From: Noel Sanborn

**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 7:41 PM

To: Ethnic Studies

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support the inclusion of Arab American studies.

Dear Ethnic Studies Open Comment,

The right-wing blowback you are getting about Arab American studies is a perfect illustration as to why these studies are needed now more than ever. There is so much ignorance in our nation about Arabs and about Islam that it is dangerous here for Arabs and Muslims. Politicians are using this ignorance to start needless wars, as was done in Iraq, and to implement other destructive policies. In that way, American ignorance has cost us a trillion dollars for useless wars not to mention tens of thousands of ruined American lives and possibly a million ruined Iraqi lives.

Sincerely, Noel Sanborn