

## **Information and guidance addressing concerns regarding Antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination based on shared ancestry on college campuses**

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Dear Colleague Letter specifying with concrete examples the application of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to allegations of discrimination in schools based on shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics, including discrimination against students and school community members who are or are perceived to be Jewish, Israeli, Muslim, Arab, Sikh, South Asian, Hindu, or Palestinian: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-202405-shared-ancestry.pdf>

In addition to the letter linked above, OCR has issued other resources to support schools in complying with their obligations under Title VI. These resources include:

- [Dear Colleague Letter: Addressing Discrimination Against Jewish Students.](#)
- [Dear Colleague Letter on Addressing Discrimination Against Muslim, Arab, Sikh, South Asian, Hindu, and Palestinian Students.](#)
- [Dear Colleague Letter: Discrimination, including Harassment, Based on Shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics Fact Sheet Protecting Students from Discrimination Based on Shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics.](#)

Legal Obligation of Schools to Address Discrimination Based on Shared Ancestry and Ethnic Characteristics: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-educations-office-civil-rights-reminds-schools-their-legal-obligation-address-discrimination-based-shared-ancestry-and-ethnic-characteristics>

U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/U.S.-National-Strategy-to-Counter-Antisemitism.pdf>

White House Statement regarding establishment of a National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/11/01/statement-from-white-house-press-secretary-karine-jean-pierre-on-president-bidens-establishment-of-first-ever-national-strategy-to-counter-islamophobia/>

These and other resources are available on the [Shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics](#) page of OCR's website.