

UCSD Campus Climate



Reading Response 5

I used to consider myself privileged that I have never really experienced racial injustice firsthand. Reading about these social injustices, such as the Civil Rights Movement, in my history book is a completely different thing from reading about them from Kong's fourth chapter. Kong has shone a light on my perspective of the world, changing my view of UCSD. My lack of knowledge about racial injustices hasn't really been a privilege to me, as I had previously thought. Racial injustices have been happening at UCSD too, a campus that I had thought was full of accepting college students with about the same political and social views.

It is true that UCSD predominantly consists of Asian Pacific Islanders. The majority of friends that I have made here are Asian. I have always viewed Asians as the minority since we live in the United States, a country built by white people. I have never thought of Asians as being the majority, but that is the case at UCSD. There are not many organizations here that focus on social issues, or maybe there are but they are not one of the more popular student organizations that everyone knows about and wants to join. I agree with Kong that there are a lack of Asian American courses, but there are many student organizations that focus on embracing one's Asian culture, such as the Vietnamese Student Association or the Korean American Student Association. However, the people that join these organizations already have some knowledge about that culture so these clubs do not really promote knowledge about Asian Americans across the entire student body.

Recently, it has been made very clear to me that UCSD students do care a lot about society, such as when the anti-Trump rally took place after the election. However, not much has been done about the fact that Asian Americans are not being treated as a minority since they are the majority here at UCSD.