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# The Tyranny Of The Meritocracy Democratizing Higher Education In America

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these challenges The first section makes a strong case for the continuing importance of higher education and research to modern society The second focuses on higher education institutions and the need for inclusive and diverse campuses The third section considers opportunities to improve the inclusion of refugees and immigrants in higher education Whereas the focus in Europe is mostly on refugees in the United States it is largely on immigrants further accentuated by the debate on The Merit Myth Anthony P. Carnevale, Peter Schmidt, Jeff Strohl, 2020-05-26 An eye opening and timely look at how colleges drive the very inequalities they are meant to remedy complete with a call and a vision for change Colleges fiercely defend America's deeply stratified higher education system arguing that the most exclusive schools reward the brightest kids who have worked hard to get there But it doesn't actually work this way As the recent college admissions bribery scandal demonstrates social inequalities and colleges pursuit of wealth and prestige stack the deck in favor of the children of privilege For education scholar and critic Anthony P Carnevale it s clear that colleges are not the places of aspiration and equal opportunity they claim to be The Merit Myth calls out our elite colleges for what they are institutions that pay lip service to social mobility and meritocracy while offering little of either Through policies that exacerbate inequality including generously funding so called merit based aid for already wealthy students rather than expanding opportunity for those who need it most U S universities the presumed pathway to a better financial future are woefully complicit in reproducing the racial and class privilege across generations that they pretend to abhor This timely and incisive book argues for unrigging the game by dramatically reducing the weight of the SAT ACT measuring colleges by their outcomes not their inputs designing affirmative action plans that take into consideration both race and class and making 14 the new 12 guaranteeing every American a public K 14 education The Merit Myth shows the way for higher education to become the beacon of opportunity it was intended to be A Perfect Mess David F. Labaree, 2019-04-04 Read the news about America's colleges and universities rising student debt affirmative action debates and conflicts between faculty and administrators and it s clear that higher education in this country is a total mess But as David F Labaree reminds us in this book it s always been that way And that s exactly why it has become the most successful and sought after source of learning in the world Detailing American higher education s unusual struggle for survival in a free market that never quaranteed its place in society a fact that seemed to doom it in its early days in the nineteenth century he tells a lively story of the entrepreneurial spirit that drove American higher education to become the best And the best it is today America s universities and colleges produce the most scholarship earn the most Nobel prizes hold the largest endowments and attract the most esteemed students and scholars from around the world But this was not an inevitability Weakly funded by the state American schools in their early years had to rely on student tuition and alumni donations in order to survive This gave them tremendous autonomy to seek out sources of financial support and pursue unconventional opportunities to ensure their success As Labaree shows by striving as much as possible to meet social needs and fulfill individual ambitions they developed

a broad base of political and financial support that grounded by large undergraduate programs allowed for the most cutting edge research and advanced graduate study ever conducted As a result American higher education eventually managed to combine a unique mix of the populist the practical and the elite in a single complex system. The answers to today s problems in higher education are not easy but as this book shows they shouldn't be no single person or institution can determine higher education s future It is something that faculty administrators and students adapting to society s needs will determine together just as they have always done <u>Degrees of Inequality</u> Suzanne Mettler, 2014-03-04 America's higher education system is failing its students In the space of a generation we have gone from being the best educated society in the world to one surpassed by eleven other nations in college graduation rates Higher education is evolving into a caste system with separate and unequal tiers that take in students from different socio economic backgrounds and leave them more unequal than when they first enrolled Until the 1970s the United States had a proud history of promoting higher education for its citizens The Morrill Act the G I Bill and Pell Grants enabled Americans from across the income spectrum to attend college and the nation led the world in the percentage of young adults with baccalaureate degrees Yet since 1980 progress has stalled Young adults from low to middle income families are not much more likely to graduate from college than four decades ago When less advantaged students do attend they are largely sequestered into inferior and often profit driven institutions from which many emerge without degrees and shouldering crushing levels of debt In Degrees of Inequality acclaimed political scientist Suzanne Mettler explains why the system has gone so horribly wrong and why the American Dream is increasingly out of reach for so many In her eye opening account she illuminates how political partisanship has overshadowed America's commitment to equal access to higher education As politicians capitulate to corporate interests owners of for profit colleges benefit but for far too many students higher education leaves them with little besides crippling student loan debt Meanwhile the nation's public universities have shifted the burden of rising costs onto students In an era when a college degree is more linked than ever before to individual and societal well being these pressures conspire to make it increasingly difficult for students to stay in school long enough to graduate By abandoning their commitment to students politicians are imperiling our highest ideals as a nation Degrees of Inequality offers an impassioned call to reform a higher education system that has come to exacerbate rather than mitigate socioeconomic inequality in America Up the **University** Robert C. Solomon, Jon Solomon, 1993 Higher education today is big business Subsidized by tuition and taxpayers dollars universities have become giant corporations in which bloated administrations scrounge for funds and professors are hustlers in search of perks and grants What suffers most of all is education Teaching is merely what low ranked professors and graduate students do when they aren t researching and publishing books and articles that will raise them to the ranks where they no longer have to teach In this report from the front lines two award winning professors offer a simple and radical prescription for today s universities Make teaching the top priority once again The Solomons no nonsense and

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**The Academic Revolution** David Riesman, 2001-11-30 The Academic Revolution describes the rise to power of professional scholars and scientists first in America's leading universities and now in the larger society as well Without attempting a full scale history of American higher education it outlines a theory about its development and present status It

is illustrated with firsthand observations of a wide variety of colleges and universities the country over colleges for the rich and colleges for the upwardly mobile colleges for vocationally oriented men and colleges for intellectually and socially oriented women colleges for Catholics and colleges for Protestants colleges for blacks and colleges for rebellious whites The authors also look at some of the revolution s consequences. They see it as intensifying conflict between young and old and provoking young people raised in permissive middle class homes to attacks on the legitimacy of adult authority In the process the revolution subtly transformed the kinds of work to which talented young people aspire contributing to the decline of entrepreneurship and the rise of professionalism They conclude that mass higher education for all its advantages has had no measurable effect on the rate of social mobility or the degree of equality in American society Jencks and Riesman are not nostalgic their description of the nineteenth century liberal arts colleges is corrosively critical They maintain that American students know more than ever before that their teachers are more competent and stimulating than in earlier times and that the American system of higher education has brought the American people to an unprecedented level of academic competence But while they regard the academic revolution as having been an historically necessary and progressive step they argue that like all revolutions it can devour its children For Jencks and Riesman academic professionalism is an advance over amateur gentility but they warn of its dangers and limitations the elitism and arrogance implicit in meritocracy the myopia that derives from a strictly academic view of human experience and understanding the complacency that comes from making technical competence an end rather than a means Christopher Jencks is Malcolm Wiener Professor of Social Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University He is the author of Rethinking Social Policy Race Poverty and the Underclass The Homeless and co editor of The Black White Text Score Gap David Riesman is Henry Ford II Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Harvard University He is the author of Thorstein Veblen Abundance for What The Lonely Crowd and Variety in American Education American Higher Education in Decline Kenneth H. Ashworth, 1979 In the last twenty years America's higher education system has jeopardized our society's very future by allowing a serious decline in educational quality Responding to modern egalitarianism and the need to attract students colleges and universities have initiated wildly innovative programs noncampuses and nontraditional degrees Worse they have lowered all standards Nonacademic entrepreneurs attracted by generous federal funds now demand equal status with established schools And they are dangerously near receiving this full recognition from irresolute regional accrediting associations Declining by <u>Degrees</u> Richard H. Hersh, John Merrow, 2015-04-07 What is actually happening on college campuses in the years between admission and graduation Not enough to keep America competitive and not enough to provide our citizens with fulfilling lives When A Nation at Risk called attention to the problems of our public schools in 1983 that landmark report provided a convenient cover for higher education inadvertently implying that all was well on America's campuses Declining by Degrees blows higher education s cover It asks tough and long overdue questions about our colleges and universities In candid

coherent and ultimately provocative ways Declining by Degrees reveals how students are being short changed by lowered academic expectations and standards why many universities focus on research instead of teaching and spend more on recruiting and athletics than on salaries for professors why students are disillusioned how administrations are obsessed with rankings in news magazines rather than the quality of learning why the media ignore the often catastrophic results and how many professors and students have an unspoken non aggression pact when it comes to academic effort Declining by Degrees argues persuasively that the multi billion dollar enterprise of higher education has gone astray At the same time these essays offer specific prescriptions for change warning that our nation is in fact at greater risk if we do nothing Colin Diver, 2022-04-12 Some colleges will do anything to improve their national ranking That can be bad for their students and for higher education Since U S News World Report first published a college ranking in 1983 the rankings industry has become a self appointed judge declaring winners and losers among America's colleges and universities In this revealing account Colin Diver shows how popular rankings have induced college applicants to focus solely on pedigree and prestige while tempting educators to sacrifice academic integrity for short term competitive advantage By forcing colleges into standardized best college hierarchies he argues rankings have threatened the institutional diversity intellectual rigor and social mobility that is the genius of American higher education As a former university administrator who refused to play the game Diver leads his readers on an engaging journey through the mysteries of college rankings admissions financial aid spending policies and academic practices He explains how most dominant college rankings perpetuate views of higher education as a purely consumer good susceptible to unidimensional measures of brand value and prestige Many rankings he asserts also undermine the moral authority of higher education by encouraging various forms of distorted behavior misrepresentation and outright cheating by ranked institutions The recent Varsity Blues admissions scandal for example happened in part because affluent parents wanted to get their children into elite schools by any means necessary Explaining what is most useful and important in evaluating colleges Diver offers both college applicants and educators a guide to pursuing their highest academic goals freed from the siren song of the best college illusion Ultimately he reveals how to break ranks with a rankings industry that misleads its consumers undermines academic values and perpetuates social inequality The State Must Provide Adam Harris, 2022-08-09 A book that both taught me so much and also kept me on the edge of my seat It is an invaluable text from a supremely talented writer Clint Smith author of How the Word is Passed The definitive history of the pervasiveness of racial inequality in American higher education America's colleges and universities have a shameful secret they have never given Black people a fair chance to succeed From its inception our higher education system was not built on equality or accessibility but on educating and prioritizing white students Black students have always been an afterthought While governments and private donors funnel money into majority white schools historically Black colleges and universities HBCUs and other institutions that have high enrollments of Black students are struggling to survive

with state legislatures siphoning away federal funds that are legally owed to these schools In The State Must Provide Adam Harris reckons with the history of a higher education system that has systematically excluded Black people from its benefits Harris weaves through the legal social and political obstacles erected to block equitable education in the United States studying the Black Americans who fought their way to an education pivotal Supreme Court cases like Plessy v Ferguson and Brown v Board of Education and the government s role in creating and upholding a segregated education system He explores the role that Civil War era legislation intended to bring agricultural education to the masses had in creating the HBCUs that have played such a major part in educating Black students when other state and private institutions refused to accept them The State Must Provide is the definitive chronicle of higher education s failed attempts at equality and the long road still in front of us to remedy centuries of racial discrimination and poses a daring solution to help solve the underfunding of HBCUs Told through a vivid cast of characters The State Must Provide examines what happened before and after schools were supposedly integrated in the twentieth century and why higher education remains broken to this day

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