

**From:** Claire Trepanier

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**To:** Ethnic Studies

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Arab Americans cannot be excluded from Ethnic Studies.

Dear Ethnic Studies Open Comment,

As a retired California Spanish bilingual teacher and administrator. I witnessed how important it was for latinex students to learn about and be proud of their culture. Arab students also need to learn about their culture in a positive way given the xenophobia and anti-muslim rhetoric coming from our own government.

I urge you to include Arab American Studies because all students need comprehensive Ethnic Studies in their K-12 curriculum to build empathy, unity and solidarity with each other.

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Sincerely,  
Claire Trepanier