
Why College Is Important In The Modern World

People today think that college is the only option when in fact, there is more than college to get a stable job, and in today's society college is just too much for most people. With today's society, there are so many jobs that do not need four-year degrees. For example, with the world becoming technology driven, more people are becoming more technologically advanced.

College is too expensive, and it keeps getting more and more expensive because of inflation. Highschool seniors cannot afford forty-thousand dollars for the upcoming four years in college. Some college graduates can't even pay off their debts until they are far into the future. Diana Carew, a director of the Young American Prosperity Project Policy Institute, is one to agree. According to Carew, student loan debt has climbed twenty-nine thousand dollars per student in 2014, causing paying it off to be dreadful. In her article about the necessity of a four-year college, "There Should Be Alternatives to the Four-Year Degree," she states that "the price to compete with these lower skill jobs is getting higher. [And] As college becomes less affordable, and the labor market becomes less generous, fewer people are able to buy the seemingly only ticket in town for success (Carew)." And with the average price of a public college being twenty thousand a year (2017-2018 school year), it gets more difficult to pay off such high prices, it is exactly the same for private schools, only it's double the price of a public college.

Since the world is being more and more technology driven, college is not preparing people for a job in today's society. There are better alternatives to the college experience, alternatives that prepare people for today's jobs. Robert Reich, the former US secretary of labor, and a professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley, thinks that college has a problem. College is not preparing people for jobs in 2019. Reich states that "many of them [college students] can't find good jobs when they graduate, in any event. So, they have to settle for jobs that don't require four years of college. They end up overqualified for the work they do (Reich)." So, is a four-year college really worth the time and money? Reich also states that there are alternatives to a four-year degree, "Consider, for example, technician jobs (Reich)." Technicians are of growing importance, as more things are developing, more people need to repair, install, or test all the equipment. With the 2019 closing, the future comes closer, more screens are being lit up every day, and with more screens comes more repairs. Thus, we require technicians to keep the world spinning. Becoming a technician doesn't even require a four-year degree.

Although there are benefits to not going to school, some people might disagree. The Pew Research Center did a study on if college was worth it, and their final conclusion was that college is the best option. In their study "The Rising Cost of Not Going to College," they showed the statistics on if college is worth it, and although the author remains unknown (will be dubbed as PRC), they state that "Millennial college graduates ages 25 to 32 who are working full time earn more annually—about \$17,500 more—than employed young adults holding only a high school diploma. (PRC)," proving to the broad audience that believes college is necessary, that college can serve some good. Although a high income is always the best, some of that is going towards debt. While people with high school diplomas earn less, they do not have to worry about the constant reminder they are forty thousand dollars in debt, which helps those people live happier, healthier lives.

NBC News, a news website had Carrie Dann do a study on if college was really worth it. She and NBC News conducted a poll on whether college is worth it or not by interviewing college graduates. Dann says that "The national survey of social trends, which was conducted August 5-9, found that 49 percent of Americans agreed with the statement that a four-year degree "is worth the cost because people have a better chance to get a good job and earn more money over their lifetime." But about the same share, 47 percent, said that a degree is not worth the cost "because people often graduate without specific job skills and with a large amount of debt to pay off." College could be really helpful for the people that have their carrier pathways set in stone, but people who graduate without job skills will be in the lower end of the spectrum when it comes to how easy it was/is to pay off their debt.

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