

From: Forrest Reinke
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Ethnic Studies
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reg: Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Draft

Dear Mr. Chao,

I am writing to protest the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Draft currently being adopted by California school boards. To quote the California Legislative Jewish Caucus, I "cannot support a curriculum that erases the American Jewish experience, 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. "

It is extremely disappointing to see that whilst every other form of bigotry is in sharp decline, antisemitism is at an all time high. As an ethnic German I can tell you that my people learned the hard way, where these ideas eventually lead. It was called the Holocaust and it resulted in the murder of 6 million innocent Jewish women, children and men. This number only reflects those victims of whom we are certain. Many historians now place the number as high as 20 million. Surely you agree that we cannot ever allow this to ever occur again. The overwhelming majority of people have absolutely no idea how dangerous these ideas really are. Trust me when I tell you, that my people and I KNOW all too well. It is a soul searing, collective shame that haunts the heart of every German. We Germans are still fighting to purge the last remnants of it from our community. Turn around and run away from this hate as fast as you possibly can. You do not ever want to be involved with it. It can and will take a person's soul.

Thank you, sir, for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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