

Public Input Template–2020Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

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| Glossary | Larry Yelowitz, PhD, formerly UC Irvine | Page 10, lines 248-250, BDS as a Liberation Movement The founders and leaders of BDS have acknowledged publicly and frequently that the purpose of BDS is to eliminate Israel as a Jewish state. This type of nihilist mentality does not need to be enshrined in a CA Dept of Education Curriculum. |
| Glossary | | Page 2, line 31: Israel as Apartheid: It is shameful and slanderous for the CA Dept of Education to carry the Water for the enemies of Israel by including this allegation. The many non-Jewish Israeli citizens who have Achieved the top of their profession in every field, including Knesset and Supreme Court, can attest to The democratic nature of Israel. |
| <i>Chapter 2</i> | | Page 236, lines 4991-4993; page 241, lines 5138-5139: Equating “Israel” with “Palestine” The equating of these two terms occurs multiple times throughout the document. Such a conflation of terms is patently false, and offensive to many Israeli citizens and to many Jews outside of Israel. The motivation appears to be to give the Palestinians an unwarranted boost in a political process That they have decided multiple times over the decades to refuse to engage in. |

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| General | | Omission of the American Jewish experience: For a curriculum ostensibly about American ethnic Minorities, it is shameful to omit the American Jewish experience, especially in light of increasing Antisemitism, and the fact that in recent years Jews Have been the most frequent target (on a per capita basis) Of hate crimes in America. |
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