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## Martial Arts Debate

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**Chinese martial arts in the Olypics**[COLLAPSE](#)Reasons for Yes:

- 1.) Korea and Japan have already competed in the Olypics with martial arts, China should also be able to do the same.
- 2.) This could help change the way the world sees China .
- 3.) This would be a nice change from all the other western sports.

Reasons for No:

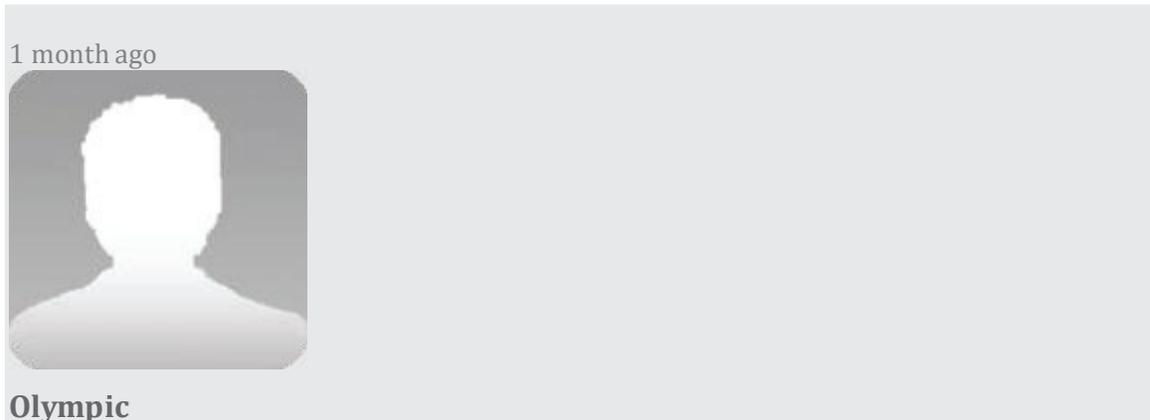
- 1.) It might not be fully excepted by western viewers because they do not know the historical background.
- 2.) Wushu has many different styles and forms, it would be hard to choose.
- 3.) It is hard for the judges to judge the cultivation of qi in the athletes. It is not something visible to the human eyes.

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**Martial Arts Debate**[COLLAPSE](#)

**For:** Martial arts should be in the Olympic games for two reasons. The first is that there are combat sports from the two other east Asian countries so not having martial arts is discriminatory towards the Chinese. The second reason is because there are already organized martial arts competitions in China, so the claim that it is too hard to standardize is null.

**Against:** The Olympics should not be in the Olympics because the sport is not popular enough. Unlike the other major martial arts that are practiced throughout the world, martial arts is specific to China. There would not be enough competitors to make it viable on an international stage.



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**For**

1. Good for human to know about Chinese culture.
2. marti arts can benefit human's body.
3. It's Not fair to eliminate only Martial arts from Olympic.

**against**

1. Its enough for Olympic to get that kind of sports.
2. Not actual sports.

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For: 1. It has the Olympic spirit. 2. It can promote Chinese culture. Against: 1. Other countries don't know about the martial arts. 2. There is some unfairness to other countries.

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**Wushu**

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1. I think wushu should be added as an Olympic sport because wushu has very long history. It is very big part of Chinese culture. Also, wushu has ornamental value when it is become an Olympic sport. People will love to watch this game.

2. I think wushu should not be added as an Olympic sport because it is very hard to create rules for wushu. It is difficult judge winner, except you KO your opponent. Also, many wushu masters only teach their children. It is hard to learn for other country people.

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They can show Chinese cultures.

Can be the non-western sports which is played in olympics.

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difficult to judge

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**Debate: Should Wushu be Included in the Olympics?**

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Reasons for Yes:

- 1.) It would increase the influence of China on the stage of global nationalism and sports.
- 2.) It would provide an alternative to the typically Western-dominated Olympic games.
- 3.) China is larger than Korea and Japan, and yet both a Korean and Japanese sport have been included in the Olympics, but not a Chinese sport.

Reasons for No:

- 1.) The continued internationalization of wushu could lead to the loss of its proudly held Chinese character.
- 2.) Wushu is said to require years of qi cultivation, which is argued to be unable to be scored by judges at the Olympics.
- 3.) The international version of wushu is beginning to resemble gymnastics and many westerners cannot see it as its own Olympic sport.

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## Martial Arts in the Olympics

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### Arguments For:

As a sport that has spread so widely across the world, martial arts is truly a commonality that can potentially further assist in bringing countries together at the Olympic games. The strength and dexterity required for the many styles of martial arts are well suited to Olympic field, and would draw viewers from any country. This would also bring a cultural link from China into the Olympics, a sporting event that is typically dominated by traditionally Western sports and challenges. Increasing the cultural diversity of the Olympic games would be better suited to the nature of the games today as a truly international and multicultural competition.

### Arguments Against:

If martial arts is added to the Olympic roster, the sheer number of potential competitors would be astounding and nearly unmanageable. Martial arts has branched off into so many different subsets of styles- Wushu, Taekwondo, Akido, Karate, Wing Chun, Judo, etc., etc.- that a new Olympic committee could be formed around just this singular category of events. Just as well, there are no set, agreed upon rules for any singular style of martial arts. Rules for each potential style of martial arts would have to be submitted to the committee, be approved by said committee, and then the task of finding and recruiting, or perhaps training competent coaches to judge these events would have to be undertaken. Every angle of this potential addition would be a highly difficult and time consuming task, even for just a few styles of martial arts, let alone every one of them.

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### Should Wushu be added as an Olympic Sport

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For:

I think that since most nations have their respective sports in the Olympics, China should have martial arts in there as well. I think that sports can bring nations together, and it would be good for everyone involved. It seems that everyone has their own spin on Olympic games, so I feel that they should implement their games to it to be their for their country and loyal to the country of China. Sports have a way of showing the state of the country. "A country is like a body" according to Yan Fu. I think learning Qi would be like diving deep into their culture which is good for everyone to know, once again bringing together peoples when you have seen what others have seen.

Against:

Learning Qi would be hard to do for everyone as it takes a lot of time and its hard to judge how well someone did based off their energy. Popularity was lacking and the committee of the Olympics would want to display something that would get a lot of views and bring in more money so If they got the idea that karate from Japan would be better, then thats why they would choose it instead.

### Wushu and Olympic

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The condition of a sport to be included in the Olympic must have a recognized international status concerning attendance and geographical scope. When we consider the project development of the Olympic, the balance between male and female projects should be considered, but wushu may still lack this condition. Wushu is not a pure competitive

sport, Chinese martial arts include a variety cultures in the fight techniques. It is tough to teach others to learn wushu in a short time.

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The Olympic Games did not have a sport which has a strong cultural background about China.  
Practicing wushu not only can improve their physical fitness but also can learn martial arts.

### **Martial Arts and the Olympics Debate**

What do you learn about China's first Olympic experience from the film? What did the Olympic Games mean to China in 1932 (setting of the film)? Did the Olympics carry the same historical meanings in your country?

That the first American Olympic occur in Los Angeles California, and the first Chinese Olympian who represented China is a runner. The Olympic game in 1932 meaning to China is it a first ideal recognition by the world that China is a nation who is qualified to join the Olympics. Deeply the Olympics still carry the same historical meaning in each country because all country still wants to fight for their country with honor. The athletic want to win to make their country proud of them.

Do you think the male protagonist Liu Changchun, the first Chinese athlete who went to the Olympics, is a winner or a loser (Historically, he lost in the first round of qualifying games)? Why?

Personally, I think he is a winner because he went far to represent China in Los Angeles. However, he wasn't prepared well enough for this because he was the first Chinese athlete. He loses due to exhaustion of don't well prepared for the runs.

According to the reading "The Clash of Cultures" (on Blackboard), should wushu (martial arts) be added as an Olympic sport, like judo (Japanese origin) and taekwondo (Korean origin)? To get ready for the debate, please finish the reading and write down 2-3 reasons for both sides of the debate (because you don't know which side you'll be assigned to during our in-class debate) and post it to Blackboard by 10am, Nov. 9.

According to the article, the wushu should not be an Olympic sport because they complained the proper of wushu training require many years of cultivation of qi which judge cannot score on that and international wushu has become too similar to a gymnastic sport. Many sports were added such as judo was introduced in 1964 during an Olympic game in Tokyo, Japan, and the Taekwondo was introduced in the 1964 game in Seoul, South Korea. Any other sports were added afterward but wushu was not one of them. In 2004, wushu was eliminated from consideration as an Olympic sport, which that makes many Chinese citizens furious. Many people prefer karate over wushu because of its popularity. Many IOC member who did not feel wushu was a sport. "An example: German Olympic scholar who saw wushu for the first time "it is nice but it is not Olympic ""

Wushu should be an Olympic sport because the wushu is one of the oldest existing traditions in China. Wushu was most popular in the Ming and Qing dynasty which hold historical meaning to people it helps build courage, strength and improve health. Wushu influence not only on Chinese people but also international people and many of it still practice it now. In 2008, Olympic in China that's when wushu was introduced to other countries and it really shows other nations that they can learn wushu as well.

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### Martial Arts and the Olympics Debate, support or not.

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Support not to add:

Chinese martial arts system is huge, there is no uniform rules and standards, not easy to determine the outcome, in addition, the promotion of the world, the extent of the spread is far behind Taekwondo, judo. And the actual combat effectiveness of Chinese martial arts is not very high now. If the control is not good, it will hurt people. The global promotion of martial arts is far less than judo and taekwondo, which is the starting judo advantage. Another important reason is that compared to the abundance and difficulty of martial arts, judo skills are much lower and easier to get started, while highlighting their ceremonial norms, which are lacking in competitive martial arts in China, making judo more acceptable to teenagers and more suitable for young people to promote. Wushu emphasizes culture and ideology, which is obviously not the same attribute as combat fighting. For example, Tai ji incorporates Tai ji culture and philosophy.

Support to add:

Wushu's entry into the Olympic Games not only filled in the blank of the zero Chinese projects during the Olympic Games, but also demonstrated the splendid glory of the oriental culture to the world, and it is positive significance to inspire the national spirit to establish a beautiful national image to the world. And make foreigners study we Chinese culture, and push the development of Chinese culture.



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