

Racism in UCSD is dead

I have been in New York for this Thanksgiving vacation, and I found out that UCSD is totally different with the New York, broadly the other regions of U.S. Since University of California in San Diego is the first place I lived after arriving in America, the only impression I had about the race was basically based on UCSD's racial status. Frankly, there are so many Asian in UCSD that I had never thought about the racism in America seriously. It is true that my suite mates make fun of the racial issue, but I had never notice the racism as a serious problem.

When I was in the Time Square in the New York, I felt a weird feeling that I had never felt in UCSD. I felt like I was isolated from the city. I was the only existence who has yellow skin which does not belong to black and to white. I was racially minority in New York. When walking in the street, I saw a lot of Caucasian and African-American. However, the only Asians I saw during my visit in New York were my friends who went to New York with me and 10 people I saw when I was in airport. It was totally different with UCSD. In UCSD, I can see a lot of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean while heading to my lecture.

Even Though being an Asian living in America means being racially minority, being an Asian in UCSD is not a big deal. To be honest, in UCSD, being Asian means being majority. No one discriminate me because of the reason that I am Korean. Racism, specifically towards Asian, is dead at least in UCSD.

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Kong's analysis is the great source that shows the typical view of the racism which is widely known. Back in the time that I was in Korea preparing for studying in U.S., I heard a lot of mere racism toward the Asian, specifically Korean: Asian is hard worker, good at mathematics, shy guy, and specifically Korean is good at game. In my imagination, I was considered as a great mathematician, great gamer, but shy and humorless.

But my imagination was just remained as imagination. At least in UCSD, I never felt that I am discriminated from the other races. Everyone welcomed me when I first came to my suite, and even my roommate, Jared who is a typical Caucasian, defends me when the others try to make fun of my ethnicity by such words like "you should play Starcraft (video game which was dominated by Korean gamers)".

According to my experience in UCSD, Kong's analysis is out-dated. I have never experienced any discrimination which is described in Kong analysis. To be specific, no one is surprised at the fact that I failed to get score hundred out of hundred in mathematics mid-term and that I procrastinate usually until the due date. It is true that there is no certain center that represents the Asian-American lives in UCSD but I do not feel any necessity to have one. Granted, my opinion could be from my ignorance about the race issue occurring in UCSD. But I can say that Kong's analysis does not change my perspective to view the UCSD and live in UCSD.

As an Asian, there is no discrimination due to the race. UCSD's campus climate is warm as usual days of La Jolla. There is no tension between the races and ethnicities. Except the chock writing occurred during the election period, there was no explicit hatred shown towards certain race, especially towards Asian. White, Yellow, Black, Red, and the other colors are well settled in UCSD.

Works Cited

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