

## Mexican Minority at Ucsd

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Im Mexican, Im black, Im Asian, Im part of the minority

People don't fully respect me and Im constantly being stereotyped and judge for who I am

As I walk through campus people stare at me weird and my voice is never fully heard

Its hard to find a place where I belong here

Im constantly searching for my kind so I can bond and build better relationships with people like myself

People suspect me to have certain characterizes because of my race but I'm different

Im straight, gay, and bisexual

I don't have perfect grades I struggle just like anyone else

Im human just like you

I deserve respect and my voice heard

Don't judge me by my appearance instead get to know me

I may be part of the minority but Im the same as anyone else

I want to be treated like everyone and be treated equally

## Reflection

My experience here at UCSD so far has been a pleasant and exciting time. However, in terms of the climate of my race it has not been as pleasant. I'm Mexican so I'm part of a minority here at school. The overall climate in regards to my race is not very good. Recently I was exposed by my Cat 1 teacher to negative and racist pictures about my race. She showed me and the rest of the class the same photos. The photos had writings in chalk on the floor with negative statements about Mexican people. Comments like "fuck Mexicans", "Deport them", "get out of here". Overall the comments were all negative and showed a sense of the disgust and hatred towards my kind of people. After reading Kong's Analysis I gained a new perspective of the concept of minorities here at UCSD. In her Analysis she mainly talked about the Asian minority and how they are mistreated and not respected equally. Since they are over represented they are not treated like a minority even though they are a minority. Being exposed to this helped me understand other minorities besides my own and how they are treated. These readings did change my views about UCSD. Coming into college, I didn't really think people were mistreated and underrepresented. But after reading Kong's Analysis I realized that people are constantly not being how they should as human beings. Different races have certain stereotypes that society has placed on them by individuals, but one idea cannot be applied to every single person because everyone is unique in their own way. Ultimately the climate of UCSD to me feels like any other college in terms of race. Meaning there is always going to be some type of harassment of particular races unless something is done to combat these issues. As a university, I feel that we can make changes and educate people on everyone's race and culture so people can be more informed and treat each other better. In the end the analysis really helped open my eyes and understand that everyone should be treated equally, no matter what race, ethnicity, or where you come from.