

Tell Us How UC It

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UCSD had been portrayed as a positive and welcoming campus to me. There were many great aspects of UCSD and also friendly people everywhere. But I never knew about the anti-affirmative action policies and racist events happening on campus. So when I read about Kong's analysis, I was very surprised. Ever since coming here, I have not been exposed to the extreme discrimination and racism against minorities that Kong talks about. So reading her analysis about the ignorance of the UC system and was very shocking and showed me what was really happening behind the scenes. The anti-affirmative action, the racist organic chemistry professor, and the multiple racist acts against blacks were all events I never knew could happen at the place I thought was innocent and respectful. I did not know about the discrimination against Asian-Americans and anti-affirmative action propositions. Before, I thought of UCSD as an academically great school with many opportunities and a positive atmosphere, but there is more to that now. I had no idea that minority groups were underrepresented and clearly ignored and not cared about. This shows how some people don't know what is actually happening around them and that there is not enough awareness of the problems minorities are encountering right here on campus. I have never personally been in any obvious encounters of racism on UCSD's campus. I have witnessed the chalking all over campus, just recently, about deporting Mexicans, which opened up my eyes. The racist chalking adds to Kong's argument about the ignorance of UCSD and not trying hard enough to stop the racism or to create a sense of safety and comfort to help those affected by the event, as the remarks were labeled as freedom of speech. To me, UCSD has been mostly friendly. I am not exposed to many minority groups and involved with them. I haven't been a victim of racism from my professors or classmates. However, sometimes I feel like I need to perform well to compare to all of my peers. I am an Asian-American and at times I feel the need to get the best grades I can to be a part of society as the successful Asian.

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