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JACL denounces Ann Coulter for anti-Semitic comments

The Japanese American Citizens League is disappointed and outraged at Ann Coulter's anti-Semitic remarks in an Oct. 8 appearance on CNBC's "The Big Idea" with Donny Deutsch, in which she claims that Christians "want Jews to be perfected, as they say. [...] That's just what Christianity is."

As the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, the JACL is committed to ending discrimination and hate speech not only with the Asian American community but within society at large.

"Coulter's remarks on CNBC exhibit a profound ignorance of Judaism and the Jewish people," said Floyd Mori, national director of the JACL. "She misspeaks on behalf of Christians everywhere who do not share her warped belief that Jews need to be converted to Christianity in order to be 'perfected.'"

Such offensive comments only contribute to the perpetuation of hate and anti-Semitism, and while Coulter is entitled to an opinion, her attempt to impose her personal views on an entire religious community is absurd. She does not speak for Christians or any other group, and to do so on national television is an attempt to unravel years of Jews and Christians working together toward a more tolerant society.

Coulter has displayed a pattern of bigoted behavior, having previously attacked U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta in a 2002 comment in which she claims he is "burning with hatred for America." Mineta is a noted Japanese American patriot who was subjected to the internment camps during WWII yet later continued to serve his country in the military and in office.

The JACL does not condone such behavior, and hopes that Coulter will realize the offensive nature of her remarks and refrain from continuing such intolerant and hateful speech.

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The Japanese American Citizens League, the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization founded in 1929, is focused on protecting the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and is committed to protecting the rights of all segments of the Asian Pacific American community.