Diversity in 2016 Election

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Postelection was sleepless nights for Fami Yusuf. After Donald Trump was elected for president, Yusuf had to suffer from the fear of getting deported.

“I couldn’t sleep three nights. I am so serious,” Yusuf said. He said the new President-elect Donald Trump will only represent rich people. “Trump divides different ethnic groups in different ways.”

As a first generation of Somali immigrant and a Muslim, 30-year-old Yusuf said that he will get labeled because of his color, religion, classes and many more under the Trump administration.

Yusuf said it was hard for him to get used to new environment, different language, people, culture and weather when he first came to Minnesota. He was 14 years old then. “I got here January which was difficult. I was like I want to go back,” Yusuf said.

Now settled in Minneapolis, Yusuf and his family were refugees from the civil war in Somalia in 1991. They had to move from Somalia to Kenya and Kenya to the United States. Yusuf said he does not want to go through the hardship of first immigrant again.

“Trump he forgot he came from Europe,” Yusuf said. He said that Trump whose ancestors once were also immigrants should know that this land does not belong to him.

Yusuf said whoever rules the United States, he or she needs to appreciate different ethnic groups who worked hard for this country. “African-American worked for many years as slaves all over this country. And there are Mexicans, Asians and many more.” Yusuf said. “All of these people. He should not neglect all of that.”