

Reading Response 5 CAT 1

My experience of UCSD is very far removed from the events detailed in the reading's. Not only am I not a member of any of the marginalized groups discussed in the reading but I also have been too preoccupied with adjusting to changing conditions to be involved, to any significant degree, in social justice institutions at UCSD. As I am not a member of the discussed oppressed groups my experience within my first quarter has consisted of, primarily, adjusting to the responsibilities of independence. I used an image of my bicycle to represent this because I thought my rusty early functional bike with 2 flat tires was a good representation of my experience, will it get me from point A to point B, sure, could I make it more efficient, yes. Have I? maybe next quarter.

With said background, it is difficult for me to compare how my experience relates to the events depicted in the reading. That said to answer the question "Did the reading change my view of UCSD?" the answer is yes. I was completely unaware of the events described in the reading and learning about it significantly informs my view of the activist culture at UCSD. Specifically while reading the depiction of the resulted activation in response to the university administration's indifference to the demands delivered by BSU I was reminded of a list of demands circulated after the election results that also received indifference but from what I observed seemed to fizzle out over the next few days. While the two initiating events are vastly different having perspective on the history of such demands gives me a much better understanding of what the author wanted to accomplish, at the time I thought the list of demands to be somewhat silly and why would the administration listen to us, but with context it is more clear.