

## **1856 Why is my curriculum white?**

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### **Union Notes**

1. That a lot of schools (especially in the Humanities and Social Sciences) teach from a colonialist perspective
2. That most of the reading lists set by schools has a white eurocentric focus, even when discussing non-European countries
3. That relevant literature written by non-BME people that is relevant to course topics exists
4. That the UCL Student's Union set up a 'Why is my curriculum white?' campaign in 2014

### **Union Believes**

1. That having reading lists which rarely feature content created by non-BME people provides a very biased and partial version of history and of opinions that are unrepresentative of the whole picture
2. That having content on reading lists for topics based around a different countries' history written by people not from that country is not a fully inclusive portrayal as content created by people who are
3. That all students should be represented, even in academia

### **Union Resolves**

1. To mandate the Campaigns and Democracy Officer and the Ethnic Minorities Officer to conduct a campaign based on the UCL Student's Union campaign 'Why is my curriculum white?' to encourage more diverse reading lists from a post colonialist background
2. To lobby the university to change their reading lists to include more content created by non-white people