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Kong's reading has surprisingly changed my view of UCSD on Asian Americans, as I did not know that Asian Americans were considered as "yellow perils" or "the model minority". Instead, I have always seen that UCSD as a diverse school, which is valid and is one of the reasons why I have chosen to attend here. I have never thought of UCSD as a bias or racist school, but the reason that I'm really surprised the most is that, from my personal experience so far, as an Asian American today, I haven't met a single UCSD professor, staff, or student who is blatantly racist or have shown any of the experiences mentioned in Kong's reading. In contrary, I love the UCSD environment, as everyone that I have talked to so far, is friendly and polite about each other's cultures and values- whether he/she is black, white, Asian, or Latino; as a matter of fact, I didn't even know about the Compton Cookout until now. My opinion on the matter might just merely be my own experience at UCSD, but if we compared my experience here to my high school experience, when students would just cherry pick, hang out with one specific race, and ignore others that aren't their races- it's a big difference. I know this for a fact because I used to only hang out with Asian students at my high school- not because I wanted to, but because I was required to since students of other races wouldn't accept me as a friend. That is why I was happy when I found my first group of friends at UCSD because not everyone was Asian and all of my friends treated each other equally. Today, although UCSD is viewed as the perfect school of diversity for me already, and that their diversity policy has gotten better over time since the Compton Cookout, I agree that certain actions, as said in Kong's reading, are necessary not to give Asian Americans an advantage over their other fellow colored students, but rather to improve UCSD's diversity policy even further and to give Asian American students the same opportunity and policies as their peers have received from the past. When this is completed, UCSD will truly be a national home for all intellectual Tritons.

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