Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Draft

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Chapter of Model Curriculum	Your Name and Affiliation	Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable)
Introduction	Stephen P Huffman	Lines 306 & 307
and Overview	No organization. I'm a retired business person. I have four grandchildren of color.	I am a capitalist. I had a corporate career. I own stocks and bonds issued by companies. In the referenced lines you group capitalism as a form of power and oppression along with racism and anthropocentrism, among other evils. Do we want to tell our children that capitalism is <i>ipso facto</i> evil? Yes, it has been used to oppress people of color. At the same time many such people have benefited from the opportunities that good private-sector jobs provide. What about people of color who <i>are</i> capitalists? Is a socialist society somehow less oppressive? I think you need to give this language more thought.

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