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Message from CRCL on Protecting Individuals from Discrimination Based on Actual or Perceived Shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics

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In light of reported incidents of hate and discrimination at college campuses and other locations across the U.S., the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties reminds the public that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination based on shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics and prohibits forms of antisemitic, anti-Muslim, anti-Arab, Islamophobic, and related forms of discrimination and bias in federally funded programs and activities.

DHS again affirms its commitment to counter unlawful discrimination and protect the civil rights of all communities, including faith communities. Below is the recently released DHS Fact Sheet, translated into six languages, which contains information on how to file complaints about such forms of discrimination arising in DHS-funded programs.

[FACT SHEET: Protecting Individuals from Discrimination Based on Actual or Perceived Shared Ancestry or Ethnic Characteristics | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)