

south Asian Alndian

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I used stable diffusion to see how text to image AI saw Sikh people. I discovered that if Sikh, South Asian or Indian were used in the prompt then traditional clothes and jewellery would be used. As a 4th generation British Sikh I felt this did not accurately represent me. I got a more accurate representation when I removed those words. Throughout my life, I have been told that I wasn't Indian enough, Sikh enough and also not British enough. I gathered nicknames like coconut and findian. I was expected to know every single thing to do with being Sikh and Indian. My identity is being defined by others and AI agrees with them that 'South Asian' heritage has certain markers. Even if I don't define them the world defines them for me whether I agree or not. No matter how many generations I am in an adopted land.



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