***Fresh Off the Boat*** is an American [sitcom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sitcom) series starring [Hudson Yang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hudson_Yang), [Randall Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randall_Park), and [Constance Wu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constance_Wu)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-blog.angryasianman.com-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-aam0-5) that is loosely inspired by the life of chef and food personality [Eddie Huang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie_Huang) and his book [*Fresh Off the Boat: A Memoir*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat:_A_Memoir). It is the first American television sitcom starring an Asian-American family to air on network primetime since [Margaret Cho](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Cho)'s [*All American Girl*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All-American_Girl_(1994_TV_series)), which aired for one season in 1994.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-wsj-6) Its style has been compared to the comedy series [*Everybody Hates Chris*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everybody_Hates_Chris).[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-laughspin-7) The flashback technique with voice-over narration from the present day (first season only) is similar to [*The Wonder Years*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Wonder_Years).

The show debuted on [ABC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Broadcasting_Company) with two preview episodes on February 4, 2015. The second episode which aired after [*Modern Family*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern_Family) was promoted as a bonus episode and formally premiered in its [prime time](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_time) slot on February 10, 2015.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-8) The first of the two preview episodes garnered 7.94 million viewers, becoming the second highest rated comedy premiere that season.

On May 7, 2015, ABC renewed *Fresh off the Boat* for a second season of 13 episodes.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-9) ABC ordered 9 additional episodes on October 13 and two more on November 17, leading to a total of 24 episodes for the second season.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-10)[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-:0-11) On March 3, 2016, ABC announced that the series has been renewed for a third season, which premiered on October 11, 2016.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresh_Off_the_Boat#cite_note-12)

The series depicts the [dysfunctional family](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dysfunctional_family) of Frank Gallagher, a single father of six children. While he spends his days drunk or in search of misadventures, his kids learn to take care of themselves.

The show's producers sought to distinguish it from previous American [working-class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Working-class) shows by highlighting how Frank's [alcoholism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcoholism) affects his family.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shameless_(U.S._TV_series)#cite_note-rochlin-2) [Paul Abbott](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Abbott), the show's creator, has said, "It's not [*My Name Is Earl*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Name_Is_Earl) or [*Roseanne*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roseanne_(TV_series))*.* It's got a much graver level of poverty attached to it. It's not [blue collar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_collar); it's no collar."[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shameless_(U.S._TV_series)#cite_note-rochlin-2) When [John Wells](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wells_(TV_producer)), the showrunner, began pitching the show, he had to fight efforts to place the show in the South or in a [trailer park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trailer_park). He explained, "We have a comedic tradition of making fun of the people in those worlds. The reality is that these people aren't 'the other' – they're people who live four blocks down from you and two blocks over".[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shameless_(U.S._TV_series)#cite_note-rochlin-2)