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No Hate Only Love

It was the big day, move in day! My parents had just driven down from Los Angeles to my new home at University of California San Diego. It is not until 7:03 Pm when everyone on my floor meets up. To my surprise our floor is very diverse, we nearly have every possible ethnicity around the world sitting in the room on our living room couch. That night of bonding and getting to understanding one another in an intense game of monopoly followed by our day at the beach made me realize ethnicity does not matter. We as a floor, despite our differences be it color or religion we all cared for one another. That love came to full effect when we as a group cowered in fear as the election was televised in our room with a monitor and an apple laptop. My Muslim floormates, Mustafa and Saayed were just stunned as they witnessed Donald Trump win the presidency in the United States. My other floormate just sat there in disbelief. Tyler, a 6 foot 3 muscular guy was also an illegal immigrant and he was genuinely scared for his lively hood in the United States. Looking around we were all scared for our possible futures. Once we realized all hope was lost when the swing states went to Trump our group just huddled together tears in our eyes. That night we promised no matter what happens, no matter what racist bigotry happens following tonight we will be the same and that we will protect one another. The following days that a racist and fascist president was elected UCSD just had a different atmosphere. The once social people had their heads down but, I knew no matter the outcome. I will still love, no hate towards others. These students, even if I did not know them personally we stand together.

After ten weeks of living with others from diverse backgrounds and different lifestyles, the overlooked concept of Asian Americans being overlooked is still present in today's world. Although Asian Americans are the vast majority, they are very well over seen and expected to do

well, even though current day politics still affects everyone. The election of Donald Trump had shocked the world, everyone feared for their life. Students studying abroad are currently unaware of their current condition because of the backlash of the election. The election outcome could not have come at a worst time. We were all shell-shocked right before midterms. Our emotions were set ablaze before life changing tests, and no our professors did not decide to move our responsibilities. The entire student body was supposed to accept what had happened and go own with our daily studies. This election far surpasses just Asian American students' expectations to do well, it had affected every race that was not Caucasian. Yes, it is true that a good amount of the population at UCSD is Asian American and that they are expected to do well even though emotion dropping events occur prior to tests still they are expected to do so. Following the election victory of Trump the once invisible campus climate had shifted from a division between everyone to a sure community of companionship that is well verse. The reading had not affected my view of UCSD but, gave me a realization that the communities of Asians, Africans, Europeans, and Mexicans had come together to support one another in a time of need. Chapter four made me realize that the stress many Asian Americans have is one in the same but, they are helped by students from different ethnic backgrounds. The resource centers that were created by the Compton Cookout's events were heavily used after the election. Many students began stressing and the comfort of our community came together to cope with the fear of white America. The climate following the elections was that of care and compassion. The reading helped me realize that we are not divided as a community, the students of UCSD are one mind, one body, and one family.

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