

Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

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Chapter of Model Curriculum	Your Name and Affiliation	Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable)
General	<i>Peggy Elefant</i>	With antisemitism rising and ignorance about the Jewish people still a major problem in our society, the exclusion of Jews from this curriculum is deeply disappointing.
		Page 234 – Encourage teachers to highlight BDS and a pro-BDS group called Direct Action for Palestine, but no voices critical of their perspectives.
		Page 234 – Promotes a false equivalence between Israel’s efforts to stop terrorists from entering communities to murder innocent people, and U.S. policies on the border with Mexico
		Page 237 – Uses unclear language that implies “Israel-Palestine” as a whole is an Arab country
		Page 242 – Frames the Palestinian narrative of the 1948 War as fact, with no alternative perspectives.
		Page 256, 264-269 – Encourages teachers to use a poem featuring harsh criticism of Israel, but no content offering a positive perspective about Israel or criticism of Palestinian leaders.

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