Check it right!

changing the UC application to better reflect the Southwest Asian & North African community

Select Ethnicity (for UC)

To help us understand the diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds of our students, please tell us which of the following groups best describes your background. Check as many categories as may apply.

African American / Black

- [ ] African American
- [ ] African
- [ ] Black Caribbean
- [ ] Other African American / Black

American Indian / Alaskan Native

- [ ] American Indian / Alaskan Native

Asian / Asian American

- [ ] Asian Indian
- [ ] Bangladeshi
- [ ] Cambodian
- [ ] Chinese / Chinese American (except Taiwanese)
- [ ] Filipino / Filipino American
- [ ] Hmong
- [ ] Indonesian
- [ ] Japanese / Japanese American
- [ ] Korean / Korean American
- [ ] Laotian
- [ ] Malaysian
- [ ] Pakistani
- [ ] Sri Lankan
- [ ] Taiwanese / Taiwanese American
- [ ] Thai
- [ ] Vietnamese / Vietnamese American
- [ ] Other Asian (not including Middle Eastern)

Hispanic / Latino

- [ ] Cuban / Cuban American
- [ ] Latin American / Latino
- [ ] Mexican / Mexican American / Chicano
- [ ] Puerto Rican
- [ ] Other Hispanic, Latin American or of Spanish origin

Pacific Islander

- [ ] Fijian
- [ ] Guamanian/Chamorro
- [ ] Hawaiian
- [x] Samoan
- [ ] Tongan
- [ ] Other Pacific Islander

White/Caucasian

- [x] European / European descent
- [x] Middle Eastern / Middle Eastern descent
- [x] North African
- [x] Other White / Caucasian

If you chose "Other", please specify

The Current Application

Historical Context



Historical Context

- Early racial classification as part of a 3 race theory
- classification as Caucasian in the early 20th century
- 1960s Civil Rights Movement
- Formalization of Ethnic/Racial categories in 1977
- 1980 Heritage Form
- Attempt to change Census in 1997
- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)

problems with classification as "white"

Problems with this classification

- Personal identity
- Inaccurate racialized identity
- Implementation of federal standards
- "Other" data
- Recruitment and Retention work

Proposed Application

Bill passed by UC Berkeley ASUC Senate

Southwest Asian/North African

- Algerian
- Afghan
- Armenian
- Azerbaijani
- Bahraini
- Berber
- Circassian
- Djiboutian
- Egyptian
- Emirati
- Georgian
- Iranian
- Iraqi
- Israli and/or Mizrahi/ Sephardic
- Jordanian
- Kurdish
- Kuwaiti
- Lebanese
- Libyan
- Mauritanian
- Moroccan
- Omani
- Palestinian
- Qatari
- Saudi Arabian
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Syrian
- Tunisian
- Turkish
- Yemeni
- Other, North African
- Other, Southwest Asian

UC-wide issue

- UC-wide issue affecting current and incoming students
- Following a tradition and setting a precedent
- Campaign in UCB External Affairs Vice President's Office

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Campus-wide

2. UCSA