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Is a College Education Necessary

Per Adam Kazda with Pursuit, “The Higher Education Act (HEA) has made it easier to attend college, it has also flushed the college market with easy federal money and has contributed to the culture that one must go to college.” As a society, perhaps we have pushed education so hard that we have made it difficult to fully understand the positives and negatives of obtaining a college education. Is it so common now that the value has been forgotten? Between the costs of an education, the lack of employment growth, and the lack of monetary earnings potential decrease, the interest in pursuing an education declines.

The costs of obtaining a degree seems to increase while enrollment decreases, based on the Veder and Denhart article called How the College Bubble will Pop. It makes it difficult to purse an education when it is not affordable for the general public.

The lack of employment growth makes it even harder to pursue an education, especially when many graduates do not find employment in their fields of study. How beneficial would it be to have an engineering degree while being employed as a bank teller?

When comparing income between a college graduate and a high school graduate, is there a significant difference? The earnings potential is a large drawback. While we can agree that education is important, it is still necessary to consider the present and basic necessities.

There are many positive reasons to pursue a college education; however, the possibilities of achieving it have to be within reason. Anything worthwhile is worth fighting for, not at the expense of your livelihood though. Education has to be made affordable, job opportunities need to increase, and the pay margins need to mark a difference, when deciding to pursue a degree or not.

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