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I am a progressive, but dislike the curriculum for a number of reasons. First, rather than promoting critical thinking - something that is in short supply these days - it promotes a single point of view on many subjects, including, but not limited to, capitalism and the Arab-Israeli conflict. It also deliberately excludes anti-Semitism and the contributions of Jews to the state of California.

I agree with the Legislature's Jewish Caucus when they said that the curriculum "fails to discuss anti-semitism, reinforces negative stereotypes about Jews, singles out Israel for criticism and would institutionalize the teaching of anti-semitic stereotypes in our public schools."

Ethnic studies should be taught - it's important to do so. But this is the wrong way to do it. Please revise it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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