

The War On Edjucatin'

Faux news breaking reports have been promoting the idea that a college education is “just not worth it”. Normally, I tune out their drivel, but when total misinformation is pounded into the airwaves every fifteen minutes, twenty four seven, I find it impossible to ignore without comment. Additionally, it seems that in an effort to keep abreast of Faux, CNN, “the most trusted name in news”, has picked up the meme and is doing their part to promote ignorance throughout society.

The logic thread, if you can call it that, is that the amount of student debt encumbered by some degrees does not translate into a quick return on investment. Sadly, the propagandists at Fox only recognize quick turning ROI's like insider trading or cash laundering. We are to believe from the Faux news reports that an investment that doesn't return instant profits, like a higher education, is foolish and to be avoided at all costs.

Contrary arguments to their news blurbs are never presented, especially ones that irrefutably disprove Faux's assertion. For example, an article in [US News and World Report](#) states that, “Those holding bachelor's degrees earn about \$2.27 million over their lifetime, while those with master's, doctoral, and professional degrees earn \$2.67 million, \$3.25 million, and \$3.65 million, respectively.” “Today's young high school-only grads earn about 62 percent of what their college-graduate peers earn.” Now even a simple-minded country boy like myself can figure that even with a \$100,000 tuition debt at graduation, the \$2.27 million looks like a good return on my investment.

There is an argument that can be made that there are certain high earning professions that don't benefit from a degree. Unfortunately, blanket statements that "going to college is just not worth it, particularly from a group of college graduates, does not ring true.

If the Faux news argument that “a college degree is just not worth it” can so easily be refuted, why are the propagandists so ardently pushing the concept? Could promoting ignorance have a different reward? Could the fact that the ignorant are more easily led be the real end game? I guess we'd have to have some kind of study that proved Faux news viewers were actually less informed than the average

American. Oh wait, here's one. These statistics were documented in a [2011 PublicMind poll](#) conducted by New Jersey's Farleigh Dickinson University. Sounds like the "news" agency wants to shape policy as well as dumb down their viewers.

I think that great American, Hunter S. Thompson, had Faux News in mind when he said, "The TV business is uglier than most things. It is normally perceived as some kind of cruel and shallow money trench through the heart of the journalism industry, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free and good men die like dogs, for no good reason."