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Subject: Question about Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Hi,

I have been looking through the Ethnic Studies model curriculum and I see many ethnic minorities focused on. I do not see any focus on Jewish Americans. We are considered both an ethnic group and a minority religion. With the rise of white supremacy and white nationalism, there has been an increase in anti/semitism locally, nationally, and globally.

Question: Where in this long and diverse curriculum are Jewish American brought up and anti-semitism?

Question: If Jewish American are left out of ethnic studies, why is that?

Question: Where does the curriculum address the specific challenges of minority religions and the difficult choices they just make (examples: an exam is given on one of their religious holidays where they are supposed to spend the day at their place of worship or everyone assumes they celebrate a religious holiday (Christmas) that is not from their religious tradition.)

I went to California Public schools kindergarten through college. Graduating high-school class of 1991. I experience anti-semitiam at school and would hope that an ethnic studies curriculum would seek to bring tolerance for all minority. Unfortunately, anti-semitism is on the rise.

Thank you,
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