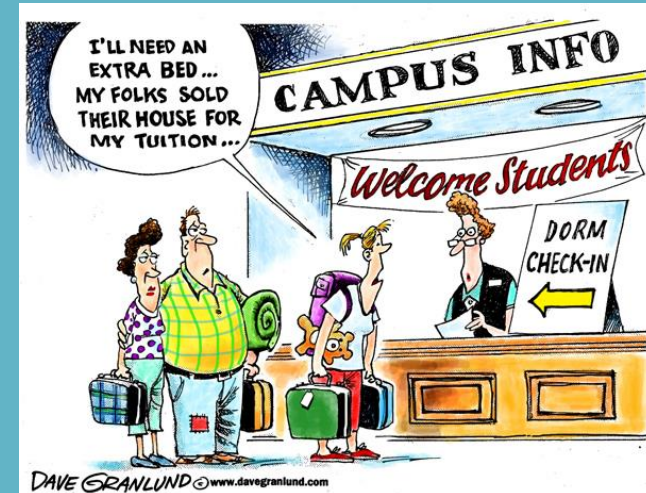
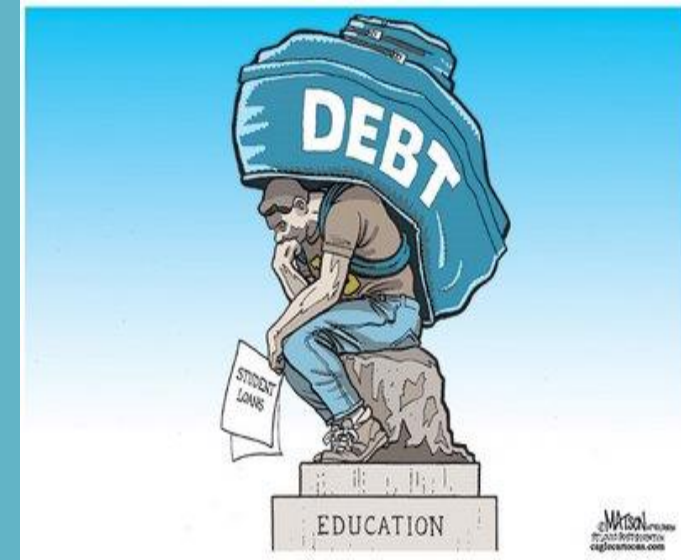




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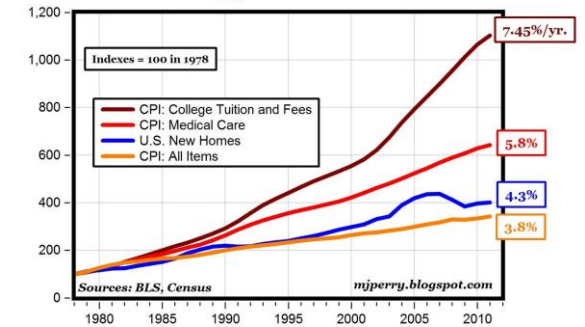


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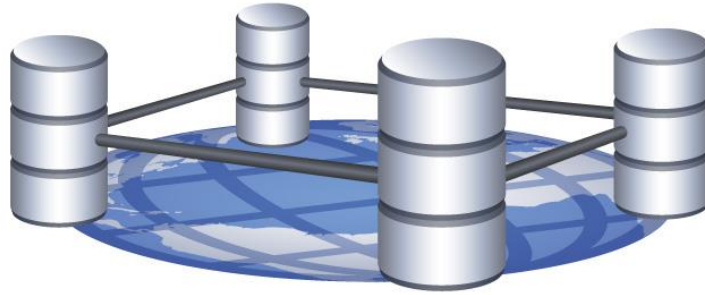
College Tuition vs. Medical Care vs. Home Prices vs. CPI: All Items

1978 to 2011



- My topic is about how college tuition is increasing over the past years. College degree is becoming not affordable to low-income families. Tuition is escalating due to several reasons. As a college student I want to know what causes this to happen.
- I believe that the benefits of a college degree is not worth the cost of it. This is my thesis statement and what I want to prove in my research paper
- “Are the benefits of college degree still worth it’s cost?”
- I know that college degree is not worth what it cost these days. When you compare the tuition from decades ago it just doesn’t add up. The salary you can expect to earn with a college degree is less than the degree costs. Tuition rates soar through the recession. I want to research more about the reasons for this inflation.

PLANS



- I would like to focus my research mostly on the inflation of the tuition. I want to learn more towards information about why the sudden rise in college tuition. I also want to analyze certain graphs and illustrations to compare tuition from different decades. I also would like to know the data for student debt and how much financial aid offers etc..
- I would concentrate mostly on the book I checked out and the scholarly sources from the databases. Most of my sources are going to be from EBSCO and one of my source is going to be a webpage. I am going to use sources that is similar to my working thesis statement.
- I would COLLEGE and TUITION and INFLATION or RISING or INCREASING. Also I am going to search COLLEGE and TUITION and DEBT or AFFORDABLE.

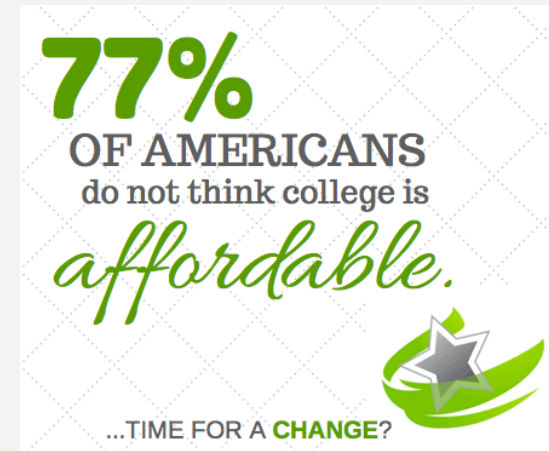
OBSTACLES



- Some of the challenges could be the counterarguments from people who are wealthy and could afford a 4 year university. This could be a bias question where everyone could have different opinions about my research topic. It is easy for me to go off my topic and talk about something not related
- In order to overcome these obstacles, I need to research more credible sources. In addition, I need to make my working thesis stronger. I also need to concentrate what my question is asking and if the sources gives me a good overview on my topic. I also need to have a strong support and strong counter arguments for people who are disagreeing with me.



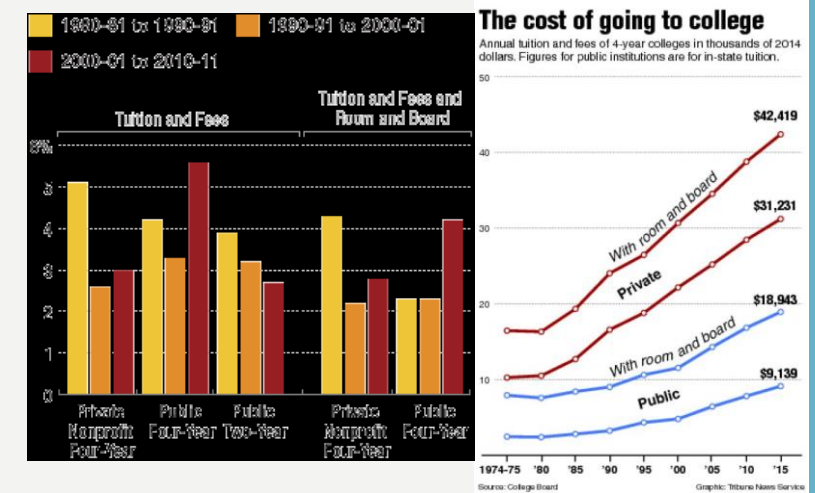
CITATION 1(DATABASE)



- Alger, Vicki E. "Why College Costs So Darn Much . . . And What We Can Do To Fix It." *Independent* 25.2 (2015): 1-6. Academic Search Complete. Web. 7 Mar. 2016.f
- In this article Vicki E Alger discusses the high cost of college education in the U.S. and the means to make higher education financially accessible. The author asserted that the decades of government financial aid have done little to help and they caused the colleges to raise tuition much higher. The article focuses on more about how we could fix the inflation of tuition and how you could make reduce the years for a bachelor degree. However, the author still proposes the question about would the grants still outweighs the cost of a degree. How much can the government offer to a low-income family to make a 4-year university degree possible for them? To summarize the article, Vicki E Alger asserted that the inflation of tuition causes both student debt and government debt.
- Vicki E Alger's article is scholarly and is a reliable source for my research paper. Furthermore, it could be used for my introduction paragraph and my conclusion paragraph. This article contains arguments that could be seen coming from both sides of my thesis statement. This helps me gather information to object against any counterarguments that I will receive. Overall this article contributes the most out of all my sources because of its data and counterarguments. It could be used as a springboard for me to argue with the author.



CITATION 2 [WEBSITE]



- "The Real Reasons a College Degree Costs so Much." CNBC. N.p., 16 June 2015. Web. 28 Feb. 2016. .
- CNBC's "The Real Reasons a College Degree Costs so Much" explains why the tuition started increasing each school year. It throws back to the 1970's and how Harvard decided to raise their tuition from 200 to 2,600. It relates the rate of tuition with the rate of inflation. The higher the rate of inflation is the higher the yearly cost of attendance will be. "If you look at the long-term trend, [college tuition] has been rising almost six percent above the rate of inflation," CNBC mentions how higher inflation in tuition increasing debts. Increasing debts cause a different kind of complications around a student's life. CNBC analyzes the cost of living with the cost of a degree for two different eras. They came up to the conclusion that the price of a degree begins rising faster than the cost of other goods and services.
- This source is a great option for my research paper because it has all the ideal answers to my research question. The thesis of the source was that cost of attendance increased every year due to rise in the rate of inflation. I could use this as one of my main arguments while writing my research paper. The facts in this source could be used as a support for my thesis statement.

CITATION 3 [BOOK]



- Committee on Education. Are Institutions Accountable Enough To Students And Parents? The College Cost Crisis Report: Washington: U.S Government Printing Office, 2004. Print. 108-33.



This source is a book and it is about a hearing about a court case that deals with college being unaffordable to students and parents. It talks about the nation's higher education is in crisis as a result of exploding costs increases that threaten to put college out of reach for low and middle-income students and families. Decades of cost increases, in both good economic times and bad, have caused America's higher education system to reach a crisis point. This was the defendant's main point of view. He argued that the college tuition should be lowered and affordable for low-income families. This court hearing took place in 2004 and the defendant lost. Furthermore, this source addresses that if the rate of tuition increases at this rate, more than 2 million college-qualified students will miss out on the opportunity to go to college.

I believe this source contributes a lot of data and opinions. It is a biased document because this source is a court hearing from the defendant's point of view. In addition, I and the defendant are referring to almost the exact thesis. This only helps me to write more about my research paper. Moreover, it provides a huge amount of hardcore facts and data which could be used to support my paper. This book helps my thesis statement stronger than it already is. To conclude, this source is a really reliable and is a good source for my research paper. To analyze this article, Vicki E Alger covers the main points that I want to stress in my research paper.