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### Reading Response #5

The reading further augments and rounds out my perspective of UCSD's social climate by revealing varying point of views of Asian and African American students at UCSD as well as Kong's insights regarding the exclusion of Asian Americans as minorities. Every day, I make the same path to my classes, routinely met, and passing faces all the same; when walking the same route, I do not care to be aware, I simply assume that it's all the same, same, same- there certainly is a visual homogeneity that exists when one steps onto the UCSD campus. Asians, upon Asians, on top of Asians, beside Asians, below Asians, and you think to yourself, "Asians have officially taken over the world," until you remember that you are on campus and that Asian-Americans form one of America's smallest minorities. So where has diversity gone? I hardly even see more than five African Americans amongst the hundreds that I pass daily, or even twenty five Latino or Chicano students for every one hundred Asians. In this sense, Asians have become a majority, rather than a minority on UCSD's campus, however, this implication has become justification for the divide that excludes Asians as a group needing of assistance or social awareness when compared to African Americans on campus. People often forget that being stereotyped the "model minority" has its own repercussions- struggles, accomplishments, and mobility are overlooked because Asians are expected to rise regardless of situation, that Asians are just like hot air and they rise just as nature has always intended. This lack of

understanding for the dominant Asian population on campus creates a growing borderline that discourages other minorities from attempting to empathize and find commonalities of issues with Asians. Thus, I feel the campus, while quite relaxed and chilled since the Compton Cookout incident, as it attempts to redefine its diversity policy, will experience further tensions from one-sided jolts from the African American minority, as it continues to marginalize the Asian majority's issues.