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Reading Response #5

Reflection Poem

Understand, Care, Support, Diverse

We all are one.

You might look little different, your hair color or your skin color.

You might have a unique culture.

No matter you are Asian, Black, Caucasian, or Hispanic

We all are one.

We are all equal. We all have a right to live equally.

Don't treat us differently. Treat us equally.

It doesn't matter where we came from, what we have, what we have done, how smart you
are.

We are all equal. We all have a right to live equally.

Understand each other's unique cultures and values.

Care each other and be supportive.

Be thankful for the diverse community.

It is truly a fortunate to live with people with different ethnicity.

The student body of UC San Diego is composed with diverse ethnic backgrounds. Despite the diverse student body of UC San Diego, I easily can see students at campus hanging out and gathering together with certain groups of people – same ethnic groups. For instance, from what I have seen, Asian students tend to get along with the other group of Asian students rather than to be around with other ethnic groups. Since UCSD has large Asian American student populations, I have never thought the Asian American students and their organizations had a hard time to get along with other color student organizations and struggled to be a part of them. However, after reading Kong's fourth chapter, my view of UCSD has definitely changed; I soon realized that Asian American students are unintentionally isolated and considered as a model minority group among other ethnic groups – African American, Caucasian, or Hispanic. From the Compton Cookout, shameful event that hosted by UCSD fraternity that sarcastically celebrated the Black History Month, I realized that "Asian Americans were perceived and treated as model minorities and yellow perils on a UC campus" (Kong 92). After the Compton Cookout, school have funded African American community and created Black Resource Center in order to improve and reshape diversity policy. However, Asian Americans students were not benefited from any of those diversity policies – UCSD still doesn't have an Asian Center, despite Asian American students are the majority population of student body. Some Asian American students feel that they are often left out or unwelcomed by other color students. Other color student organizations and school do not perceive the struggles of Asian American students. Therefore, my view has changed that number of Asian American students at UC San Diego are majority; however, in fact, Asian American students are model minority group in UCSD. I would say UCSD's climate is quite incomplete to be called united. Although any racial incidents recently did not happen after the Compton Cookout incident, students are tended to be unconcerned and indifferent to the students with different ethnicity and ethnic background.

Work Cited

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