

Kong's analysis of UCSD's campus climate is fairly accurate, but also seems to hyperbolize the amount of separation amongst students to some extent. In addition, Kong assumes that the administration is at fault for the isolation felt by many students because of their tendency to favor either the overrepresented or the underrepresented, when in reality a great degree of this separation amongst races is influenced by the students themselves. The events that took place on our campus in 2010 are not necessarily exemplary of the campus climate as Kong seems to imply, but rather were more a set of instances of racism demonstrated by a few select students. Needless to say, this does not by any means justify what occurred and also shows that the faculty needs to be more involved in student planned activities, preventing parties like the Compton Cookout from ever happening on our campus again.

While it is necessary for the staff of UCSD to take action in regards to restricting fraternities and other student-run organizations in their planned events, the staff acts as more of a scapegoat in Kong's text for the racial divide on campus. Naturally, it seems like students on this campus tend to spend time with those that share the same race as them. I don't believe that anybody is actually offended by this behavior, but it may result in some of the minority groups on campus feeling disconnected. The establishment of racially specific clubs on our campus, such as the Black Student Union or the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, indirectly promote this kind of conduct. Since the majority of the clubs that are meant to serve a specific race are created by the students themselves, it can be implied that they play a big role in the separation that has taken place amongst the races at UCSD.

Kong's analysis gives the impression that there is constant tension between these groups as a result of the few students that display racism towards one another. I personally have not found any evidence in the campus atmosphere that supports this claim. Therefore, although the school tends to be racially divided, this tendency does not appear to have any profound effect on the happiness of any of the attending students.

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