

Group 3 College Tuition

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Essential Question: Should college tuition be free for everyone?

Things To Consider:

• Does the idea appeal to you? Why?

- Are there any cons for the argument?
- What is the author's purpose for writing the article?
- Does the author have a bias?
- Who will pay?
- How can we measure "deserving"?
- Is there a difference between subsidizing seniors and paying for free college tuition?

The author addresses the fact that the scholarships and free college opportunities are primarily for the students with low income. For many students who are middle and upper class, these scholarships and opportunities are unattainable. It is unfair. There is also the unfair way of providing these opportunities to people of a certain gender. It usually works out that students part of the Asian communities are provided less opportunities than those students in the Latino or African American communities. I believe that college should not be free. College is an opportunity for students. Since people do not legally have to go to college and have to make the choice to go, it should not be free. Additionally, if colleges and other businesses want to provide scholarships and other opportunities, it should be fair in terms of gender, race, and religion. Many colleges have to regulate the amount of a certain type of people who enter. For example, an Asian person would have to have a full resume and have almost have an one hundred in every class to enter a prestigious college. However, an African American or Latino student could have a high C or a low B and still get into the same college. This is a travesty in international proportions. The opportunities and scholarships need to be based on ability - such as SAT/ACT score, grade, PSAT, ect. College should not be free because, like a business, colleges need money to stay running, update equipment, and get other things for students. Asking colleges to make the experience free is like asking a restaurant to serve food for free just because you don't want to pay. The monetary system is how the "playing field" is leveled. This everybody have to have the same standards and have the same expectations and costs. When one walks into a school building, one can see the divisions between students in terms of academic level. The students who spend every minute trying to get the best grades and who try the hardest to get perfect scores should receive the academic advantage. The students who often have lower grades ranging from high Bs to failing grades are commonly receiving special opportunities and scholarships. This particular author realizes that these students often are not provided with everything the upper and middle class are provided with, but also believes that success is based on one thing: amount of effort put into the work. Often times, the upper class puts more effort into their work and their grades.

This is an important topic because college is one of the most relied sources for a successful future. The author states that politicians choose to believe that financial aid is the solution to families not being able to afford college. Financial aid is not a good plan because it not only targets those who are (clearly) less fortunate, but cancels out the middle-class and makes it seem as if they are able to afford colleges just as well as the upper class. This plan also isn't able to give too much to the less fortunate, proving to be almost pointless.

Making college free would greatly benefit the United States as a whole, as it gives students around the U.S. a greater opportunity to increase in success and improve our economy.

I agree that the people providing financial are one sided and only helping lower classes and making it very difficult for the middle class who will become a lower class after paying all the fees. I do disagree in the fact that by making college free it wouldn't just make the U.S. better there are still kids who don't care for education and will be filling in a spot at a college that some other student would love to have and would benefit from.

I disagree. Attending a college is a privilege and not a right. Students need to have be aware of the. It would not befit the economy as colleges provide jobs to many people and having them be free would cause many small or local colleges to shut down. The plan is giving to the less fortunate every time. TO improve the plan, it needs to cater to all students and provide a wider range of oportunities for all students or any class or socia;; status

I disagree. Not only, as aiden said, would taxes be raised almost exponentially, but it wouldn't let the student face a real world problem, that affects a lot of grown ups who haven't gone to college, which is money. And not only would it be bad for the students, but also for the country, as they would need to play for the supplies for the schools and renovations , making them waste more time and money which increases the amount of our national debt rises daily

The main purpose of the article was mostly to inform the reader about the unfairness Of scholarships. People that come from poor families, but have amazing skills get into college for free, but people that come from upper - middle class families have to pay, even if they have specific skills or talents. Colleges should not cater to people just because they are a specific race or gender, and everyone should pay to get in to make it fair. It is also unfair to the people who make good grades. Somebody that isn't white, and makes b's or c's, but are good on the football field, have a higher chance of making it into a college than a white person who makes a's and high b's, but do not play any sports. This unjust system lets people who have little to no reason other than they are good at sports, or have other non academic achievements, into colleges without payment, leaving the ones who work hard and get good grades but don't have enough money or don't want to spend the next few years in debt out.

The surprising thing about the plan is that it works better for white people than those people who are in the Asian community. Asians must make at least a 98% or higher to even be considered. The highest competition is between Asian people. I believe that the plan should be repealed and the other plans colleges have the make colleges accept a certain amount of people should also be repealed. When colleges consider people for these opportunities, they should not consider race, social status, or gender.

The author talks about how students in the middle and upper class have less access to these scholarships than people in the lower class. You have to also consider that many kids in the lower class don't care for education, not all of them some really work hard, but others just don't care at all. You have to also look at the fact that an Asian person who maintains great grades and applies for a high level college has the same chance of getting in as a Latino or an African American who has b's and c's. I believe that everyone should have to pay for college so that colleges are able to keep up to date technology and a well maintained campus. If you were to make college free it would not only raise taxes, that are already really high, it would make colleges filled with more students than it can handle and it would have out of date technology therefore giving students a worse education.

It is actually easier for a Latino or African American person to get into a college since the expectations are lower. I agree that colleges would have out of date technology, but do not agree that amount of students can affect the quality of education. Making college free may not raise taxes - it might just cause some colleges to shut down or the government to consolidate the colleges in the area, I don't think he's saying that it will affect the quality of education, more that it will affect the quality of the school in general. If you have thousands upon thousands of people off one campus, there might not be enough supplies, dorms, or room in general.

I agree that free college would increase taxes, but I don't think that it would effect students that don't

care much about education; Students still have to apply for colleges.
As a student or a citizen your not required to apply for college it's a choice that you make.

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