Teacher Survey for Culture of Achievement at Samohi
Goal

- By handing out surveys to as many teachers as possible, try and get some type of outlook on what their views were for the Culture of Achievement of their students.

- Also analyze the surveys received, to find out if any of the answers could be categorized into any of the specific theories that we learned about in the previous text we read, “Critical Theory and Urban Education”
Of the 29 surveys that we received back, 13 of the surveys were filled out by female teachers, 14 were filled out by male teachers, and 2 teachers did not put an answer.
Of the 29 teachers that we received answers from, 14 of the teachers were white, 1 teacher was black, 7 teachers were Latino, 1 teacher was Asian, 4 teachers were of a mixed race, and 2 did not answer.
What the tables just expressed in the previous slides do is give you a better perspective of the people that we received answers from. Since this was an anonymous survey, this was the best way to categorize the teachers to see if we noticed any kind of pattern.
Theories

- The three theories that were said to group the teachers into was the Cultural Deficit Theory, the Critical Race Theory, and the Cultural Mismatch Theory.

  - **Cultural Deficit Theory** - View at which student or parent lacking certain characteristics that it takes to become successful in society.

  - **Critical Race Theory** - Identifies, analyzes, and transforms different schooling aspects that undermine the urban students. The focus is on the system of the school, rather than the students and parents.

  - **Cultural Mismatch Theory** - Centers on aspect that urban schools still cling to Euro-centric curricula. The culture of the school is different than the culture of the students and is recognized through its different values and beliefs.
Culture of Achievement

- The group of students working with us in class, and ourselves came up with this exact definition of what culture of achievement is, to us. We put the definition at the top of each survey that was filled out.

- **Culture of Achievement** - Expectations that are set for success in life by self, family, and society.
The question asked was, “What type of pattern do you see between school success and parental support?”

As you can clearly see, the significant difference between the three theories.