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Like Back in Asia

Am I in Asia?

I do not stand out at all

The Yellow Peril.

It is hard to find

A special place to make home

In this yellow sea.

Week two of college

I found a new home for me

Chinese Lion Dance.



In my first three months at UCSD, I have never realized how underrepresented Asians were at UCSD. As an Asian American student, I thought I was a part of the Yellow Peril. As a part of the 49% of the student population, I am just categorized under the broad term of “Asian”(Kong 92). I just blend into the sea of Asians here at UCSD. After reading Kong’s survey asking “Does UC San Diego address concerns and issues relating to Asian American students?”, I realized how Asian Americans lack the support from the administration even after the Compton Cookout resolution aided the other minority students(92). The minority model myth has caused all Asians to be seen as “advantage” even though we all have different experiences and have our own struggles(95). Due to the lack of these resources, Asian American students have compensated by forming clubs to enrich and support their Asian culture. This reading correlates with my viewpoint of the Asian student organizations. Like in Kong’s analysis, the Asian student organizations are tailored to cultural and social events(99). When I tried to join the Vietnamese Student Association, I was a part of the population searching to learn about my culture. However, the fact that Asian organizations such as the VSA are so overpopulated, it was difficult to feel included. When I attended the general body meetings for VSA, the feeling of a unified Asian community was missing.

During my second week here, I joined the Lion Dance group. Not only did I learn about my culture, but I also found a smaller group of Asian American students who were more welcoming and supportive. This group became a resource that I could use if I need real-life guidance. After reading Kong’s analysis, I realized that Asians are the underrepresented minority that make up the majority of the population. Therefore, we are not supported by UCSD in terms of resource centers for the special needs of Asian Americans. Asians Americans have to find a

community in this environment to call their own home in order to survive in the ocean of yellow here at UCSD. I found mine in the Southern Sea Lion Dance group.

Work Cited

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