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Born and raised in Korea, I learned Asian cultural values and beliefs like emotional self-control, collectivism, filial piety, humility, and family recognition through achievement. I later moved to the University of California San Diego and became part of the larger Asian population living in America. Consequently, studying the Asian American culture is important since it provides an opportunity to explore the complexity of the culture and examine the impacts of globalization on the culture. Moreover, studying Asian American culture is key in helping me understand the challenges facing contemporary Asian Americans which also prepares me to be more resilient and face future challenges strategically. At the same time, I am also interested in learning the Asian American culture because it helps me develop a solid basis of intellectual praxis and theory in the culture. For instance, the discussion of the Asian pop culture and its impacts on immigration law and racism against Asian Americans helps me understand the historical and current issues affecting the population. Pursuing an economics major at the University of California in San Diego, studying Asian American culture is also important to me because it helps me comprehend the complexities of the society and its approach to business in the increasingly global and diverse contemporary society.

On the other hand, Asian Americans are an important thread within the fabric of the American society. The first Asians came to the U.S. in the 1500s and served in various economic activities such as Filipino sailors, Japanese farmers, and Chinese railroad workers. The Asian American history matters today because it helps Americans understand their history and the steps made to ensure equality amongst all races. For instance, the significance of the Asian American history today can be demonstrated through the documentary ‘Who Killed Vincent Chin?’ which explains how Vincent Chin was killed in 1984 by auto workers who blamed him for financial upheavals leading to nationwide (Public Broadcasting Television Network, 1984). Unfortunately, the perpetrators were only sentenced to 3 years’ probation plus a $3,000 fine which was very light considering the crime leading to demonstrations and the formation of the Asian American movement in an effort to seek justice for Chin (Public Broadcasting Television Network, 1984). Undoubtedly, such incidences of the Asian American history are key in inspiring the contemporary American society to stand up against racism. Further, the Asian American culture is also important today since it provides a new opportunity to examine the complexity of culture, international relations, and globalization which prepares the American society to embrace the new global world order.

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