

News Anchors Flip Out Over Obama's Chipotle 'Faux Pas'

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Yesterday, President **Barack Obama** visited a DC-area location of **Chipotle** for lunch, and today, he's being called out for "**violating**" something while there: the **protective sneeze guard** that separates customers from the food. As ABC News (and various other news outlets) point out, POTUS's index finger comes "**within inches of the lunch items,**" which has led to a social media backlash now dubbed **SneezeGate**. CNN calls it a "fast food flub," while local anchors for FOX News are calling it a "Presidential overreach."

As **Matt Lauer** of the Today show says, “He’s completely over the sneeze guard... apparently the President has very particular requirements when it comes to burrito bowl toppings.” Co-anchor **Savannah Guthrie** points out the potential health risk by helpfully adding: “He probably shakes a lot of hands.” Go, watch:

Video: President Obama’s Chipotle Faux Pas

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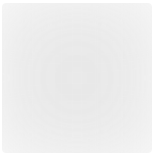
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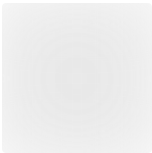


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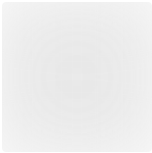


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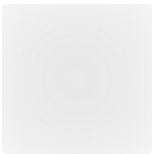
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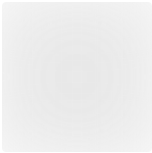


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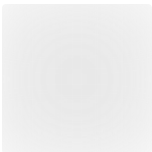
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