

Coming into UC San Diego, I held the impression that the campus environment was relatively inclusive of all students, but had recurring issues concerning diversity due to an overwhelming majority of Asian students. Like those Kong addresses in her publication, I also held beliefs that Asian and Asian-American students might not need the resources that smaller minorities in school might need, such as African-American and Latinx students. However, after reading Kong's publication, issues of inclusion of minority students became more clear to me. Yet, even with these issues, from my experiences this quarter and Kong's publication, I have hope for the direction this campus is moving towards.

One issue that Kong brought up that altered my perception of UCSD's campus climate was one concerning the overlooking of the needs of Asian students. Because Asians are seen as a majority of the campus, they are put under the same "model minority" stereotype that overlooks other unique issues that arise in their communities (Kong 93). This issue, along with more extreme events like the Compton Cookout, brought to light the prominence of racial stereotypes that still exist on our campus and the progress that we need to make to create a more inclusive campus climate.

However, within my experiences over the past few months, I found glimmers of optimism in the actions following the events of election night. Just as members of multiple student organizations came together following the events of the Compton Cookout (Kong 90), hundreds of students of all different backgrounds came together in protest on the night and on the day following the election results. To see diverse members of UCSD's community come together in solidarity gave me reaffirmation that while our campus might not be where we should be, we will continue to fight to make our campus climate inclusive of anyone, regardless of ethnicity, skin color or nationality.

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