

Reading Response #5



My Matthews B suitemates and Matthews D friends are consisted of students from multiple cultural backgrounds. We get along and often exchange our own experiences that are related to our own cultural background.

My initial response to Kong's interview was an unexpected surprise. I have known the UCSD as multicultural and fair university of all, for the school administrative here is very attentive at the diversity within its campus; various school events were related to cultural diversity and my college even required students to take online program that teaches how to interact with people from different cultures. I am living in so diverse university that I actually thought the major racial issues are nearly resolved. After reading Kong's paper however, I had to re-think about the current status of Asian American in UCSD now.

I am really shocked, first of all, that the Compton Cookout Party incident happened less than a decade ago. The diversity I am enjoying here in the UCSD was recently acquired through a long painful work by our former graduate. But I, who just got here, regarded it as if it was a part of the UCSD's tradition or theme. Kong's interview witnessed the history of long fight against the racism.

Furthermore, Kong's paper made me doubting that even the diversity now within the campus is not wholly equal and fair. Learned from the Compton Cookout incident, people recently are much aware of the diversity and continue to do what previous UCSD students have done, but even they may not be perfect. There might be another incongruity within the campus that the society has ignored or left it unnoticed. This reflection was made after reviewing Kong's interview.

One step further, I am little bit concerned about the exploitation of the rule for the minority. It is true that minority has less privilege living in multicultural society, but there might be someone who over-exploits its benefit. System always makes a shade where evil will can hide; the best way to eradicate the inequality is the change of perception, not the change of rule.