do?

Situation: 7
You take $20 from your mom’s wallet and she asks you about it later. What do you do?
Situation: 8
Your parents want to send you to a school in a different country even though you would rather stay at your school with your friends. What do you do?

Situation: 9
An uncle has been staying with you and still refuses to get a job or look for a different place, what do you do?

Situation: 10
You’re getting married, what role do your parents and siblings have in the planning and the ceremony itself?

Situation: 11
A beloved aunt dies in another state but you don’t have too much money and a flight there and back would give you barely enough to survive the rest of the month, what do you do?

Situation: 12
Your brother has a problem with drinking. How do you handle it?

Critical Thinking Questions:
1. Would it be more difficult to talk to your friends or family about the situations described above? Explain.

2. Why is it difficult to confront members of your family?

3. What function does your own family have in your socialization?