

Reading Response #5



I have always thought UCSD to be a campus with racial equality and a place free of discrimination, especially since it is such a racially diverse school. Based on my experience with UCSD, I think this campus strongly upholds the value of our freedom of speech. I remember protests against Trump's election and protests against tuition hike at this campus. It made me think that power of freedom of speech creates a bubble where equality exists. However, after reading Kong's chapter four in "Re-Examining Diversity Policy at UCSD," I find that to be not true anymore. I agree with Kong that the model minority myth of Asian Americans separates them from

other minority groups in the campus and I think the myth poses a problem because Asian Americans are not getting as much support as other minorities. I think that in a way, this creates inequality because other groups get more attention than Asian Americans. I think that another reason that Asian Americans are excluded from affirmative actions is because they are a majority on this campus. It is interesting to me because no one would expect an Asian American to be oppressed at this school because they are part of the majority.

Reading Kong's paper has made me reflect on when people do call for racial equality, it is often aimed at the African American community or Latino community. While it is understandable because incidents such as police brutality toward these minority groups have triggered these racial equality calls. I think it that these racial inequalities should be addressed but it is also important to hear and address the concerns from other minority groups.

Even though I find Kong's claims to be true, as an Asian myself, I do not feel like I have been treated differently or deprived of opportunities because of my racial identity. I think a part of that is because it is something I had not thought about since no one really talks about Asian Americans being racially oppressed. Another justification could be because Asian Americans are a majority on this campus and it comforts me to know that I am not a racial minority.

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