



Reading Response #5

Kong's writing did not really change my perspective of the UCSD campus, but it allowed me to organized my thoughts and then reaffirm what I have been observing and experiencing. Since I am Asian- American, I can understand much Kong expressed. I see how much attention the Black, Latino, and Native American student are receiving, and I continue to observe how there is no mention of Asian- Americans. Even though they are the largest demographic group on campus, Asian- Americans are still a minority and struggle with inequality, yet most people perceive them as perfect achievers. The only Facebook events from Asian- American groups I have seen are for social and cultural get togethers, nothing advocating for change and support.

For me, and what I have observed with many other Asian- Americans, I am generally more passive rather than aggressive. For as long as I can remember, I have not aggressively fought back with anyone or anything, opting for a more submissive stance. If I argued with my parents, I was in trouble. I had to respect my elders and teachers and listen to them, so I listened and did as they said unless it was completely outlandish. I suppose because of my upbringing, I never felt the need to challenge how things were run. I just focused on what I had to do to succeed. I was taught to do it myself and use what I was given. If my philosophy is similar to the majority of Asian- Americans on campus, then we will just question why we are not getting the recognition other minority groups are receiving, yet doing nothing more than questioning the inequality. Maybe it's because I am not struggling, but I do not see any urgent need to get a louder voice, Asian- Americans make a statement by their large presence and that speaks volume.

I realize that change eventually needs to occur, but I do not see how it will happen. I've always taken a more back seat approach to things and I know how much many Asian- Americans struggle, but if they are like me, they do not want to speak up when they want something. I have

learned to be comfortable on the UCSD campus and I believe that the majority of Asian-Americans have found their own way to thrive. However, those that have not and are struggling need to have a place to turn and if not enough Asian- Americans are willing to make a difference, someone with authority, like professors, need to step up and help.

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