

## REFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **The Problems:**

1. Tuition

Hyperinflation/Student-  
Loan Debt

2. Bennett Hypothesis

3. Administrative Bloat

4. Grade Inflation

5. Poor Student Learning

6. Lack of

Accountability/Trans-  
parency

## Reforms:

- **(1-2) Affordable Baccalaureate Programs**
  - a. Online
  - b. Competency-based
  - c. Roughly half the price of traditional ed
  - d. Target: non-traditional & veteran students

- **(3) 10% across-the-board cut in administration:**

- a. GWU's

- Trachtenberg: "20% admin. cuts plus 20% increase in teaching productivity"

- b. Cuts achieved primarily through attrition

- **(4-6) Contextualized Grading:** makes transcripts more meaningful for prospective employers

- **(4-6) Required Collegiate Learning Assessments in 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> years**
- **Informed Student Document:**
  - a. comparative graduation rates
  - b. comparative net tuition costs
  - c. comparative loan-debt (by major)
  - d. comparative starting salaries-by major

- **(4-6) Performance Based Funding**
  - a. growing trend nationwide
  - b. emphasis has been on graduation and completion rates
  - c. *to prevent dilution of standards:* marry graduation rates with learning outcomes (through the CLA)