

Do you have an axe to grind?

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“Axe” (hacha) you may know. Here the focus is on idioms (modismos) that use “axe”.

Consider these:

- Some people have been given the axe. To “give the axe” to someone is to sack him (el despedido). A project can also be axed, that is, it is cancelled. A budget can also be axed (recortado).
- “I have no axe to grind” (no tengo ningún interés personal). This means that I have no particular view or interest in a project or situation.
- On the other hand, a person can have an axe to grind (tener un interés creado).