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Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 8:11 PM **To:** Ethnic Studies ; Kenneth McDonald **Subject:** Ethnic Course Curriculum

Good Evening,

For the following reasons there are serious concerns regarding the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum directly leading to an anti-Israel anti-semitic thought process in schools.

| Chapter of Model Curriculum | Your Name and Affiliation | Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable) |
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| General | Bita Yaghoobian | Page 1 omits a definition of antisemitism; and page 2 includes a definition for BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions). |
| General | | Page 242 uses politically biased language referring to the founding of Israel (lines 5157-61); and pages 268-69 (lines 5802-03) uses the antisemitic trope of Jewish control of the media to baselessly accuse Israel of colonizing land. *Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East with Jews, Muslims, Christians, Catholics, Bahia's and many other religions living happily enjoying all of Israel's |
| | | government benefits as well as its democratic laws. |