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THURSDAY NIGHT UPDATE: Scroll to end of story to see Mayorga response to his homophobic Tweets. Follow Woods on Twitter @Woodsy1069 (http://bit.ly/goiHb2).

Ricardo Mayorga is maybe the best trash talker in the boxing business, if you don't dismiss him from contention because he frequently engages in crude talk bordering on the utterly vulgar.

In the last couple days, Mayorga has gone from pushing the envelope to going way over the line as he's been baiting MMAer BJ Penn on Twitter, taunting the Hawaiian master in what looks like

an attempt to lure the UFC fighter into a boxing match.

The 37 year-old Mayorga (29-8-1), last seen in a boxing ring on March 12 losing a reasonably close decision to Miguel Cotto, got cooking on May 21. He promised that he'd knock out young gun Canelo Alvarez if and when they scrap in September, then taunted Floyd Mayweather for posting pics of himself on various social networking sites.

"You loves guys and beat up women," he wrote to Mayweather, and tens of thousands of strangers.

He then moved on to ribbing Din Thomas, an MMA fighter who was slated to fight Mayorga last year before the tussle was scrapped because Mayorga's promoter Don King got an injunction to stop the clash. Mayorga then promised he'd slaughter a chicken named "Pavlik" but not before he'd make it drink a beer, playing on Pavlik's battles with the bottle. He next aimed his mud at MMAer Nick Diaz, who has been flirting with a fight with boxer Jeff Lacy, before getting into more questionable territory.

Mayorga said ""MMA is for maricons," maricon being a nasty Spanish term for a gay person.

Mayorga mixed in the occasional bon mot, lauding Bernard Hopkins as a "true legend." It seems like Mayorga is more inclined to compliment you if you are far out of his weight class...

On May 22, he stepped up the snarly. He called White a "bald puto," termed James Toney a "fat hippo," and slammed MMA as a sport created by homosexuals. "Boxeo is for real men," he wrote.

I confess, Mayorga sometimes makes me giggle. But the anti-gay stuff, dismissing MMA as a sport for "maricons," that material isn't kosher. He may be posturing, he may be clowning, it may just be hype...but it's hurtful to the people who train in the sport and more so, to gay people.

Listen, I don't wear a "Political Correctness" badge. Kobe Bryant was recently fined for using a nasty slur, and to an extent, I defended him, because to me, I examine your intent. If someone is using a term out of habit, out of ignorance, I'm prone to cut them some slack, frankly. But I suggest maybe Mayorga should examine his motives, and his speech patterns, and his mindset. I'm pretty damned sure there are one or two gay mixed martial artists who could crank and yank the boxer into a pretzel, and snap his arm in two if they tussled, by the way.

Please, anyone who follows me on Facebook, for instance, knows my language can get salty, and I'm not afraid to ream, for example, hypocritical politicians who stand up for the top 1%, the richest of the rich, their "base" while the rest of the have nots wallow in an economic quagmire. These are the wretches we in the media should be roasting. We get in a tizzy over incidences like the Kobe situation, and more recently fellow hoopster Joakim Noah for calling a fan a f****t, while allowing politicians in a position to influence rules and regulations, and religious leaders, in a position to influence their followers to be respectful of non heteros, free reign to spread their bias and hate-speech.

There are times when, yes, I think we could all take a step back, get some perspective, and stop being so darned sensitive. I'm Irish, and don't take offense at "Irish are alkies" cracks. But some cultures, some segments of the populace I think deserve an extra level of sensitivity. With some chuckleheads in positions of power demeaning gays by maintaining that they "choose" their "deviant" lifestyle which the schmucks argue will land them a spot in Hell, I think it is incumbent on the rest of us to combat that idiocy, and do what we can to change attitudes.

To his credit, BJ Penn didn't get into the gutter with Mayorga, even after Mayorga wrote on May 25, "I challenge you like a man. we fight mma gloves, knees, kicks, elbows - no rolling on ground like mmaricons- you have cojones?"

Penn cooly answered on May 23: "Your wasting your time looking for a payday with me...we will see who the real fighter is when I see you!!"

White, gearing up for Saturday's UFC 130 at the MGM in Las Vegas, didn't take the bait, save for a quick blast dismissing the boxer as a "punching bag."

TSS asked White if it's possible we'd see Penn, who is by the way a solid boxer, with a smooth, steady jab, and excellent balance and footwork, which could translate well into the ring from the cage, fight Mayorga in a boxing ring. White's response?

"No! Mayorga is looking for a payday."

White agreed with TSS that Mayorga is doing himself no favors showing bias against homosexuals on Twitter.

"Yes, he is a Hispanic macho man," White said, and that brings up a good point. Mayorga grew up in some serious slums in Nicaragua. He and five siblings lived with his mom and dad, who beat Ricardo with a belt often, in a one-room residence, with a dirt floor.

His attitude, his hardness, doesn't come from nowhere. There's a reason for it. But that doesn't mean he can't learn, understand that his trash talk can go over the edge, from amusing antics to something darker. I'm not expecting a kinder, gentler Mayorga in the future. But I'd love to see him back off on the "maricon" talk; he can be edgy, and amusing, without going there.

UPDATE: On Thursday night, Mayorga addressed this issue. "A lot of people have called Ricardo and said his comments have hurt the gay community in the MMA world. Ricardo apologizes for any pain caused-insists all the talk was done for promoting both sports, not his intention to hurt the gay community."

It is unclear who handles his account, and sent out this message. But nevertheless, I'm happy that some good has come of this whole kerfuffle.

WOODS ON TWITTER. http://twitter.com/#!/Woodsy1069 Please don't follow me if you think it's OK to be biased against gay people, or use the Bible as a shield for your hate. Thanks.

Comment on this article

Radam G says:

Mayorga is so very nutty. He cannot beat top-level boxers, so calls out somebody who couldn't box his way out of a paperbag to box him. Way to go, Mayorga! NYET! Just retire, and become a talking head for Spanish speakers. Holla!

Radam G says:

Wow! I guess self-denial and down lowing won't ever go away. Somebodee oughta holla at the movie on Emile Giffrin [Name probably misspelled.] As far as I know he is the only gay guy in boxing to publicly come out. Mayorga is no doubt clowning. He's in the game, so he knows what time it is. Da dumb sucka is just overtyping and super overhyping. On any given day, a gay guy in the super kiss-arse and kick-arse sport of pugilism can stick the Matador in da you-know where, and one in the New Jack and Jackie sport of MMA/UFC can certainly tie his arse up in knots and make him tap out like muthashutdafudgeupbytch!

For the record, yall need to get your traveling on. [Being mudholed on the mainland of the USA is becoming bunk. Yall oughta know da wirlllddd's funk. Maybe not if you have a behavior and tude that is like a munk.] There is a "gay section" in Mayorga's homeland that da Matador is known to hang out and get his freak on. [It is one of his culture's macho rituals. Somebody out there in cyberspace help me and holla da verdi.] And I'm sure that some sharp-eyed boxing scribe can certainly, easily ditto yours truly. There is a lot of deep, "dark" secrets in the game of boxing. [I just hope that Mayorga doesn't read this, and see that I'm telling his business. He may call me out. And I may just secretly accept his invitation and whup his arse without hiding in plain sight. Nyet! Hehehehehe! Just a passing, teasing thought.] The world is a surprising place that is full of secrets and hypocrisy. Danggit! I just keep on bursting bubbles. Well, yall know what time it is. It is time for CHANCE! -- I mean CHANGE! Holla!

SALT_LOVER25 says:

Woods,

do you have a gay family member, or loved one? Or had any?

FighterforJC says:

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Radam now you're making up stuff. I suggest reading through Romans chapter 1 (among other places where the Bible tells us what it REALLY thinks of the matter) before making up stuff to coincide with your rhymes.

Radam G says:

I know that was coming. Intolerance will not accept reality or the truth. It is HARDCORE CLEAR what the BIBLE says in Matthew 19:10-12. And the TOP religious leaders of the WHOLE ONE WORLD accept that many wrongs were preach to illiterate people back in the days. And the race, sexual gender and left-handed hatefulness is not something that GOD HAS ever Accepted. Matter of fact, it is clear in all of His Books that He Told all the knuckleheads, faders, fakers and numskulls to accept His all Rainbow of humanity and creation. [You even have numskulls who hate black cats and black dogs. Some fools even hate the black of night and the blackness in Irish GOAT Muhammad Ali and Irish-Hawaiian Prez O. Hehehehehe! Both of these dudes are from the same Irish tribe as the late, Prez Ronny Reagan, Prez John F. Kennedy, boxers John L. Suillivan, the first gloved-heavyweight champion, contender Gerry Cooney and

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You my friend, are the one doing all the twisting.

Radam G says:

It is not hard to DO! All of the intolerant folk can and will never explain Matthew 19:10-12. Ninety-five percent of the ALL WORLD's powers that be in every single MAJOR religion of the world no longer accept that GOD didn't make gays, and that gay-ism is some type of abomination. JESUS, Himself CLEARLY Spoke on that in Matthew 19:10-12. There is no pugilistic trickery or hurt bitnezz optical illusion in those words, no matter how a person want to twist it. You can read the same jive in the Latin language version, the Amharic one -- Jesus's First Language, the Hebrew one, the Greek one, the Arabic one, the Chinese one and a lot of more ones in somebodee and dey momma's language.

Word experts, forensics and dey mommas know what the ancient word "Eunuch" means in

nowaday's term. Don't get this word twisted up with the Roman's sodomites. Sodomitism is an action, not a gender. [So-labeled straignt sex people do fouled-up types of sexual action all the time.] So many people get so many words mixed up, lumped-up and then just try to rationalize. Copulation is an action of sex, not a gender of one. A "Eunuch" is CLEARLY an ancient "gay." Sodomization is a foul action that this Universe won't allow discussion of. NYET XXX-rated turkey jive here.

Intolerance and the arch-sickness that it produces is just a severe blindness and slowness jailing the minds of the fringed educated and marginalized, angry masses who need a scapegoat to pick on to get a temp escape from their hardship reality of making a living in a very workless-hiring economy. This is why gay money-RICH-from-their-followers preachers always shock them when the preachers are caught backsliding and gettin' on their freaky-deaky. For those who are not in the know, latest gay preacher to settle is Eddie Long. I guess he "luv ya' long time." Hehehehehe! Danggit! Slow is change.

I'm reminded of how my Uncle Mamoy tell me that bigoted, intolerant jokers were calling first black heavyweight king, Jack Johnson an abomination for being black -- heavily hued black -- gettin' his luv on with white women, while the whole time these jerks were giving it up to their black male lovers with da big cojones. Hehehehehe! Hypocrites never fail to amaze, daze and hide behind a lot of jive haze. I'm finished! This IS IT for me on this balderdash of gays not being aight! Holla!

Radam G says:

And NUTCASES still hate my left handedness major use, and tell me that it is an abomination. Holla!

amayseng says:

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the Roast says:

Looks like we have driven off the road again!

brownsugar says:

When Mayorga said that Cotto's pants hung too low on his hips like a woman,..I thought I'd never stop laughing. Mayorga's insults are the ultimate universal expression of unmanliness. The course and inconsiderate connotation of his comments are the international epitome of "fighting words". Unfortunately at the expense of gay and effemminent men everywhere. Even being a former wrestler myself I don't find it personally offensive but I can respect the feelings of those who are offended and feel sympathy for their pain.. But this is how Mayorga was raised.. it's how the majority of the world thinks. ... for untold millennia homosexuality has been considered the utmost abomination in mankind...21st century political correctness won't shatter years of ingrained animosity toward the concept of the gay lifestyle overnight. Innate anti-gay instincts is inherent in heterosexuals..I mean show me one heterosexual who doesn't gag at the thought of homosexual sex or prays hoping that their own children don't grow up to be gay.. Still I believe that some people honestly can't help that they are " that way" ..so the gay segment of society as well as their friends and family are deserving of the same tolerance and acceptance and respect as their non- gay counterparts. It's not like 99.99% of all living people don't know of at least one gay person in their own family. Still, don't expect folks with mindset of Mayorga to change their "benny-boy" mentality overnight.

Condor says:

I think Radam makes a powerful, persuasive argument, and we shouldn't malign him for being a homosexual southpaw. It's all good here at TSS. You see, in the past, "Joey" might take offense to Radam's revelation, but no longer. Acceptance is the buzzword.

the Roast says:

What the hell is going on here?!?

Radam G says:

Nobodeee and dey mommas really expect for me to respond to bird-brained bigot. So I won't! We all know that da sicko wishes that he could clone. But those days are gone. Da f___ on da down low is all alone. We all know that by the sound of his _____ tone! Holla!

admin says:

Why do you ask?

[QUOTE=SALT_LOVER25;6724]Woods,

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admin says:

And you are tolerant of such talk which helps foster a culture where a large part of society is mistreated? That's cool with you? Not with me....[QUOTE=FighterforJC;6725]I get it, Woods. You are intolerant of intolerant people.[/QUOTE]

admin says:

Thx Radam. I will damn right come down hard against intolerance. I will call it out. And anyone that thinks that is IRONIC, well, I think they need to re-examine their philosophy of life.
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admin says:

All due respect...A guy like you, encouraging hatred towards people who were born a certain way, quoting the Bible is LAUGHABLE. Jesus wouldn't want you as part of his crew!
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SALT_LOVER25 says:

Just asking.

I mean, it's obvious how this topic, that doesn't have NOTHING to do with boxing, always gets to you off track.

And since you're always bring this up, why don't you tell us who in your family is gay?

the Roast says:

(in Richard Steele voice) All right Salt, I'm gonna take a point away, One point for below the belt, one point, one point. Now lets keep 'em up!

SALT_LOVER25 says:

@Steele [Roast]

"That was under the belt??????????!

C'mon!! That was right in the body!"

Hehehehehehehehehehe!! Pretty good way to keep things under the topic we should be in, BOXING. Not religion, nor civil rights or anything like that, Roast.

Pretty nice!

Radam G says:

Da Righteous Roast is right on track. All the above is BOXING. The game is call the "Sweet Science" for a reason. It has just above every single SCIENCE in it -- including "religion, civil

rights [and] anything like that." Every ethnic group used boxing to bring civil rights to it group. Boxing was mainly the only event that the intolerant powers that be would let it get into. Somebody oughta learn history and quit being p*ss-ery. It ain't hard to grow up. Peter Pan is a MYTH. Everybody must grow or he will never correctly with honesty flow. Holla!