THE COLLEGE QUALITY CRISIS

Too many undergraduates leave college without an education worth their investment. These students aren't learning enough, aren't graduating at acceptable levels, and still face rising costs and mounting debt.

GRADUATION RATE

1.2 million students will begin school in 2015

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45% fail to demonstrate statistically significant gains in critical thinking over two years

36% fail to demonstrate meaningful gains in critical thinking over four years



At 2 year programs, just 31% receive a credential within 3 years

only 39% of undergrads will finish a bachelors degree in 4 years

4 years

59% of undergrads will finish a bachelors degree within 6 years

WORK READINESS



VS.



39% of hiring managers believe new graduates are ready for a job in their field

50% of students believe new graduates are ready for a job in their field

STUDENT DEBT



The federal government spends around \$126 billion per year on undergrad student aid.



25% of students graduate with **over** \$30,000 in debt.

FEDERAL SPENDING



For every \$100 the federal government spends on university-led research...



...the federal government spends 24¢ on teaching innovations at universities

To learn more about how U.S. higher education is failing to deliver for too many students and what can be done to improve college quality, read the Third Way report "The New College Compact: A Proposal for Higher Quality and Lower Cost."

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