



Interpretation of Facts

Article #1: Three Reasons You Should Go To College

It's tempting to get right to work and start earning money right after high school, but there are several reasons why making the investment – both in time and in money – to go to college is a wise decision.

College graduates undoubtedly enjoy more workplace opportunity than those without a college degree. Where once the U.S. was a manufacturing based economy, it is now a global economy based on knowledge. There simply aren't as many good-paying jobs available for people without college degrees, and without a higher education, you won't have the knowledge or the skills to compete in the modern workforce. Furthermore, according to CareerBuilder.com, 27 % of employers have raised their educational requirements in the past five years, reporting that they get "a better return on investment" from their college educated employees.

Students that go to college have the opportunity to read books and listen to the lectures of top experts in their fields. They have the time to think, ask questions, and explore new ideas, all of which allows them to grow and develop more than the student that graduates from high school and goes directly to work. This intellectual stimulation often paves the way for a college student to pursue a field that deeply interests them. They tend to work harder, since the work is personally fulfilling, and to know more; thus, they have an edge in the job market.

Finally, higher education is invaluable both economically and psychologically, and the benefits extend beyond just initially getting a job. Workers with college degrees tend to be happier with their lives and have a better self-image. While it is true that money can't buy happiness, it can buffer you from things that will make you feel both unhappy and powerless, like unemployment and homelessness. People that only have high school diplomas are twice as likely to be unemployed as those with college degrees, and their median income is only 60% of what is enjoyed by their college-educated peers.

The evidence is overwhelming: the most important thing you can do for every aspect of your future is to get a college degree.

Article #2: Three Reasons You Should Go To College

Going to college is the smartest thing that you could do for yourself. If you want more job opportunities, more stability, and more happiness, then college is where you go to find it. As a matter of fact, with practically everybody else your age going to college, you can't afford not go.

College enrollment has been on an upward trend for some time now. Enrollment increased by 15 % between 1992 and 2002, and by 24% 2002 and 2012. And according to the Labor Department, 70.1% of the 2.9 million new graduates between the ages of 16 and 24 are enrolled in college in 2015; the highest percentage ever since this data started to be collected in 1959. Experts cite the poor economy as part of the student's motivation. "They know that without a college degree, they just can't compete," agrees Kevin Martin, a recruiter for a high-tech firm in the Silicon Valley. "We don't even read resumes unless we see a college degree. Without one, you won't be considered for a job."

The days of deciding whether or not you will go to college are over. Everybody who ends up being anybody these days has to go to college. People without college degrees are twice as likely to be unemployed. And those lucky enough to have stable employment, are only earning sixty cents for every dollar made by their college-educated counterparts. What do you want to be? The highly-paid business executive in the corner office, or the person who mops his office floor at night?

Go to college!

1. What common claim do the two author's make? _____

2. Which article uses a propaganda technique? _____

3. What kind of technique does it use? _____

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2. Use the Venn diagram to compare and contrast the two articles.

