

Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Draft

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General	Betty Simpson, Retired California Teacher.	<p>Very concerned that this is a one-sided “left-leaning” curriculum promoting the victimhood of various ethnic backgrounds and what and who to blame for being a victim in today’s society. I am particularly concerned that capitalism is portrayed as evil, implying that socialism and communism are actually better economic systems for human beings when in fact they are much more oppressive than capitalism which rewards hard work and effort . Also, I would have like to have seen more history regarding various black ,asian, and latino, etc. cultures particualrly cultural, societal, and political practices prior to coming to the United States.</p> <p>I am also concerned that the “victimhood” being fostered in this curriculum encourages a false sense of entitlement and lack of responsibility for one’s own life situation. Life isn’t fair. Road blocks and bad things happen to everyone. It is how you deal with it that promotes your growth and victory over adversity in life. One is ultimately responsible for one’s own life.</p> <p>Another thing I am concerned about is the promotion of radical activists who use or advocate the use of violence and hatred against whites as role models. Angela Davis and the Black Panthers comes to mind. Martin Luther King Jr. on</p>

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		the other hand did things right and peacefully. Love liberates and unifies: hatred enslaves and divides. One last thing, yes I am white but I married a black guy while still in college in the 70's. White people were more accepting than blacks. just saying...

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