

I suggest you revise wording from “ethnic groups” to “ethnic and religious groups that have been historically subject to persecution.”

Adding the word “religious” insures that you avoid the issue of how the group is viewed. Some people view Jews, for example, only as a religious group, others view Jews only as an ethnic group. This may be the case for other groups.

This very distinction actually affected the way holocaust survivors were registered until it was acknowledged that people of different ethnicities and nationalities could all have a common religion. Similarly, people of different ethnicities could have the same religion.

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