

Reading Response 5

Recent campus climate of UC San Diego:



After reading Kong's fourth chapter, I immediately compared the Compton Cookout event to the Anti-Trump rallies that happened at the beginning of the month. Both events illustrated the racial politics that are occurring here at UC San Diego. These two events are probably the most memorable/important political events that have happened at this school and they both deal with the idea of racism and discrimination.

The reading did not change my view of UCSD, especially since I already formed my opinion of UCSD after the presidential election earlier in the month. This reading did not change

my opinion of UCSD, like I just stated, but in fact it confirmed my view of this school. I have come to realize that this school is very liberal and representative of most of the country nowadays. What I mean by this is that in today's society most people get super offended over the littlest remarks and blame it all on the fact that it is the color of their skin as to why they are being discriminated against. Racism has blossomed back into today's society and has become a very prominent topic in the political world as well.

As I have noticed over the course of the past two months here at UC San Diego, the campus climate has ultimately been pretty fair. I have not seen any uprisings or complaints of inequality between race, gender, sexuality, etc. Besides the fact of the presidential election riots, our campus has been pretty quiet in that aspect of political or social disagreements. After the Compton Cookout 6 years ago, a lot of different ethnic groups have organizations that help them defend against discrimination of any kind. Yes I do realize that Asian Americans do not have any sort of Student Body Organization aiding them with any defence to discrimination but maybe that's because they don't really need it as bad as Kong states. When I navigate around campus, I have yet to see any discriminatory acts against anyone, let alone the Asian American race. So if someone of that race gets bullied for setting the curve on a certain test, it has nothing to do with race at that point in my opinion; it has all to do with the bullies being jealous that they can't get that high of a score themselves. It is a classic gradeschool scenario of a kid getting bullied for being smart, not a discriminatory act against their race. It deeply saddens me to see our society today bringing back the idea of racism so easily and being so sensitive to the idea of everything being "politically correct".