

My experience in UCSD: Reading Response 5

My own experience in UCSD is to some degree different from Kong's analysis of the Compton Cookout and the racial politics of the university. In my opinion, UCSD is a place where all people from all around the world can talk with others equally and receive opportunities equally. My experience of the campus climate challenges Kong's analysis in following aspects.

My roommates come from different parts of world: Korea, India, Mexico, America and China. But in everyday life, people don't reveal their bias on other countries and other culture. Instead, they try to learn about others' customs, try to understand others' culture and even learn a bit of foreign languages by the way. We share traditional food from our own countries and mix them together...

In academic, we share the knowledge and teach one after another. I come from China and I'm good at Math. I've learned many about Math courses in our lower division in China so my roommates always ask me for help with Math. On the other hand my English level is poor and I'm not good at communicating in English so my roommates help me with my grammar in papers and everyday spoken English. I asked them to correct my once I speak something not correct or wired. Maybe my own experience is typical enough to represent the climate of UCSD, but I feel free and equal in our campus and hope it can last forever.



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