




UCSD

"Home is where you are."

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Reading Response #5: UCSD

Entering UCSD, my first-year experience has been very interesting, especially in light of the presidential election. Walking around the campus on a regular day, the campus seems peaceful and accepting, with the diversity of the students attending UCSD. However, with the election recently, protests and writings in chalk can be seen around campus, many targeting specific groups of people.

After reading Kong's fourth chapter, I could better understand the dynamics of UCSD and learn more of its history. I believe that the Compton Cookout and the many racist events held were wrong and inappropriate, but I also understand the fury and desire of the students to be acknowledged. It is right for the minorities and the underserved groups of students to speak out for what they want and believe; however, it is wrong to target and threaten another racial group to obtain the attention they need.

To me, UCSD's campus climate is very accepting and calm, and I feel that it is a safe learning environment. The reading did not change my view of UCSD because I feel that the campus has made efforts continuously to accommodate the different needs of its students and to create a positive learning environment. I agree with the claim in Kong's chapter that students need to be allowed the opportunity to learn about other racial groups and nationalities to develop compassion and gain a better understanding of each other's history and background, and UCSD should be a gateway to helping achieve this goal.