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To: Ethnic Studies

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Removal of bias relative to Jewish Americans

I do understand the tendency to equate Jewish ethnicity with approval and support for Israel above all else. I believe this is a disservice to the fair understanding of what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century United States of America. As a result, I urge you to understand the power and consequences in your decisions by

- 1. Removing all citations that include anti-Israel sentiment**
- 2. Rewriting the chapter on Jewish Americans to reflect a more accurate and inclusive Jewish narrative**
- 3. Ensure that any additions to the curriculum will remain free of discriminatory content, such as antisemitic rhetoric, including but not restricted to mentions of BDS.**

If you want to discuss Israel and BDS, I believe that is a topic more properly discussed in a wide ranging curriculum discussing human rights in the middle east, and not one concerned with the history and treatment of ethnic minorities.

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