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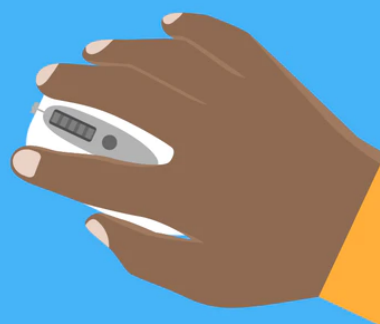
COVID-19's Impact on Current and Future College Students



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Is College Worth It?

49%
of college students
think higher ed is "not
worth the cost
anymore"

70%
of high school students
agree

Debt is a Worry, but Outcomes Matter to Students Too

89%
of students agree access to
outcomes data is important
for choosing a college

89%
of students agree "rising
student debt is a problem"

85%
think government should
do more for students

What Students Want the Federal Government to Do About It:

77% want higher ed to be affordable & provide good value to students

79% want institutions to use their COVID relief \$ on helping students

79% want quality standards set for online programs

73% want borrowers to be protected from predatory schools

64% want public colleges to be free

54% of high school seniors agree



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Global Strategy Group conducted an online survey August 6-17, 2020 of 1,407 college students nationwide, including oversamples of 223 caregivers, 253 Black students, and 311 Latinx students. The survey also included 211 high school seniors nationwide.

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