

I strongly support SB 683. We must learn this painful history, and be conscious of our own white privilege, as early as possible, so that IT is our default awareness, instead of the invisible and often not-so-invisible systemic racial culture in which we all swim now. Without this awareness, there is no progress and community. Germany acknowledges and teaches about the Holocaust today, which helps to avoid a recurrence. Meanwhile, Turkey has been denying the Armenian Genocide for over a century, continuing to support the murder of Armenians since there is no national acknowledgement or education about their WWI-era history. The sooner we all face our demons together, the better for all of us, and the better for our society as a whole -- and then the truth will finally be normalized. Please support SB 683.