

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Brianna Ziner. I am a freshman attending the University of New Haven. There I am enrolled in an Introduction to Sociology class. Recently, my professor asked the class to read the House Bill 7082 and write our thoughts. The House Bill is presented by Bobby Gibson, the State Representative. This bill brings about the debate of incorporating African American studies into the curriculums of the public schools of Connecticut. I find it difficult to believe that only thirteen states in the United States that require African American studies to be mandated and taught in the school districts. I agree with the terms of this House Bill. I feel as if all students enrolled in public schools should be taught about African American studies. It will increase their knowledge and expand their horizon. It may challenge their views and beliefs, but sooner or later these students must understand and realize that people have different values and culture. Coming from a college student in Connecticut studying the profession of dental hygiene. I can relate to learning about African American studies to my patients when I see in the dental office. Knowing facts about their history, heritage, and lives can help me discuss new topics with my patients while I work on their teeth. It could further my knowledge of knowing if a patient is prone to specific diseases or conditions relating to African American descent. Studying African American history at a young age can influence students. It will educate them and inspire them to learn about different cultures and roots. It is valuable for students to receive as much education as possible. It will lead them to succeed in school and other classes. Studying African American history will help individuals understand different views, values, and culture allowing young students to grow as a person. Offering African American studies to public schools is a grand idea and I hope this bill will be passed and saw through.

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