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### America Runs On Diversity

America runs on Dunkin' is the punchline of one of my favorite foods, but I say that America runs on Diversity. It takes all sorts to make this world, whether it's doughnuts, dal, dumplings or daikon! Cuisines of the world bring us together. Not just cuisines but diverse perspectives too.

I believe that everybody should have a voice because one word can change the world. Everyone has their own opinion or unique perspective, if famous people didn't speak up they would have never achieved great things and become who they are today. For example, if Asian American, Jerry Yang did not put his ideas to action we would never have Yahoo. For my essay I am using Google and Microsoft Word which are headed by Sundar Pichai and Satya Nadella. I admire Senator Kamala Harris who was raised by an Indian American mother. They are so many successful Asian Americans who have made America proud. I find Nina Davuluri who is the first Asian American woman to win Miss America very inspiring. At the Miss America contest talent round she performed a Bollywood dance. A lot of people were upset and said hurtful comments when she won Miss America as she looked different compared to the past winners. I feel that being American is a state of mind, it is based on a common set of values and beliefs and **not** based on how we look, the color of our skin, what we eat, how we speak or where our grandparents come from.

Just look around the Silicon Valley -- everytime I drive around with my family we are always debating what to eat -- Biryani, Pho Soup, Sushi, Pad Thai, Tacos, or Steak. We need all kinds of nutrients to nourish our brains whether it is food or diverse perspectives. I dream of being an Asian American leader who is proud of her heritage and can make America proud because America truly runs on diversity.