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To: Ethnic Studies

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ethnic studies mandate

I am writing to suggest that you eliminate consideration of imposing an ethnic studies mandate. Such a mandate will undoubtedly treat specific ethnic groups as either victims or as oppressors and will, in my opinion be excessively polarizing. Also, I have seen no well conducted studies that demonstrates improved outcomes from imposition of such a mandate. Also, the inclusion of 4 ethnicities to study and the failure to include anti-Semitism into the curriculum is a glaring omission and an illustration of how poorly conceived that this program is.

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