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Hi there,

I am very alarmed at how American Jews are portrayed in this curriculum. It is shocking that the contribution of American Jews would be devalued, that Anti-Semitism could be ignored, and that there would be a subtle encouraging of a boycott of Israel.

You seem to omit a definition of anti-Semitism, and instead include on page 2 a definition for BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions).

In the [Sample Course Models](#), in the Arab American Studies Outline, there are several problematic topics on page 234:

4956 Line Direct Action Front for Palestine and Black Lives Matter

4957 Call to Boycott, Divest, and Sanction Israel

4958 Comparative Border Studies: Palestine and Mexico

In the same section, on page 242, there is politically biased language referring to the founding of Israel (lines 5157-61) and on pages 268-69 (lines 5802-03) it uses the anti-Semitic trope of Jewish control of the media to baselessly accuse Israel of colonizing land.

I am appalled at the overt bias against Jews and Israel. I hope you are able to make the appropriate changes to this.

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