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Call to Boycott the Oral History Conference Hebrew University of Jerusalem : Open Letter

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The following open letter was issued on August 12 to oral historians and planning to attend the June 2014 International Conference on Oral History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The letter is signed by 377 scholars, and the following Academic and Cultural Boycott Campaigns : Academics for Peace (Ireland) ; AURDIP (France) ; BAB (Germany) ; BOYCOTT ! (Israel) ; BICACBI (India) ; PACBI (Palestine) ; PBAI (Spain) ; USACBI (USA) - an Alternative Information Centre (Israel) ; Groundwell : Oral Historians for Change, core working group ; Independent Jewish Voices Canada ; University of Toronto SJP (Canada) ; SJP of UCLA – and by Ronnie Kasrils, former South African government minister, anti-apartheid activist and writer. To add your name to the list of signatories please email : hebrewconferenceboycott@gmail.com Download the letter (update 11/15/2013).

CAMPAIGN TO BOYCOTT THE ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

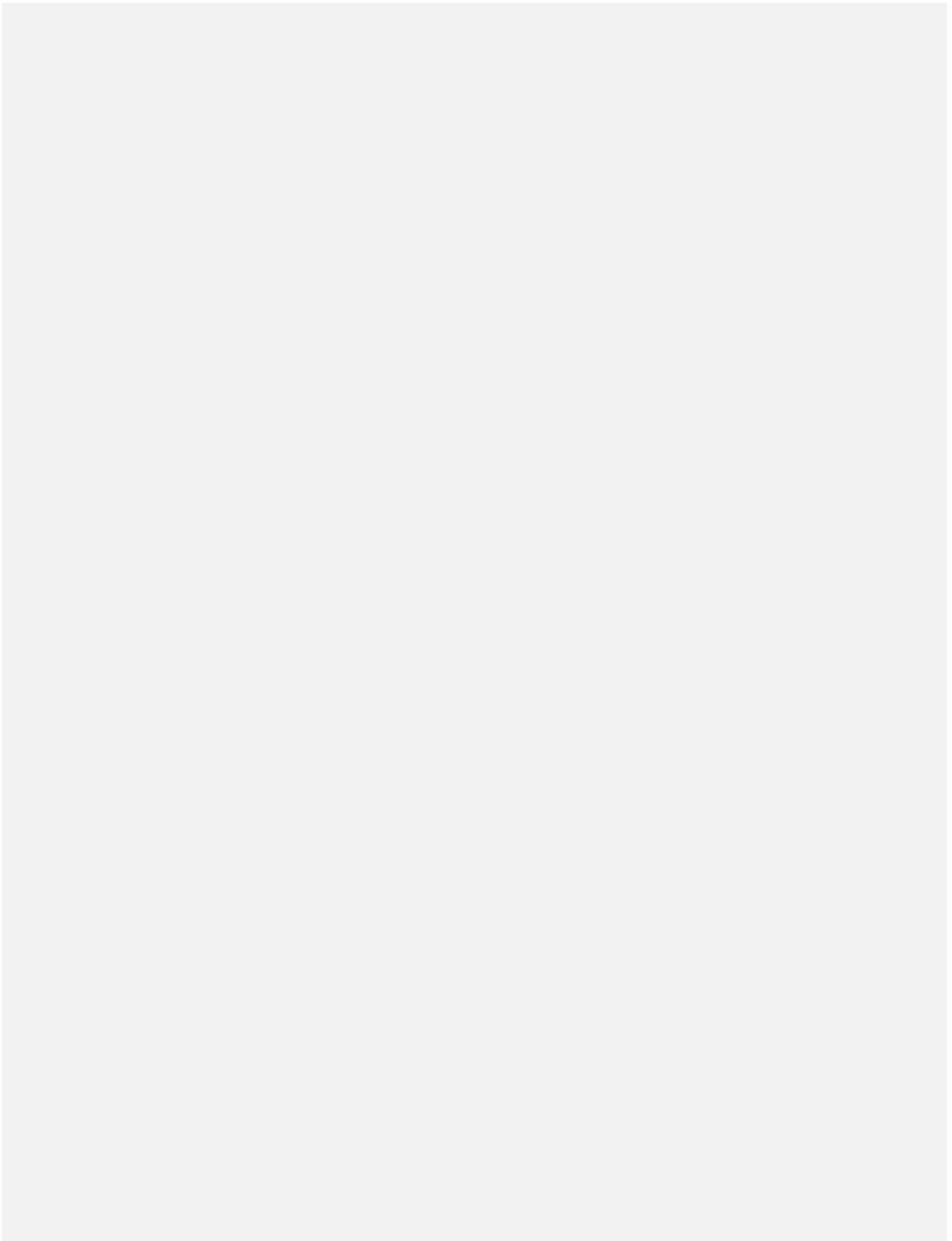
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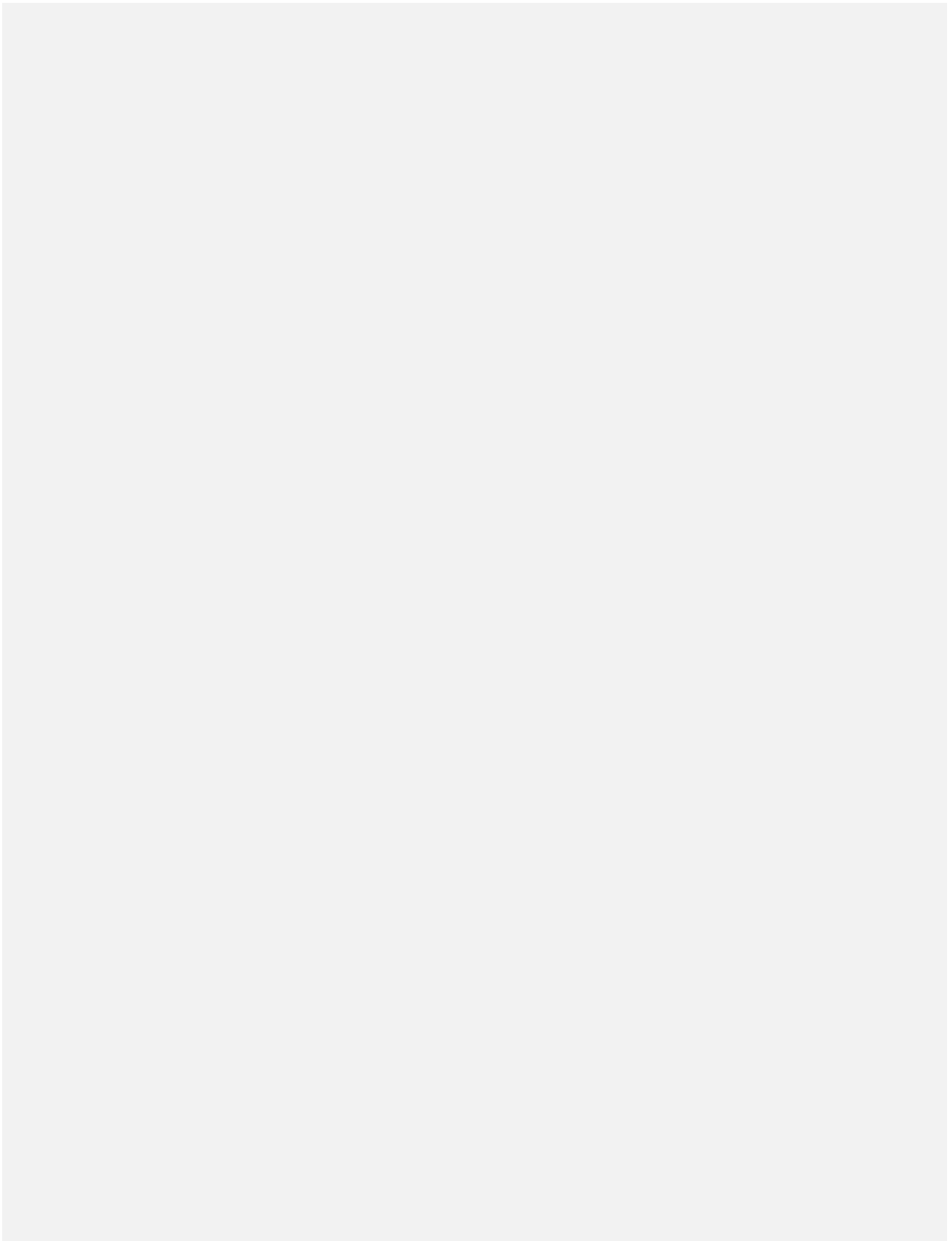
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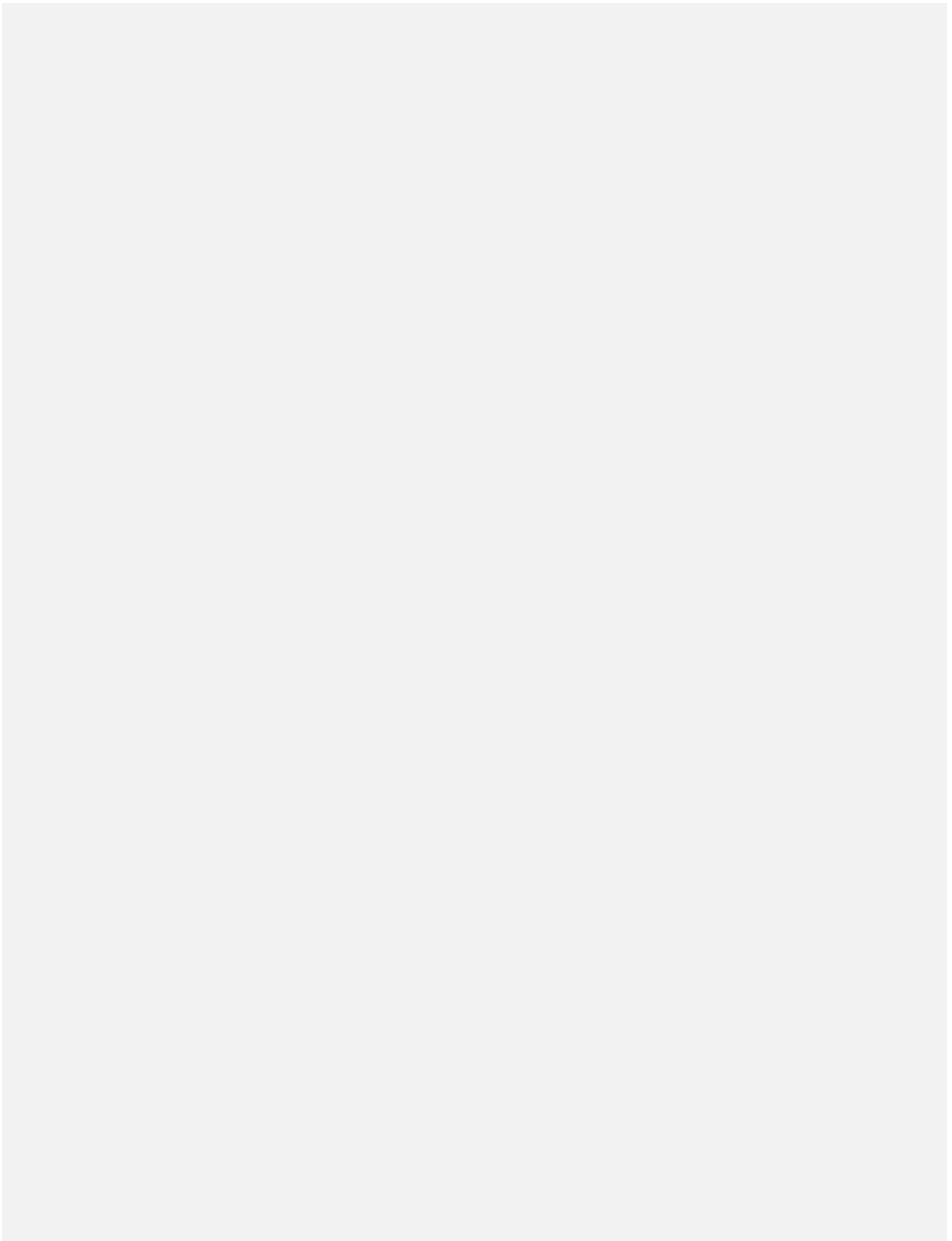
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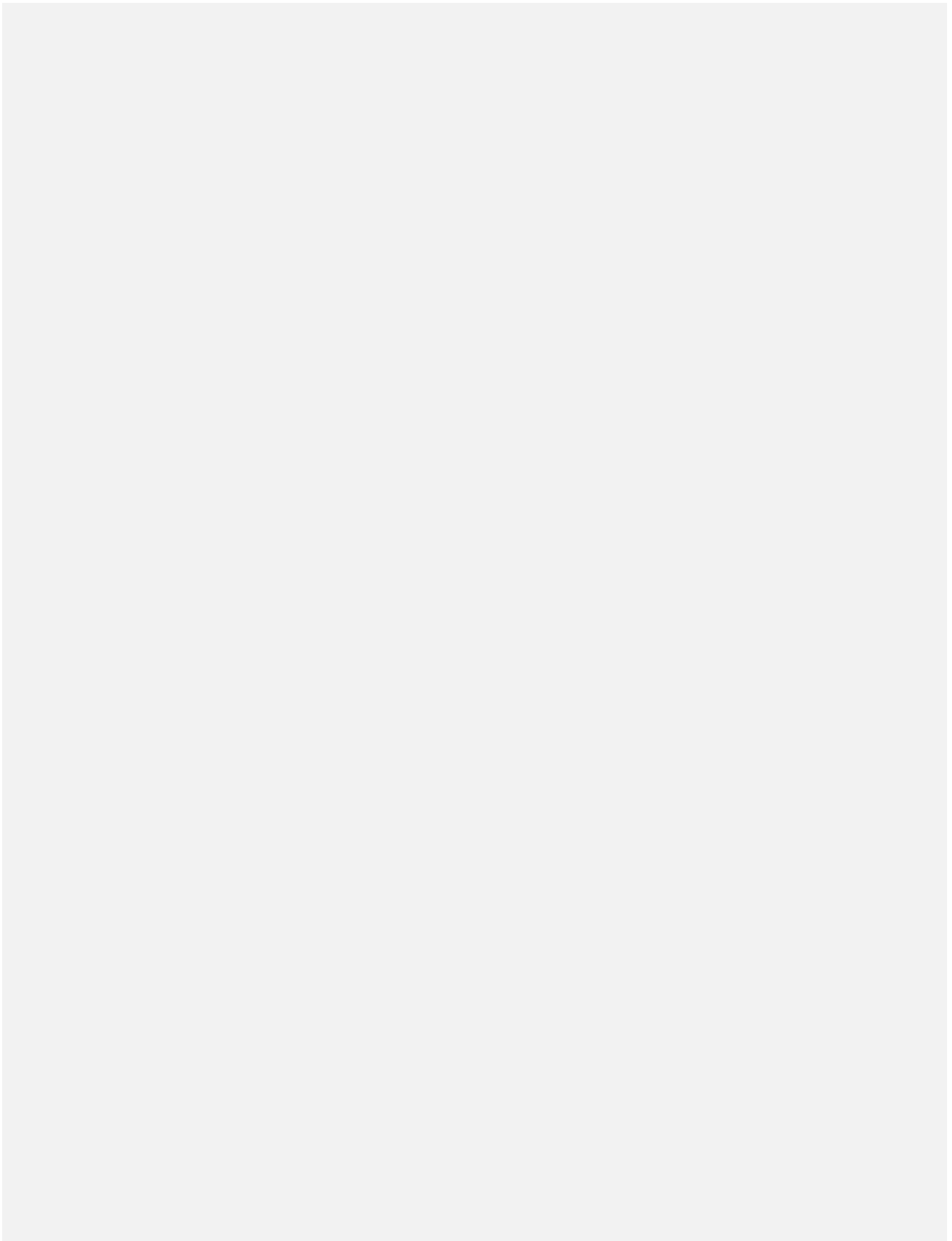
We are a group of Palestinian, Israeli, and other oral historians and academics from Europe, South Africa, and North America calling on you to boycott the 'International Conference on Oral History' organised by the Oral History Institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. While all Israeli universities are deeply complicit in the occupation of Palestine, and apartheid, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is particularly noteworthy, as we explain below.

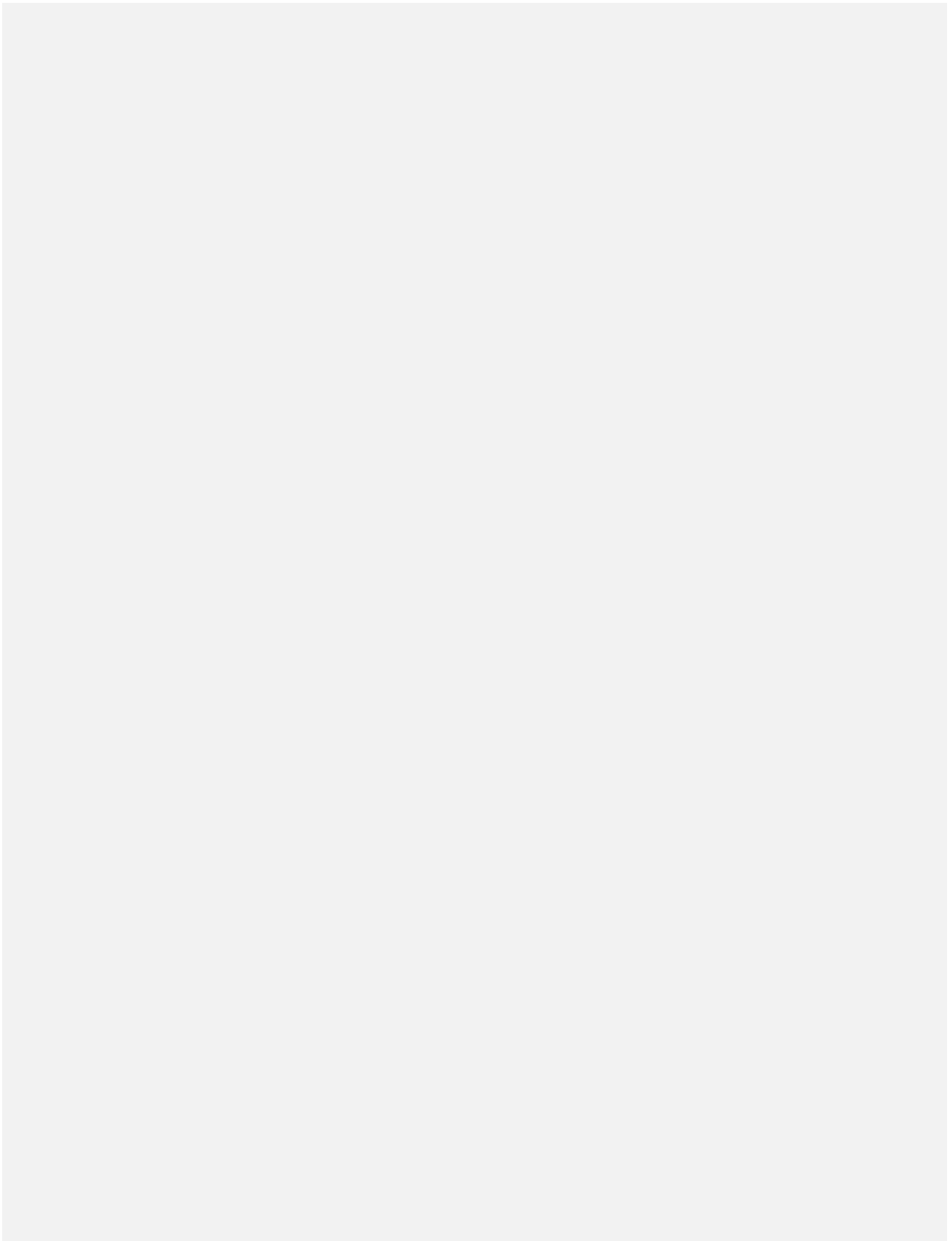
Your actions have a direct impact on our joint struggle for a just peace

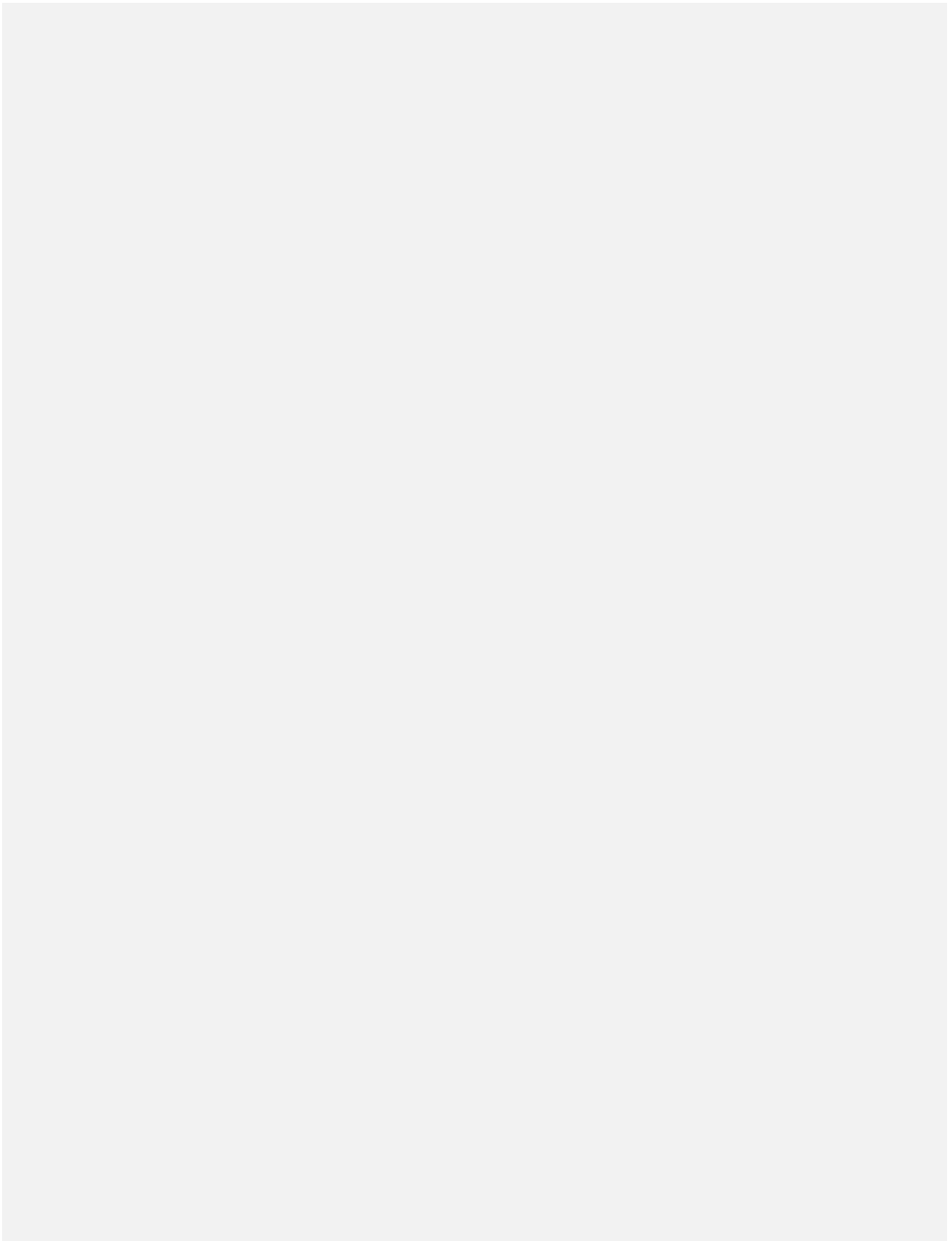


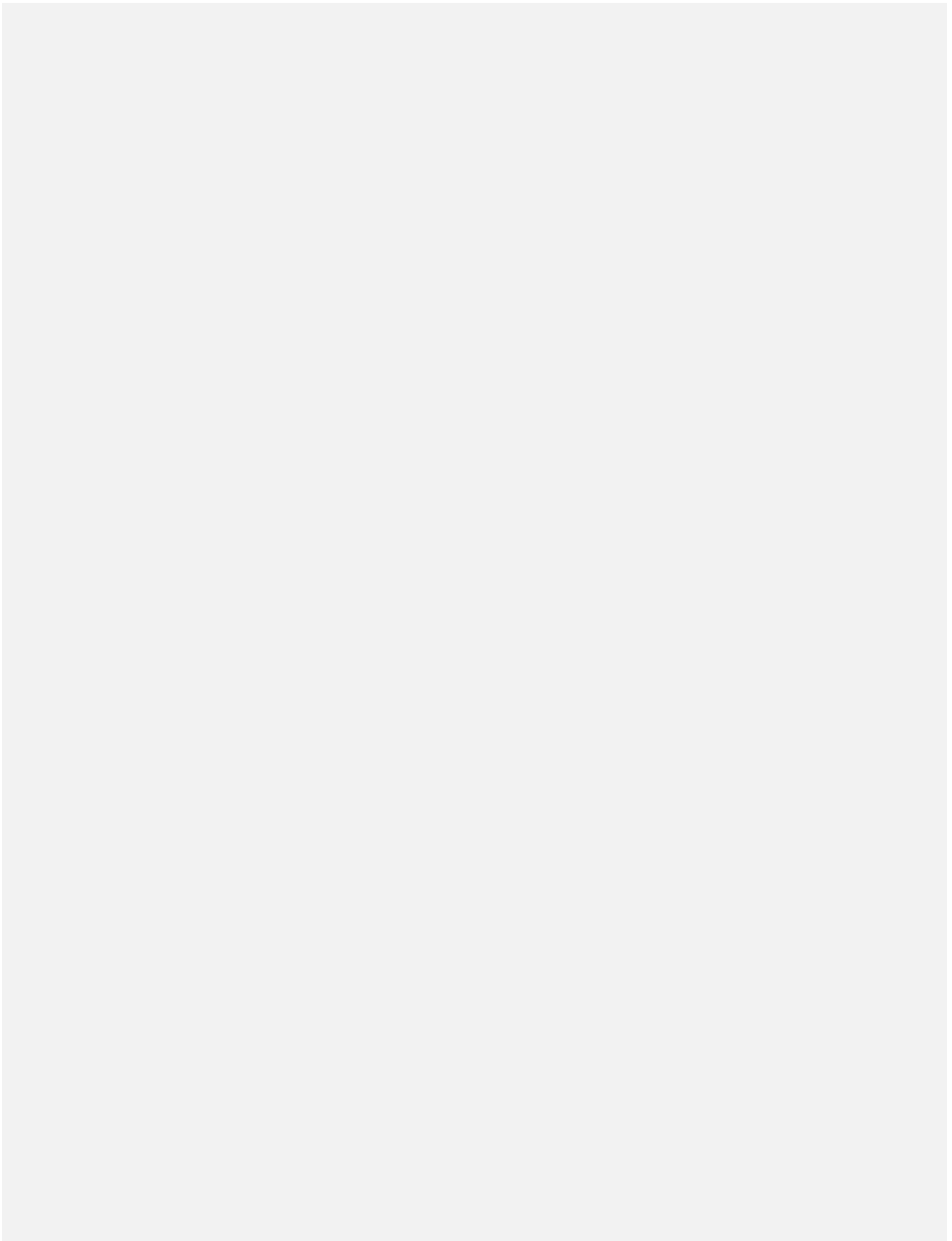


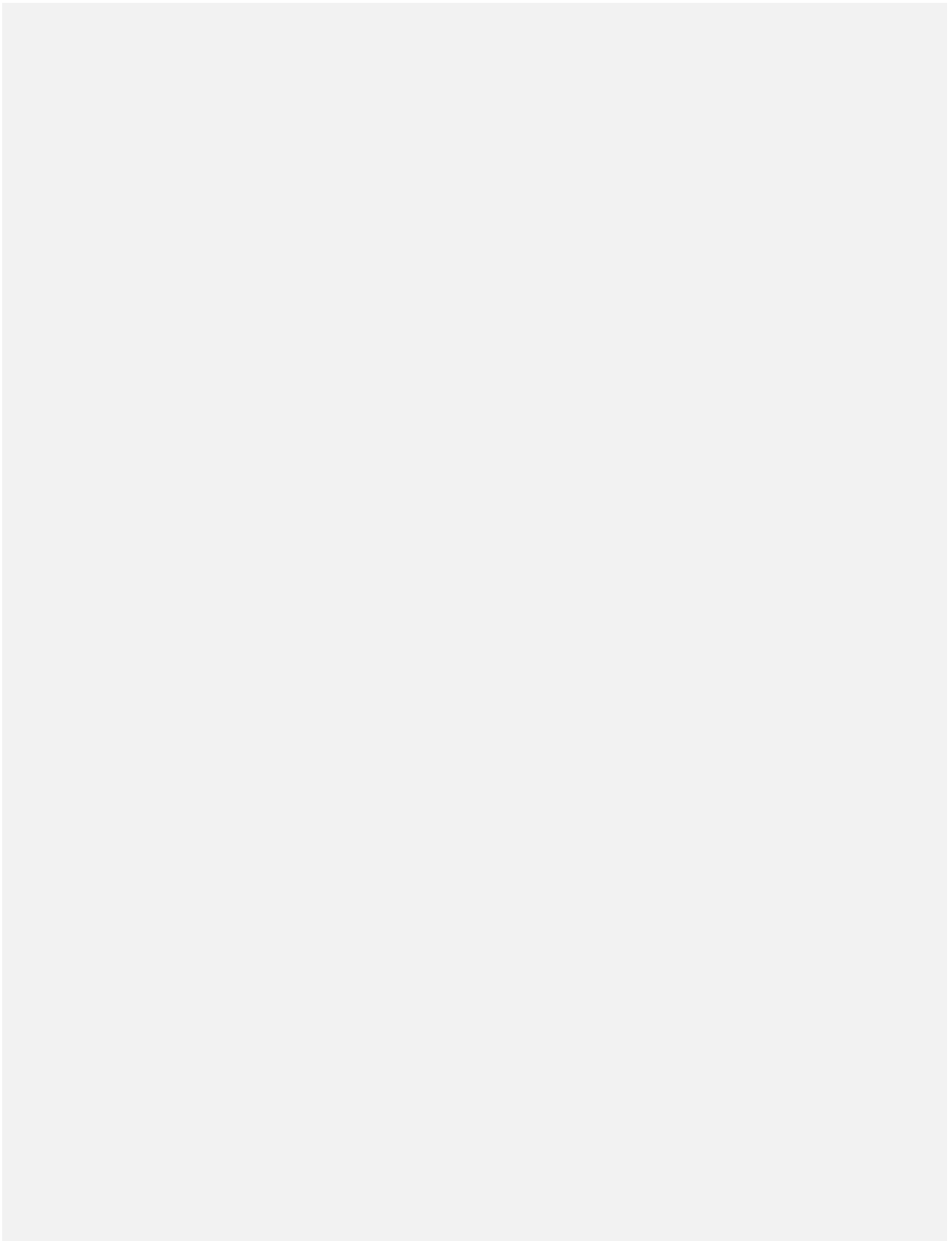


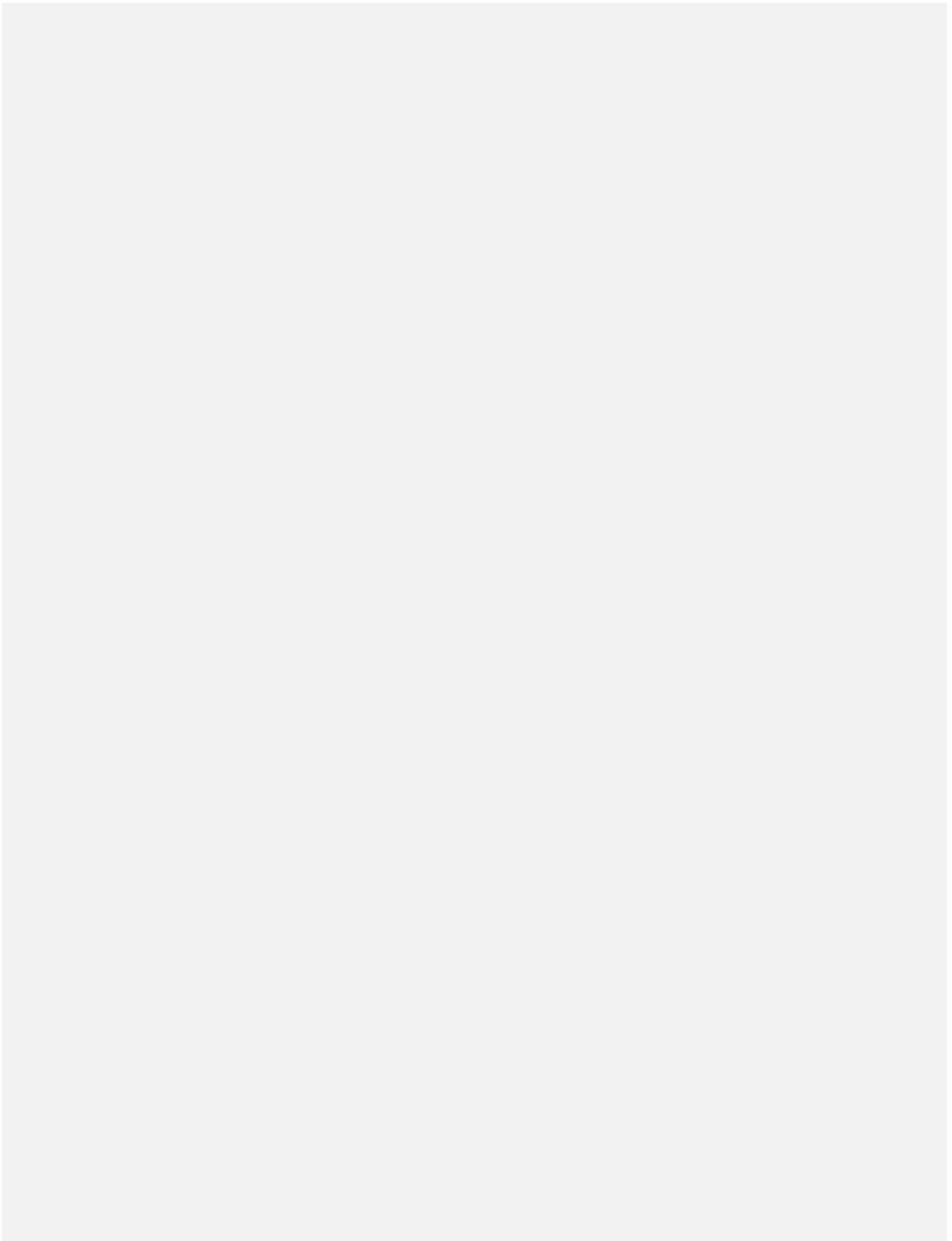


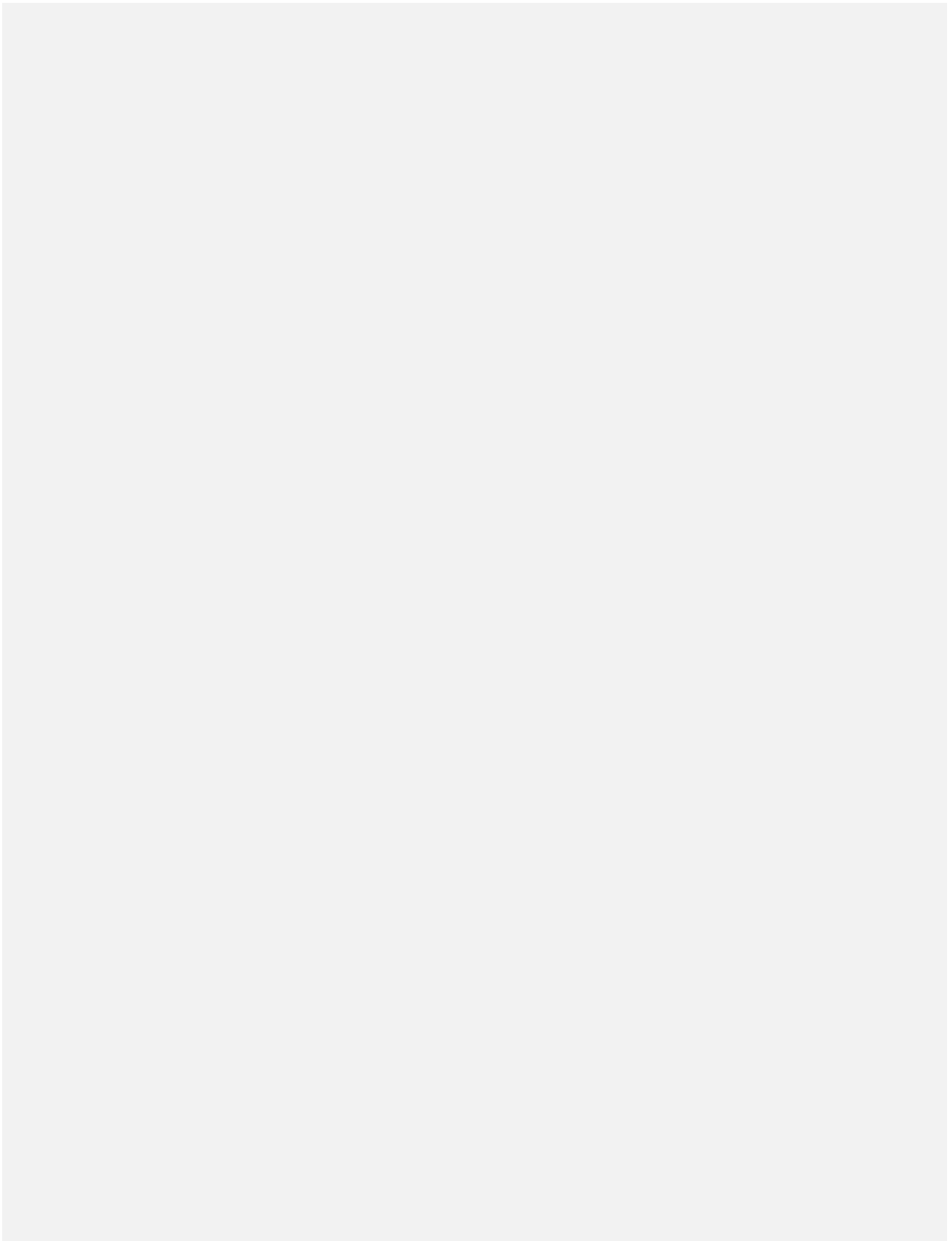


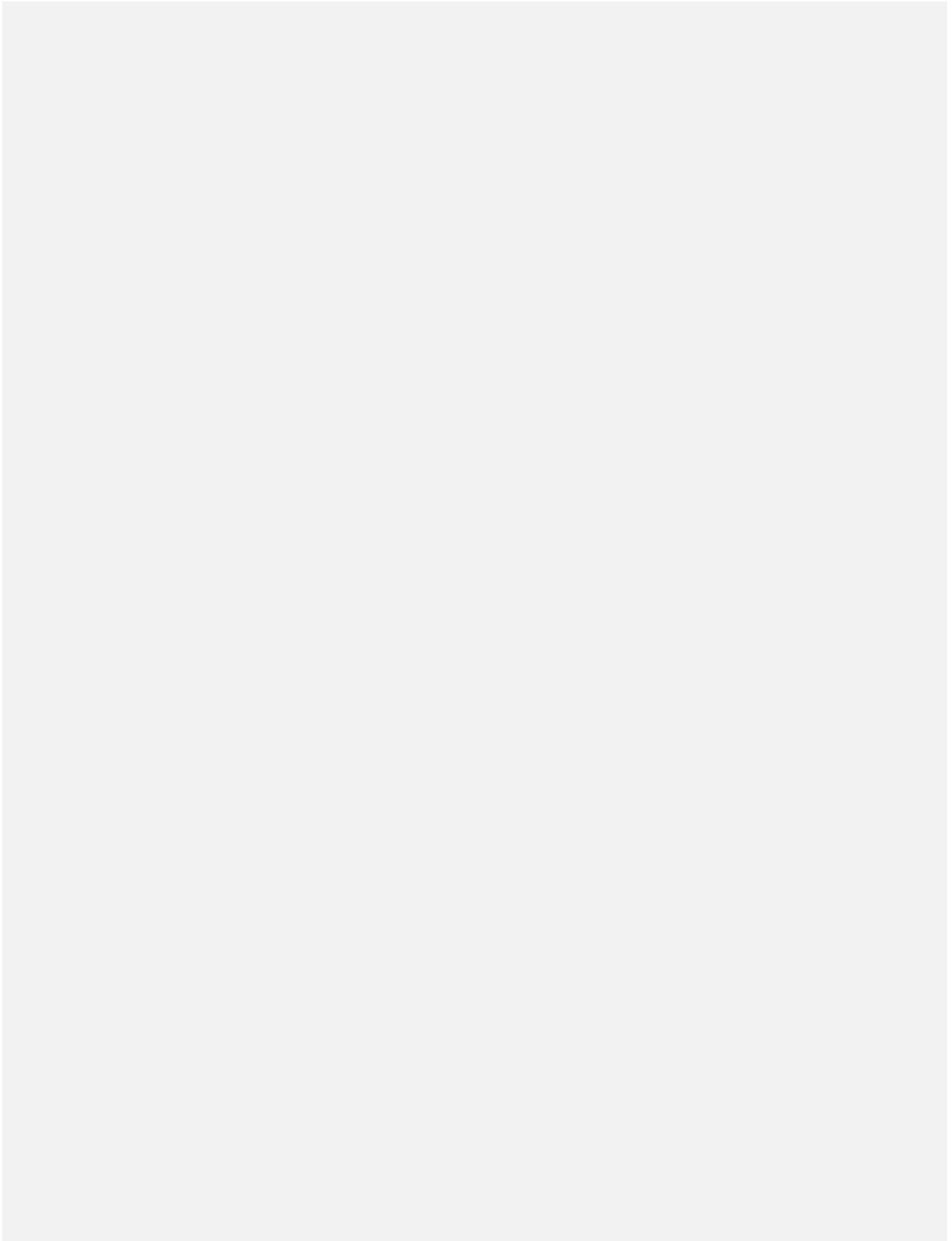


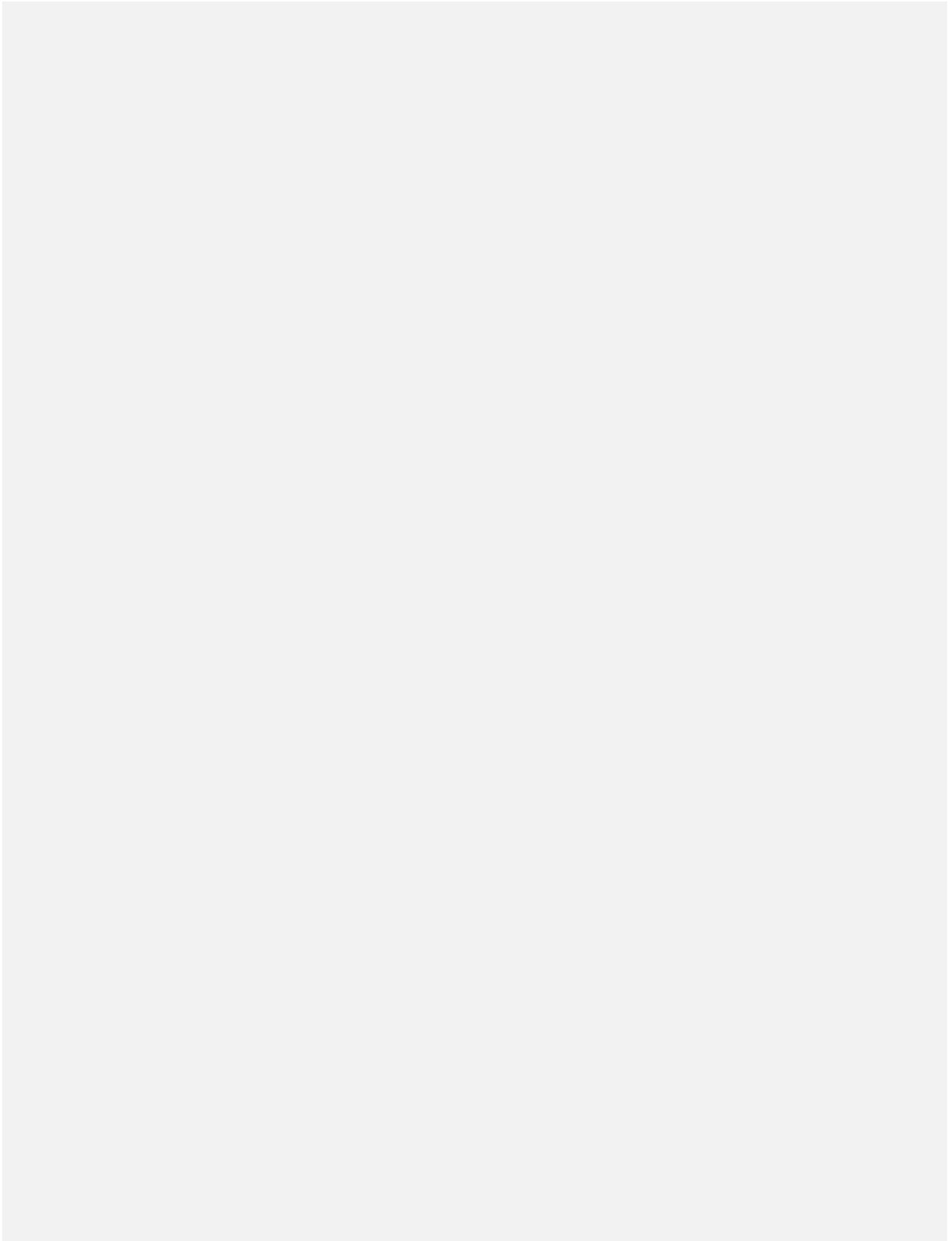


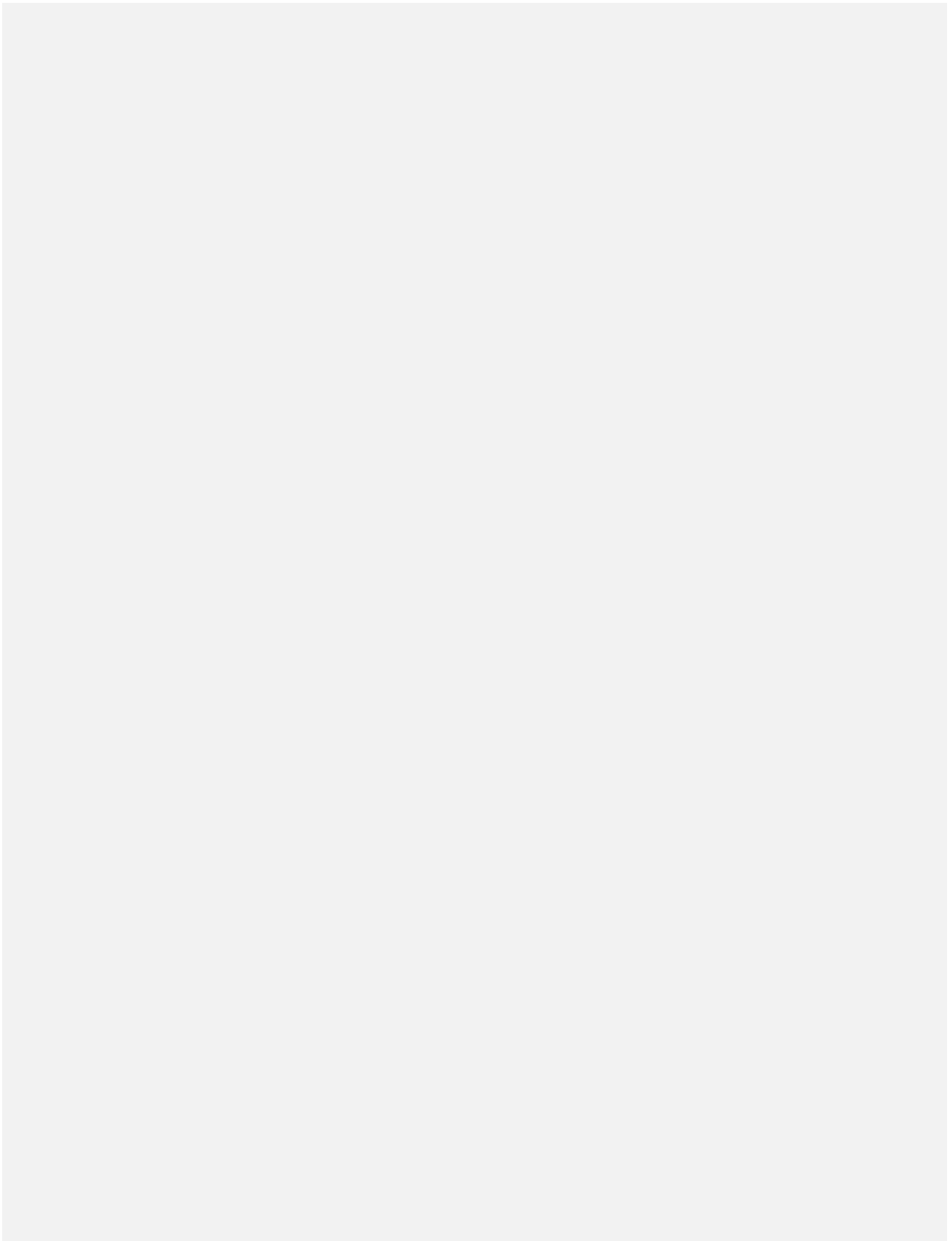


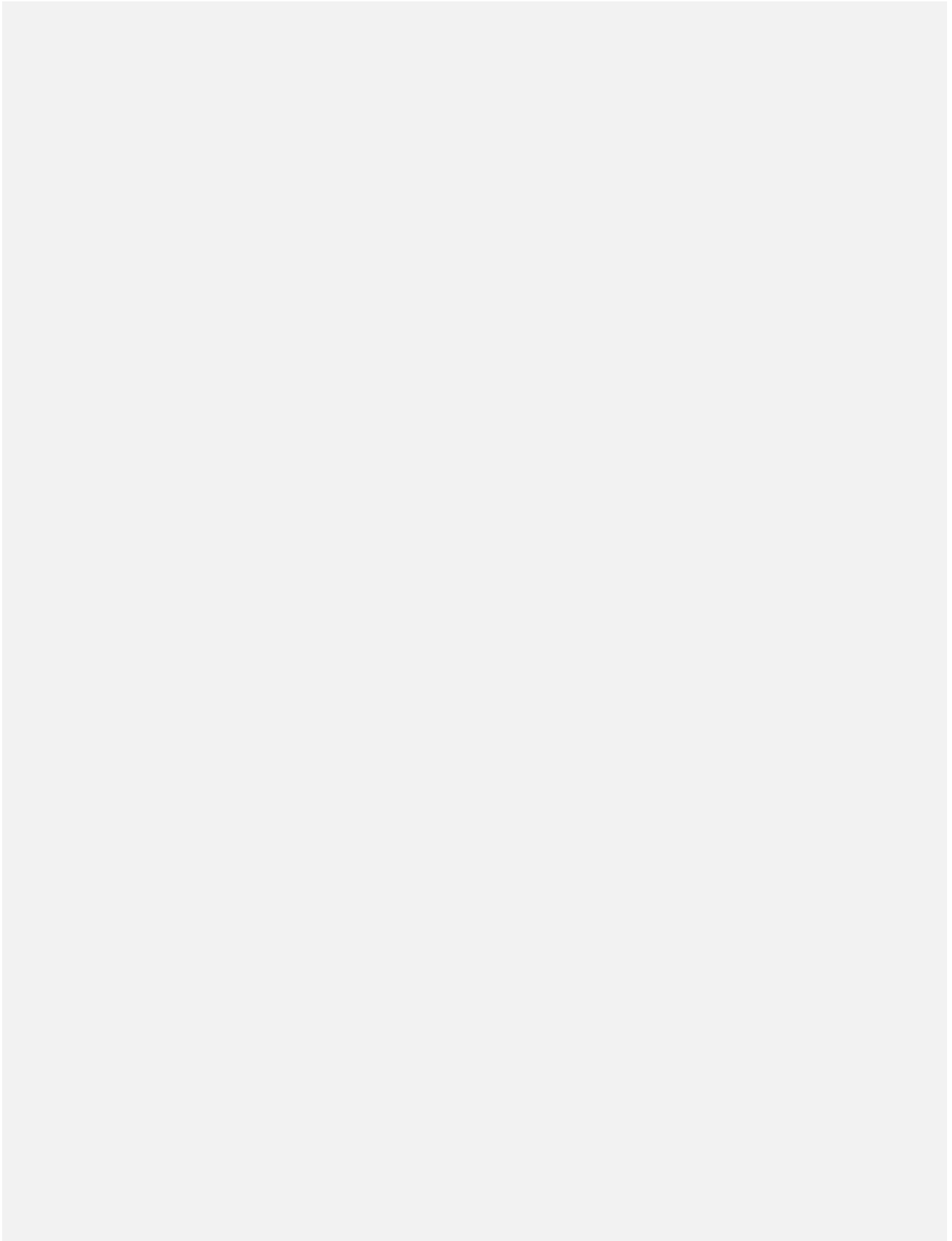


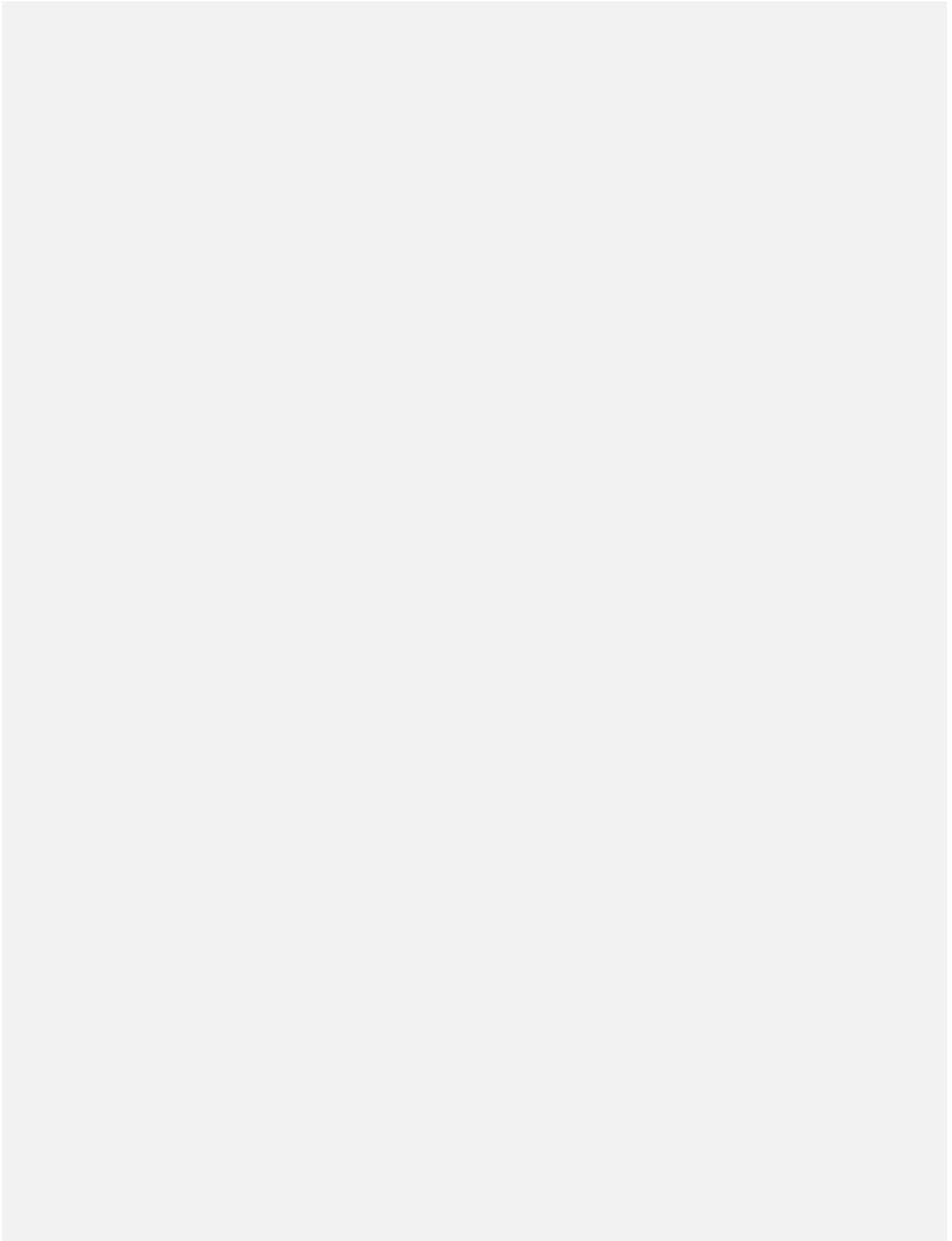


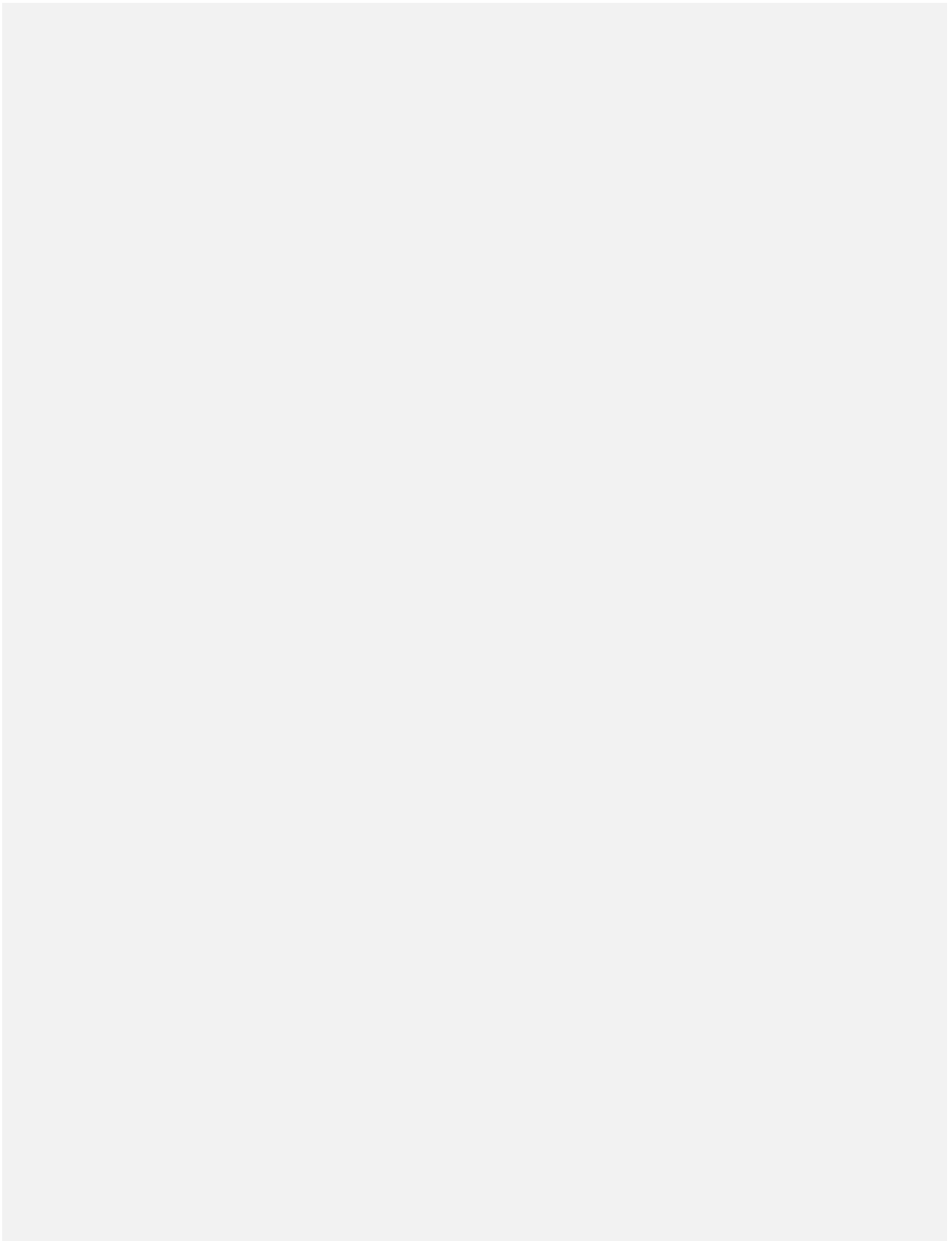


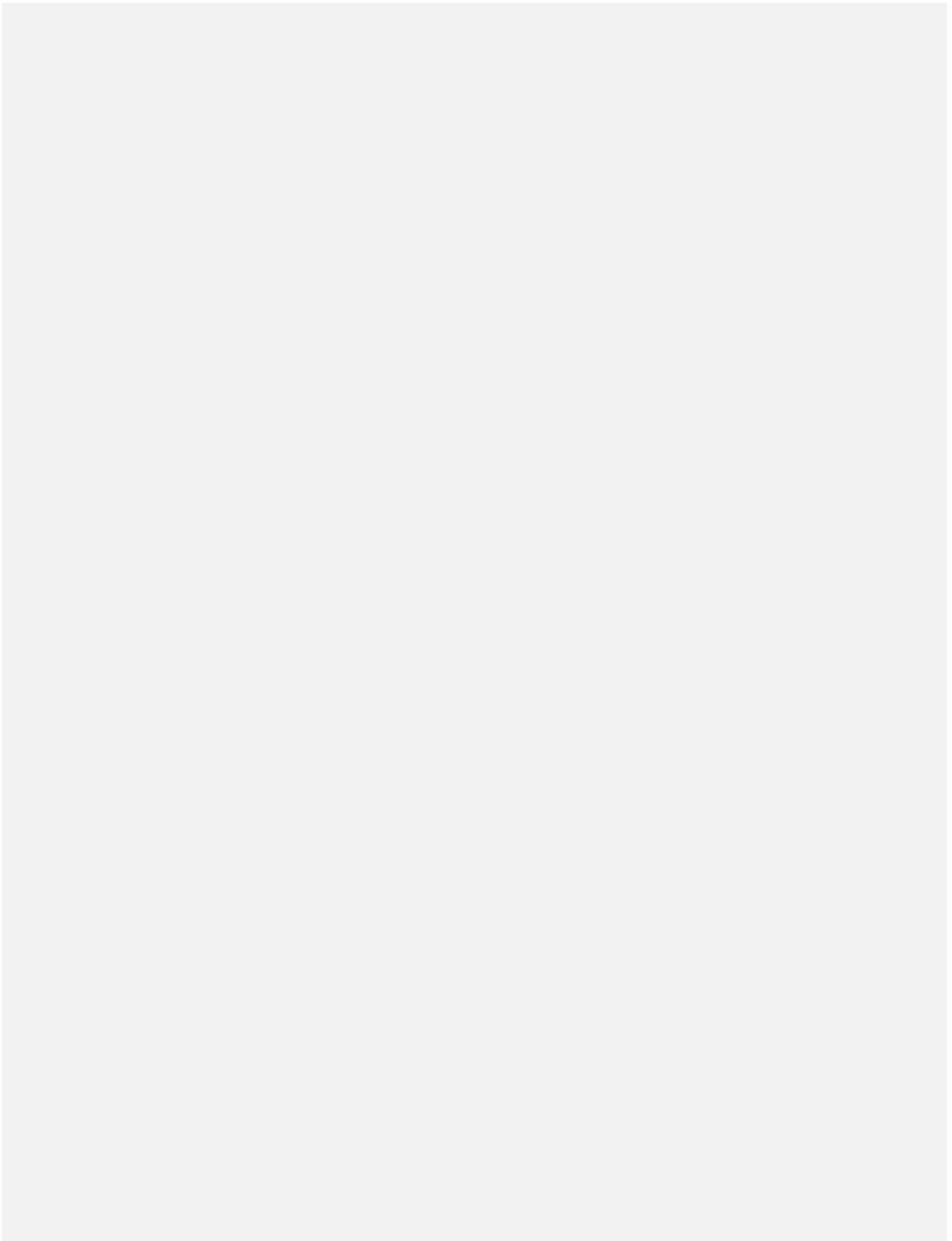












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9,000 Israeli academics – less than 5% of those who were invited to sign

Notes :

[1] The decision was published in the official Israeli Gazette (the Hebrew number 1425. It was therefore "legalized" by Israel. This land, for the most part (still is) privately owned by Palestinians living in that area. A large part of the confiscated land was then given to the Hebrew University to expand its dormitories). The Palestinian landowners refused to leave their land, arguing that the confiscation order of 1968 was illegal. When the case came before the Jerusalem District Court in 1972 (file no. 1531/72), the court ruled against the University and the state, deciding that the Palestinian families must evict the University and be offered alternative housing. See also <http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/0...>

[2] Keller, U. (2009) *The Academic Boycott of Israel and the Complicity of Academic Institutions in Occupation of*

Palestinian Territories. The Economy of the Occupation : A Socioeconomic Alternative Information Centre.

<http://www.alternativenews.org/imag...>

[3] <http://www.jpost.com/Local-Israel/I...>

[4] <http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,73...>

[5] <http://www.jewishlinkbc.com/index.p...>

[6] <http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/index...>

[7] <http://pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=869>

[8] <http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/52>

[9] <http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?...>

[10] UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, "The Right to Education (Art.13)," December 8, 1999

<http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/%2...>

[11] Judith Butler. "Israel/Palestine and the Paradoxes of Academic Freedom," *Radical Philosophy*, Vol. 135. pp. 8-17, January/February 2006. <http://www.faculty/judith-b...> (Accessed on December 10, 2011)

[12] <http://pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=792>