

# Diversity Statement

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**Histroy.** One of the highest point of civilization in China's history is the Tang dynasty. This is also culturally the most open era of ancient China. Poetry, arts are flourishing. Minorities, and people from other countries could held positions as "General of army," or "Secretary of the Treasure." And there was Rome, and there is America.

Another high point is the Chunqiu Period, featuring the explosion of philosophical ideas including Taoism, Confucianism that still have great impact in eastern Asian. As glorious as ancient Greek. But, to better serve the governing, later empires discarded other schools and allowed only one idea—Confucianism. Other schools of thoughts failed to progress. Somewhat in parallel, western world was in the middle age, one thought dominated the other until the Renaissance and Reformation that paved the way for the industry evolution.

**Biology.** If we think of cell splitting and sexual production, one should be amazed by the later and hardly resist the curiosity how later emerged in the first place. One theory is that sexual production largely increases the diversity of the species gene pool. Thus the descendants from sexual production have higher chance to adapt for environmental changes that could otherwise be fatal.

I don't know much about history nor biology. But the above examples are clear that diversity is crucial for life, cultural and science.

**My life.** I am a boy born in China as a single child. My father worked in a factory that manufactures aluminum, my mother worked for a capacitor factory. I have no idea what they were actually doing. My grandparents were farmers and they believed in Buddhism. I used to play inside their farm but was never too considerate to offer much help. In my childhood, I spent most of summer time with my cousin "sister," who now works as a HR and still live in my home town. In my high school, I learned programming in Pascal for the first time from a teacher Mr. Yue. At that time, most families did not even own computers including mine. Mr. Yue had disability on his leg and relied on a walking stick to move. He died a few years ago due to his health condition. To memorize him, a group of his students including me raised a small funding that encourages students from our high school to develop interests in information technology. In college, I majored in computer science. In my senior year, I worked for a psychology lab from my university working on spatial cognition processing by experimenting how people internalize the information while navigate through different environment.

After I moved to America, I have spent several years in New Hampshire, Los Angeles and New Jersey. I have worked for a cafeteria making smoothie and later worked in Facebook, now Meta, to sell advertisement. My roommate believed in Christian. Very often, we read bibles together and I have joint the Church's weekend for many times. Even though I still count myself as nonreligious.

From my experiences, I believe in one thing. People may receive different levels of education, have different levels of richness, hold different values and beliefs, and have different kinds of interests. But there is no better or worse, and "all men are created equal." We are all