

Dear Sir and Madam,

I want to share with you my deep concern the California Department of Education's Ethnic Studies Curriculum which focuses on Anti-Israel sentiments.

The place of an Education department is to educate children *all* perspectives and the history/perspective of all ethnic groups. This curriculum perpetuates Israel as an apartheid state and for many people of all religions and groups that is factually incorrect and hurtful.

Please know that this comes off as a Department teaching a one sided perspective instead of educating individuals on Israel's right to exist and the struggle of co-existence with the Palestinian people. There is a way of educating young minds in a productive manner, but that is not productively done with a one sided perspective. Children shouldn't be given answers, but rather information and abilities to continue to ask questions and seek truth.

I believe having both Israel and Palestinian educators sit down and create a co-curriculum with the heroes on both side who are not related to terrorist ideology is a much more productive and ethical way of doing things.

Please do not implement what you currently put together, to me it is unethical.

Thanks,
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