

Who gets the Bills?

Higher education is one of the top issues in today's society. There are a variety of different arguments for the government assisting with college expenses as a whole. As we know there are many different points of views and various perspectives for "who pays for higher education". We all can agree on one principle: higher education is in need of reform.

In an article, Howard Cohen writes, "One of the most outcomes of a college education is learning how to learn" (Howard par 6). What he means by that is college graduates are not only being prepared to have high income jobs but are also being prepared to change different careers as society changes around us. Having that capability is not only a great beneficial factor to have, but is also important for the well-being of our society. He also states that, "Our society undergoes changes in growth we rely on individuals to adapt and prepare themselves for new opportunities that benefit us all" (Howard par 7). The government is saying that they count on rapid new learners to go to college and graduate to take a stand and lead our social and economic development as a whole system. That gives a good enough argument on why the government should pay for higher education, because without enough students going to college and graduating our "collective capacity" to grow would basically be ruined. The way society function depends on college students who are getting a higher education and severely learning and changing in many ways.

The ways society wants students who are going to have high paying jobs want us individuals to have a really high degree such as a Master's degree or higher. So were initially forced to go to college to survive in this demolishing world. I'm sure students are willing to pay

money to go to school, it's just the costs of schooling is ridiculous and really expensive. Students can't depend on their parents to pay for schooling because majority of parents in today's society end up having lower income jobs than what their children will be getting after they graduate college. That's why the government gives out loans to students. But after they end up graduating college they're stuck paying 80,000 plus in loans plus interest.

There are always many other reasons why the government should pay for higher education. Lucius Byron states, "The typical student will graduate with a degree that allows them to earn a higher income than they would've otherwise been able to, as a result students are paying more taxes to the government" (Byron par 5). It's basically making the government a lot of money I think it's only fair that they contribute to higher education because they're getting the money back through taxes. Another good reason government should pay is because there are issues of poverty for majoring of students. Byron states, "While poorer students may have access to scholarships or loans, this access is not widely available to everyone" (Byron par 9). The lack of college funding is a bad way to utilize what unknowledgeable talents that low income students might have. I can relate to this because I am a low income student attending college and I wasn't able to get any scholarships due to my inability to write good essays. Colleges should have more options for low income students to have a chance to get more free money and not have to suffer and some not able to attend college. There are a lot of smart people from all different levels of low and high income. The government should ensure that we don't let some of those assets not be discovered.

Lastly, Erin Lyon describes, "The economic instability of modern times is a reality, if the government helps pay for college it will create new opportunities for employment" (Lyon par 3). A more educated society is a better society. If students had more ways to contribute to the

society, society would have fewer worries for economic instabilities. For an example, if a nurse wanted to become a carpenter, it is one more nurse society would have. If someone needs help in a building or an emergency strikes, society is better prepared. Lyon interprets, “The ways college educated citizens can benefit society as numerous” (Lyon par 5). For how a lot of people see it, there are some many points that people have made to come to a conclusion it’s most beneficial for everyone that the government help fund all for college students.

There are always two sides of an argument for my other reasoning that it should be the student’s responsibility to pay for their higher education. Pastotti Piero writes, “Anyone considering going to higher levels of education should not expect the government to help pay their college expenses” (Piero par 5). Some of society is against this because they feel that if we want to survive in this world and have easy lives, we need to pay money out of our own pocket to go to college. That they shouldn’t set the standards so high for having a good steady job such as having to get a master’s degree. Maybe be able to graduate in two years instead of four years because then we wouldn’t be paying as much money as if we were going to school for four years. The government would save time and money and should would students. Barbara Ischinger anticipates, “The government already helps pay for college expenses through indirect means such as state legislatures and city councils already provide significant portion of the operating budgets of the schools in their communities”(Ischinger par 2). That’s a good enough reason for the government not to pay for college funding, because it might be benefiting elementary school or high schools but not college. College is the most important factor here. College student’s make a better society so they should contribute more money to us.

In conclusion, with all these different arguments about who should pay for higher education and all these different viewpoints. It all goes back to making a solution that higher

education should be balanced between the individual and the government because in the end it benefits the world as a whole, not just one person.