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To: Ethnic Studies

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Dear Ethnic Studies Committee,

I strongly oppose the proposed California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum.

I am particularly alarmed by the attempt to associate "whiteness" with "oppression" and "colonialism". I am a "white" Jewish American, and I believe my history is a model of auto-emancipation from oppression and colonialism, culminating in the State of Israel which is an inspirational model of an oppressed ethnic minority lifting itself from the margin of history to become a world center of art, science and entrepreneurship. I want my grandchildren to take pride in this historical transformation and to share it with other minorities, as equal partners of a colorful mosaic of ethnic diversity, not as guilt-ridden "Whites", heirs to undeserved privileges.

Sincerely,

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