

Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

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General	<i>Howard Rodgers</i>	<p>Please kindly accept this general comment. I was informed about this and do not have time to read the proposed curriculum. If the proposed curriculum is acceptable to the boycotting of Israel or not including the denouncing of Israel, please let me know. If I'm wrong, please disregard.</p> <p>What troubles me is that I was raised with the idea that we should be tolerant of everyone, regardless of race, color, origin, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, etc. This is now obsolete and we need to treat different people differently. We need to judge everyone on their actions and not their origins. To treat Israel, the only democratic country in the Middle East, I ask, do you have any problem with it? Unlike Israel, China does not have freedom of speech, tortures their people, and is a totalitarian state. Are you promoting boycotting them? On the other hand, the United States promotes freedom. History shows us that boycotting countries and companies can lead to war.</p> <p>The idea of tolerating anti-Semitism and boycotting Israel sickens me. If I can't lash out at those promoting this new curriculum, I can't play their game. I can only say that they are terribly misguided and sincerely hope that they will change this horrible mindset so that we can promote tolerance, understanding, and peace. If you've read this long diatribe, you have my thanks.</p>