



hen Tarek El Moussa and Christina Anstead announced they were separating in 2016, fans feared their home reno show Flip or Flop would get the ax. Instead, the pair decided to keep going and, much to producers' surprise, the show's popularity only grew. "Ironically, ratings soared after their split," says an insider. "At first, HGTV worried that bad press regarding the divorce would turn viewers off, but they soon realized

audiences were tuning in just to see how they worked together." According to the insider, there was constant tension while filming season 7, their first post-divorce, "Sometimes one of them would say something that appeared to rub the other the wrong way and they'd have to step back and take a break from each other," spills the insider, adding that the pair "didn't even speak unless it was about business or their kids." While the exes each pursued their own solo projects (Christina on the Coast premiered in May, while Tarek's Flipping 101 will hit

screens next year), it quickly became obvious that Flip or Flop was the real moneymaker - so even after an awkward seventh season, they agreed to do an eighth, which premiered on Aug. 1. And now that Christina is remarried and pregnant, the vibe on set has turned even more hostile. "We do our best to be as professional as possible, but every now and then we have to jab at each other. Some [instances] are more serious than others," Tarek confessed, "but we'll still work together to support our kids."