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I agree that our Ethnic teaching has been inadequate and needs an upgrade!

But to add a biased curriculum in order to teach kids to be unbiased is not the way to create a just, tolerant and empathetic society.

Students need to learn to try and understand both sides of a conflict or situation in order to be empathetic to all peoples.

Only then can we reign in hate and try to build a just society.

Not mentioning anti-Semitism yet mentioning BDS is a one sided view of a complex situation.

Doing this leads to more intolerance, bigotry and hate.

That is the opposite goal of what a true, good ethnic studies curriculum should be about.

Get a group of unbiased, globally savvy educators to write a good curriculum and chuck this clearly biased attempt.

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