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Bike Ethnography

by Claycl on [September 28, 2015](#) in [Bike ethnography](#)

I was able to attend the bike race on several occasions. I observed the race from two different locations which were on Franklin Street and near the convention center. As I observed the race I noticed how there weren't as many people attending the race. I was expecting it to be overcrowded and chaotic but that wasn't the case at all. Parking in Richmond was much easier than usual because there weren't as many cars. There was no traffic either. The only places that seem crowded were coffee shops. Racers and fans seemed to flood these coffee shops. I'm not sure if I attended the race on a bad day but Saturday at noon the streets were pretty bare. The convention center was pretty packed though. I was able to go in and experience the fan zone and it was like an entirely different atmosphere in there. There was an upbeat energy that I felt like would have made the race more exciting if the people were actually on the streets cheering for the racers. A lot of the people who were there were foreign, and were either in their mid 40s or kids. I did see a mixture of fans being male and females, but as far as the racers go majority of the ones I saw were male. There was a whole kid's zone designated in the convention center for the kids to play at. A lot of the fans wore athletic gear, which consisted of biking suits. They all looked like they were racers themselves. One fan and I held on a conversation about how expensive the bikes were that we were seeing in the race. He said the bikes could range anywhere from \$5,000-\$10,000. I never really noticed how much money was put into participating in this sport. While at the convention center, I was able to interview one of the directors of the travel office. He explained to me how complex and diverse this race was, and how many different countries were represented in the race. Below is a link to the interview. I think it gives a little more incite to behind the scenes of the bike race.

[Video \(1\)](#)



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Bike activism “Artifact” analysis

by Claycl on September 22, 2015 in **Artifact Analysis**

An action that I have noticed are the bike lanes on the roads. There are lots of things that prohibit this action as well as inhibit it in Richmond.

Pros:

- some roads are bike friendly
- street lights helps for vision when racing competitively or just riding for fun at night
- some wide lanes

- roads aren't as busy in Richmond

Cons:

- lots of construction
- lot of narrow roads
- rocky pavements
- potholes
- people with road rage

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My First Post

by Claycl on September 15, 2015 in **Introduction/focus selection**

Hi I'm Chadarryl Clay and I'm a part of the Women's Basketball team. I know how it feels to be an athlete and take a lower hand to a men's team, so this course is very appealing to me. I would like to focus on these things during the bike race:

- gender/sexuality
- women athletes having multiple jobs
- salary gaps (<http://www.theguardian.com/sport/2014/nov/14/women-cyclists-pay-minimum-wage-uci-brian-cookson>)
- advertisement of bodies
- percentage of female coaches
- age requirements for men vs. women
- Title IX
- stereotyping female athletes and their sexual preferences
- maternity leave and the return

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