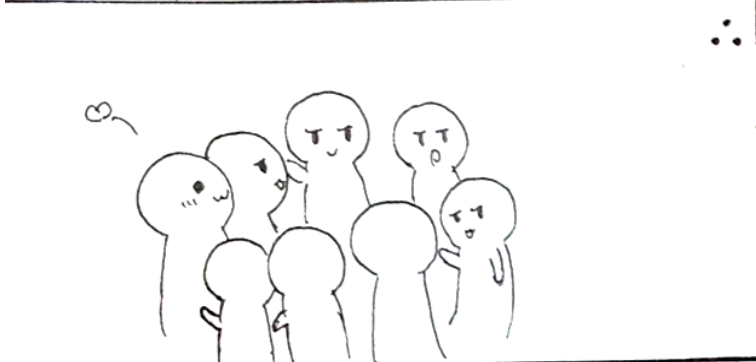
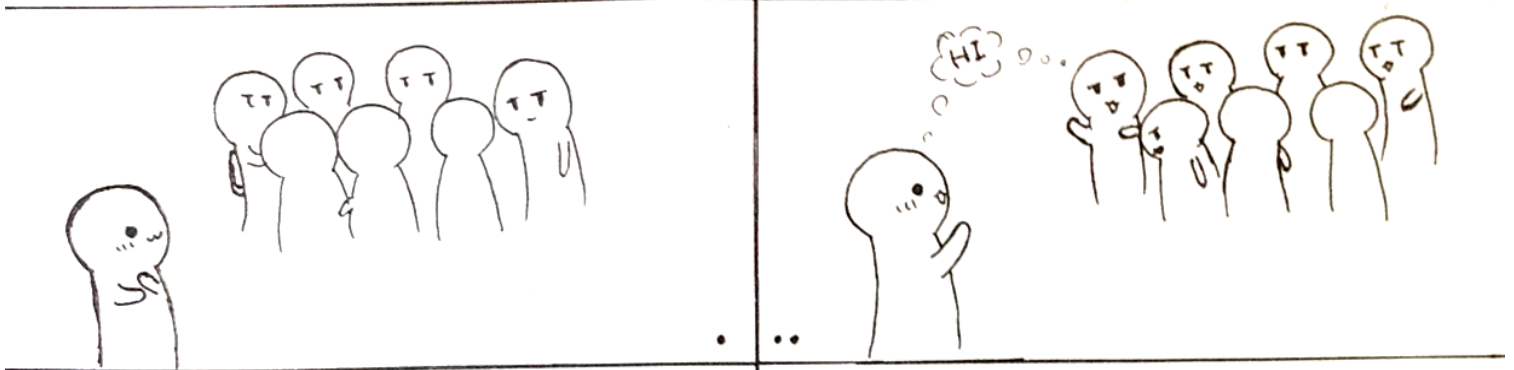
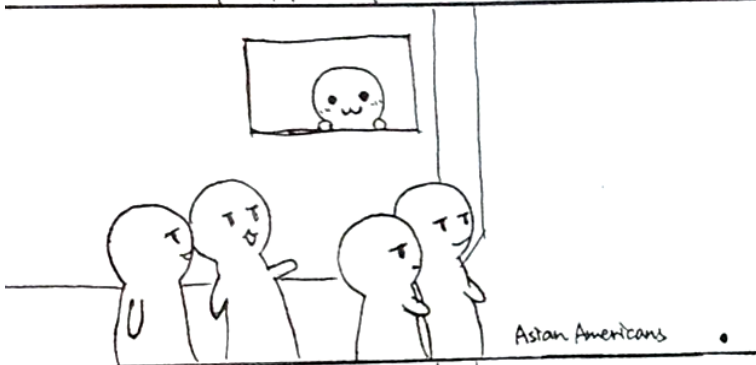


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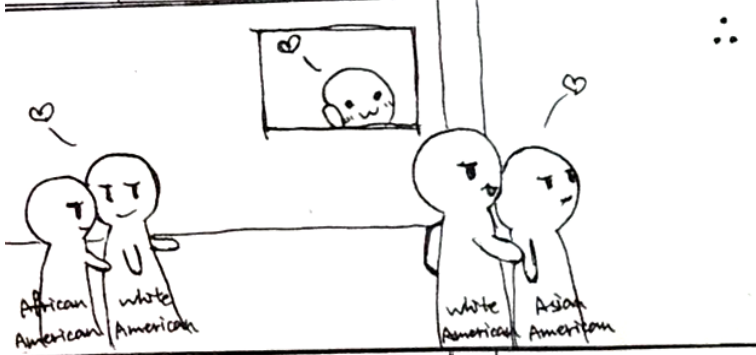


Most of the students are kind and friendly.
We respect others who have different cultural backgrounds with us.



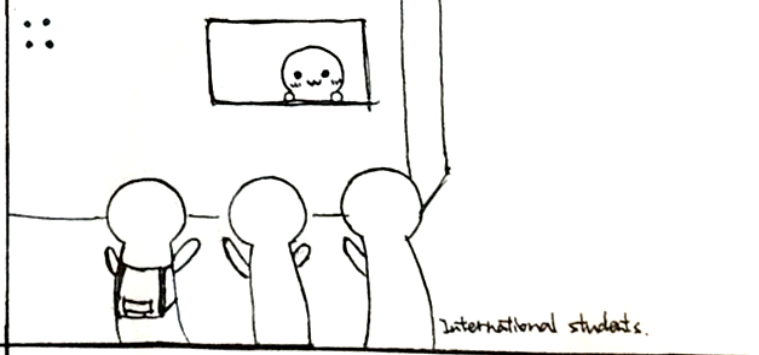
Asian Americans

Latino Latino White American

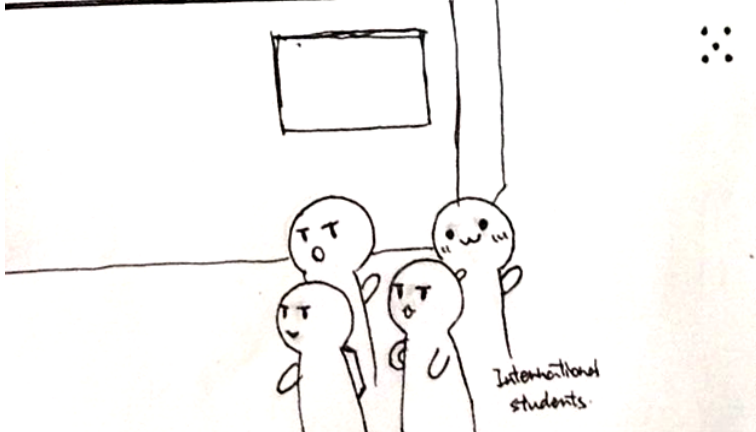


African American White American

White American Asian American



International students.



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Some students make friends with people who share similar identities with them.
Some are willing to make friends with people who have different identities with them.

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Reading Response 5

As a public institution in California, UCSD has academics, staff and students with different culture and life experience that contribute a lot to the university's enormous diversity. People here make great effort to foster mutual respect and cross-cultural cooperation. Various activities and courses about history and culture of different ethnicities deepen our understanding of each other. I was impressed by the friendly atmosphere in UCSD.

However, even though discrimination doesn't exist in most part of the university community, discrepancy between identities and ingrained misunderstandings often lead to bias towards certain groups of people. For example, Asian Americans were called "model minorities" by the mainstream society for their relatively high income and comfortable lives since the 1960s. This incomprehensive comment hurt the relations between Asian Americans and other minorities severely. Asian Americans are placed at an awkward position in American society for they are neither "white enough" to get the same benefits as whites get nor "struggle enough" to protest together with blacks and other minorities. I think that's why APSA couldn't cooperate with other organizations like BSU and NASA effectively and satisfy their own demands after the racist events in UCSD.

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This reading didn't change my view of UCSD. I still think in UCSD, diversity is well respected. I met many kind and friendly people in UCSD and they made me feel not excluded by the university community for my bad English and cultural background. In addition, there are many policies and activities about equity, diversity, and inclusion. Although they could be seen as implication of incomplete equality, these policies reflect UCSD community's effort to create a conclusive atmosphere here.

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