

## Disregarded Groups

Look at us! We are supposed to be

The smart, hard-working kids our parents are to see.

We came to this school for high-class education

That was the result of our academic causation.

Although we came in the year of the contentious election

It shouldn't have any effect on our college impression.

I'll admit it; I've enjoyed my experience here so far,

But I couldn't help but realize that the incidents here really are

Out of genuine consideration for racial protection,

Without any experience of ethnic subjection.

But based on what I have observed and witnessed,

The administration is acting with a lack of interest

Regarding the concerns of Asian Americans.

Due to the consistency of our UCSD attendance

Our worries are being dismissed because of our over prevalence

We have every right to speak up and discuss,

But is anyone even *willing* to listen to us?

Ever since beginning my first quarter of UCSD, I have witnessed and heard of incidents regarding racial and cultural conflicts on campus. The most notable example being the 2016 election, in which students erupted in riots after Trump's victory. However, I have experienced very little racial and cultural tension myself on campus (so far). Despite my personal experiences, the election adds to one of Kong's points of racial tension, because there was a large disapproval against a controversial figure with ties to racism, especially regarding people of color. I was also aware of the Trump and anti-Mexican comments in front of the Raza Resource Center back in April 2016, as well as the flyers and emails of Identity Evropa, an alt-right and white nationalist group, that were posted around campus. My initial assumption to these recent events were due to the hotly contested climate involving the then-emerging election. I also thought that the administration's passive response was a (poorly defended) justification on free speech.

After being aware of the Compton Cookout incident and the consistency in the administration's lack of action, I became disillusioned at UCSD's ability to to fully address the concerns of students' of color. I am very disappointed at the lack of support for Asian Americans. It reinforces the idea of the flawed model minority myth, undermines our racial struggles, and perceives our worth only through academic performance. The apparent overexposure of the Asian American community contributed to this systemic battle for racial inclusion. This reading changed my view of UCSD because it proved the problematic exclusion of certain racial groups when it comes to advocating for racial diversity. Ultimately, UCSD's cultural climate is a weak and non-inclusive effort of rectification in racial controversy because of the apathy of the administration.