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Improving College Education

When many students think about their future, college is a common option. Some students may decide to go and some may not. Now, more people are choosing to go straight into their career without acquiring an education first. Colleges have decreased in value to compete with this unfortunate realization. Colleges should be improved because of outrageous costs, waning academic rigor, and requirements of the job market.

The outrageous cost of college is the main reason why it needs to be improved. An enormous gymnasium, lavish dorm rooms, and other unnecessary accommodations are just a few of the luxuries that increase college fees. Since a large amount of students cannot afford to further their education, they simply give up on that plan and go down a different path for their life or choose a different college. Not only do some colleges have ridiculous costs, but they also have irrelevant, challenging courses.

The waning academic rigor of a higher education intimidates many students. Unfortunately, students become fearful and choose to either attend a college with an easier curriculum or to not go to college at all. Some courses are unnecessarily difficult, and students receive very little benefit from them. Courses should be challenging but also beneficial for the student’s job market.

College institutions are not teaching students how to meet the requirements of the job market. In Vedder and Denhart’s article, they state that “…colleges must bow to new benchmarks assessing their worth” (Vedder and Denhart). This quote means that colleges need to keep up with advancements in technology that are used to locate jobs for college graduates. This quote could also imply that colleges need to do a better job selecting relative courses to the student’s major.

Expensive payments, irrelevant and difficult courses, and career requirementsare all a part of why colleges need to be improved. Whether the reason is outrageous costs or needless courses, these schools are frequently losing students. Classes should be challenging but also relevant to a student’s career path. Colleges need to do a better job preparing students for their desired job. If colleges would focus on providing education instead of making money, higher education could begin improving.

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