

Hello,

Regarding [HB 2845](#), as the teacher-librarian at South Salem High School, I would like to offer my insights regarding the importance of ethnic studies.

Students are simply asking that they be allowed to learn about their history, culture, and identity.

Those on the political right suggest that ethnic studies are divisive, but what is truly divisive is telling people that they do not have the right to learn about their culture, their history, and their identity. Also divisive is President Trump, clearly, in fact, the most divisive president in modern history. What, for example, could be more divisive than referring to Mexican immigrants as rapists?

Those in opposition to ethnic studies are reminiscent of those that promoted laws prohibiting slaves from learning to read. The fear is the same... the fear that there will be a challenge to White Supremacy.

In the name of tolerance and diversity and a rejection of the hatred being spewed by our president, please support HB 2845.

Thank you,

Scott Rick

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