

EQ: How has the field of ethnic studies evolved over the past 50 years, and what are the challenges and push backs it faces locally and nationally?

Ethnic Studies

Celebrations and Challenges





Elder Acknowledgement

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CA AB 101, authored by Assemblyman Jose Medina (Riverside, CA), made ethnic studies course a graduation requirement for all public high schools



“The inclusion of ethnic studies in the high school curriculum is long overdue.”
– Jose Medina

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020s

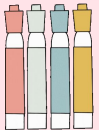
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Significant Events for Ethnic Studies



Look at the timeline
and note:

- 1 facts you learned
- 1 conclusion you can draw
- 1 question you have



CNUSD Ethnic Studies Timeline



2019 Ethnic Studies Planning Committee
Spearheaded by Ms. Nadine Loza

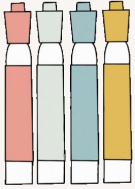
2021 Pilot Course Proposed
And approved by CNUSD Curriculum Council

2022 ERHS offers 1st class
Taught by Mr. Vincent Chen

2023 Board Approved
CNUSD board approves course 3-1 vote



5 years



What do you hoped CNUSD's ethnic studies program will look like in 5 years?

As you listen complete the reflection handout

WHY ETHNIC STUDIES MATTERS

1. According to Ron Espiritu, why does the author believe that ethnic studies is empowering and transformative for young people?

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2. What challenges did the Mexican American Studies program in Tucson, Arizona face, and how did the community respond to those challenges?

3. What stories does Espiritu share about his family's experience in education, specifically regarding language and culture? How did these experiences shape his beliefs about ethnic studies?

4. What is Espiritu's response to the accusations of the ethnic studies program being "unpatriotic" and "un-American"?

5. According to Espiritu, what are the three key components of an ethnic studies program?

6. Why does the speaker emphasize the importance of learning about the struggles and unity of African and indigenous people in Mexico?



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Push Back | La Raza Studies

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complete the reflection
handout



A 2010 law banning Mexican American Studies courses in Arizona goes to trial this week. VICE News speaks to the people involved in this racially tense case. Six years ago Arizona banned Mexican American Studies from public schools.

2017, Judge A. Wallace Tashima ruled that the Tucson Unified School District had violated the students' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights by eliminating the Mexican American Studies Program in Tucson's public schools.