

Talking Points to Use to Call the Governor's and Superintendent's Offices to Urge them to Sign the Resolution to Put APUSH on hold and to Urge the College Board to Fire David Coleman

The numbers to call are: Jerry Brown 916-445-2841 and Tom Torlackson 916-319-0800

Or you can fax them at Governor Brown 916-558-3160 or Supt. Torlackson 916-319-0100

Leave a message that we are urging the governor and superintendent to sign the resolution that was hand delivered to their offices on Tuesday, September 9, by a group of concerned mothers and grandmothers. It was entitled "**Resolution Demanding Implementation Delay and Rewrite of AP U.S. History Curriculum.**"

We are urging them to sign it for the following reasons:

- The new Advanced Placement US History (APUSH) frameworks and test that has just come out from the College Board this past summer are no longer teaching a balanced and correct view of American history.
- Under the leadership of College Board President David Coleman, the new frameworks are presenting a revisionist, biased view of American history that emphasize only negative aspects and leave out many important people, essential events, historical documents and literature and anything positive that America has done.
- There is no discussion of the Founding Fathers (except for one, George Washington), the principles of the Declaration of Independence, the religious influences on our nation's history, and many other critical topics that have always been part of the APUSH course.
- George Washington is mentioned with a few sentences from his farewell address. But there is no mention of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Adams, Patrick Henry, all the signers of the Declaration of Independence, etc. There is no mention even of Martin Luther King Jr.
- There is very little mention of the wars we have been involved in, no military leaders, and the only thing mentioned during World War II is that America put Japanese-Americans in internment camps and used an atomic bomb on Japan. There is no mention of the reason we were involved in the war – no mention of Hitler or the holocaust. No mention of six million Jews that were killed.
- The recurring theme that runs throughout the entire course is that Americans are "imperialistic, oppressive and racist." Never anything is said of the amazing good that America has done for so many other countries, that we were the shining city on the hill, the beacon of light of freedom to the rest of the world. There is no mention of the reason so many early colonists came flocking to America – for religious liberty.
- Sixty thousand of the best and brightest college-bound juniors and seniors in California public schools will take the AP History courses and come out with a totally distorted and negative view of U.S. history and will be ashamed of being American. Is that the whole purpose of this new course?
- The frameworks do not meet minimum requirements of the California current Social Studies COS approved by the State School Board in 2012 and are usurping the state mandated Course of Study and, therefore, should not be legal in public schools in California.
- This is an election year. Both the governor and the superintendent are up for reelection. Surely, they do not want California parents and voters to think they are not proud of their country and would not want the true American history to be taught to our California students. If they will not take a stand against these new APUSH frameworks, maybe their opponents will.

It is for all of the above reasons that we are urging both the state superintendent and the governor to sign the resolution and urge the College Board to 1) put an immediate hold on the implementation of the new frameworks and test and 2) fire David Coleman as the president of the College Board for allowing these new anti-American, revised frameworks to be produced.

