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The downfall of College

Is the risk compared to the reward of college too high? Thinking back all we were taught through grade school years is to go to college and get a good job. The supply has out grown the demands of various jobs. Many college graduates struggle to find a job in their field of study. The reason college education is in decline are the cost is too high, the job opportunities after graduation are too low, and colleges focus on other activities besides education.

The costs of getting a college education can be a large financial burden for the students and family. Every item adds up when attending college. Books, tuition, and housing can be very expensive. Many students have taken out student loans which are required to pay back later. Finding a job to repay student loans is the next challenge students face.

Finding a job in the field of study is tough. Although, some students find a job they went to school for, a portion of students settle for jobs in fast food or retail. The job market just is not out there right now with many jobs moving to foreign countries. Not everyone is lucky enough to be gifted in athletics or politics.

The exception to the risk versus reward is the other activities colleges seem to put more focus over education. It is easier for someone who can dribble a ball or score a touchdown to attend college for free than someone with the perfect GPA. Schools view athletics as a way to make money off of students. These athletes attend college and only a select few make professional sports leagues.

With the rising costs of education, the lack of jobs, focus on education college is on a decline. The costs of going to college are high books, tuition, and housing can put a student in debt. Even the job market is saturated. Most students get caught up in the extra activities and do not focus on getting a education.