

Reading Response 5: Social climate in UCSD
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Every time I stepped into the CSE lab in Warren, I saw a full room of vigorous young hard workers cooperating with others regardless of gender and race. They were so focused on the software applications they were making and the problems they were encountering. Perhaps the difficulty of studying computer science pulls people together to achieve the collective goal of writing effective codes.

Every time I watched basketball players playing so hard to cope with other school teams, I always felt proud of the UCSD teamwork spirit shared by all the team members regardless of race. And I realize the pure athleticism has no matter to do with individuals; the team's winning is what all they struggle for.

However, every time I studied overnight in Geisel Library, I noticed two forms of study: individual study and group study. According to my observation on types of people's preference, I found Asian especially preferred group study and tended to talk more. I say this is the institutional culture of Asian to be together, not to be left alone mostly, but it really has nothing to do with choosing one race over the others.

Every time I went to Price Center for food, I heard different languages roaming in space, which suggested that students were divided into groups according to their most used languages. But when they interacted, they all spoke English to communicate. In my explanation, the language preference defines an individual's living zone and it's totally understandable that one sticks to a specific race group just because he or she can speak the most comfortable language.

Those occurrences I depicted are to argue my point that we no need to worry about the factor of race in the socialization among students because there are many other reasons that grouped people, and meanwhile, there are other cases that people blended into one.