

## Asian American Struggles

Fair but forgotten

An Asian American

Here not acknowledged

Kong's analysis of UCSD's climate challenges the outlook on the struggles of Asian Americans here at UCSD. Kong argues that although a majority here at school, Asian Americans are not justly considered as minorities like African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and LGBTQ and thus do not receive an adequate amount of administration attention regarding campus resources and a very limited variety of educational opportunities in the area of Asian American history. Personally, the reading did not change my view of UCSD but it did challenge what I had once thought about the school. At first, I had not believed that UCSD had any glaring issues when it came to Asian American opportunity or representation. The reading identifies a few points that I had not really realized about Asian Americans at universities. Because Asian Americans are so overly represented at modern day universities, especially here at UCSD with just about half of the student body composing of Asian Americans, they demonstrate success and therefore are not equally seen as a minority group. In my experience here so far this quarter, I never really thought Asian Americans had any issues with being not represented or given the same opportunities as other minorities. Around school there are many outlets of dealing with bullying that are not allowed to discriminate based on race. Although the stereotypes of Asian Americans being above and beyond smarter than of any other ethnicity is more apparent elsewhere, I have yet to encounter an issue with it here. I think UCSD being a fairly liberal college campus composed of almost a majority of Asian Americans makes it so that jokes like those do not work as well as they would elsewhere where Asians are less represented in the student body. To me, UCSD's climate in regards to Asian Americans is not hostile. I think being at one of the top public universities where everyone here worked hard to get here somewhat counters the stereotype that Asian Americans are super human smart. Everybody here has their strengths and has the ability to excel. On the other hand, I agree with Kong in regards to the educational opportunity for Asian American historical studies. I believe our overrepresentation at universities makes it easy to forget that we in fact are minorities as well. The lack of educational opportunity is evidence that we are not considered in the same boat as other minorities. But overall, I do believe UCSD does have a non-hostile environment where diversity is accepted and there are no glaring issues other than a need for more education on Asian American history.