

SEE IT: Fox News' Jesse Watters facing backlash after he stereotypes potential presidential voters in Chinatown

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Asian-American groups expressed outrage Wednesday after Fox News Channel aired a racist segment in which the network sent a notorious correspondent into New York's Chinatown to ask residents ridiculous questions about Asian culture and for their opinions on Donald Trump.

The segment, produced by Jesse Watters, a correspondent for "The O'Reilly Factor," is chock full of racist stereotypes and terrible attempts at racist humor.

"Am I supposed to bow to say hello?" Waters asks two women on the street in the four-minute spot's opening seconds.



Jesse Watters is shown swinging nunchuks during his "Watters World" segment. He asked people in Chinatown about the presidential election and Chinese-U.S. relations.

(Fox News/Youtube)

"I like these watches. Are they hot?" he asks a vendor at another moment

"Do you know karate?" he asks another man in the segment, which is interspersed with movie vignettes and clips from the song "Kung fu fighting" by Carl Douglas.

"Is it the Year of the Dragon?" Watters asks at another point to a man who doesn't respond.

At the end of the irritating segment, Watters insists that his gag "was all in good fun."



Jesse Watters practices karate in his Chinatown segment.

(Fox News/Youtube)

Bill O'Reilly added that he, too, felt it was "gentle fun."

Asian-Americans disagreed.

(Richard Drew/AP)

"It's 2016. We should be far beyond tired, racist stereotypes and targeting an ethnic group for humiliation and objectification on the basis of their race. Sadly, Fox News proves it has a long way to go in reporting on communities of color in a respectful and fair manner," the Asian-American Journalists Association said in a scathing statement.

"Fox missed a real opportunity to investigate the Asian American vote, a topic not often covered in mainstream news, the group added. "We deserve far better treatment and coverage than we've been given by this Fox News report.

New York City Councilwoman Maragaret Chin also blasted the network.

"Bill O'Reilly sent his correspondent into our neighborhood without knowing or acknowledging the culture, the language or even the difference between Japanese Americans and Chinese Americans," Chin, whose Council district includes much of Chinatown, said in a statement. Chin called the segment "emblematic of the persistent racism that still exists against Chinese Americans" and "a legacy of hate that has been given new life and a national platform by the candidacy of Donald Trump and his allies at Fox News."

The backlash continued on social media.

Actor Patton Oswalt retweeted a message that said, "How much trolling, anti-Asian racism can you pack into one news segment? More than I ever thought possible."

In a subsequent tweet Oswald wrote, "Jesse Waters: 'I wanna be on TV. I don't care why. Or for what. I don't have talent but I want to be on TV. Lemme be on TV.'"

Fox News did not respond to requests for comment about the segment, but Watters did take to Twitter to address the responses to his controversial segment.

"As a political humorist, the Chinatown segment was intended to be a light piece, as all Watters World segments are," [Watters tweeted](#). "My man-on-the-street interviews are meant to be taken as tongue-in-cheek and I regret if anyone found offense."