

United States Education Policy Improvement Analysis

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The education policy in the United States is encountering with several issues, such as poor student abilities, inappropriate and weak curriculum and little parent involvement in the studies of children. Another important and major issue is the fact that it is really difficult for parents to select the colleges for their children that are suitable and affordable for them. The required elements include the suitable fee structure, education level, course availability, campus appearances and many more.

Most importantly, parents, guardians, or students want academic quality, and they are not able to accept faults in the academic quality of the educational institution. Now, the policymakers of the country are considering dealing with the aspect of academic quality. Two important factors are notable in this regard. All states of the country follow their own pattern of education and provide different facilities to students from the perspective of academic quality (Dye, 2017). In recent years, the quality of education in the states has become diverse with time ("ESEA Reauthorization: A Blueprint for Reform | U.S. Department of Education", 2010).

The federal level started an initiative to spread Common Core Standards that should be established in a certain way, which could ensure the same standard of academic quality all over the 50 states. However, this initiative was not implemented yet due to the reasons including that the program will not be a practical one and due to the different diversified cultures of the different states, they are not able to follow the same standard at the national level ("ESEA Reauthorization: A Blueprint for Reform | U.S. Department of Education," 2010).

It is truly a sensitive issue and not one standard of academic quality could be implemented on the national level. The initiative that is challenging and worth implementing includes the cost of higher education. The cost of higher education is becoming expensive with time in the country, and a proper policy measure could restrict the expensive strategies of the colleges.

Rationale For The Chosen Policy:

In the United States College education comes with a price tag on it. The price of college education increased more than four times faster than the inflation rate since the year of 1978 ("Making college cost less", 2014). At the time of the elections, Henry Clinton was focusing on this policy measure, and she wanted to work on reducing the costly college education in the country ("Politicians Suggest Ways to Reduce College Tuition," 2016).

The plan is named New College Compact. It was based on several factors that it will provide grants to

all the states and given by the federal government system. These grants will increase the financial aid to deserving, talented students and support them in paying for their costs and tuition. The plan was not only suitable but also effective one that it included the factor that the community colleges would be tuition-free. This could lead to positive outcomes, and if this policy is implemented in the country, it will reduce the higher cost of education. The policy also included that the interest rates on student loans will be decreased. The cost of this policy was estimated and it was around \$350 billion over the ten years.

Relevancy And Its Effect On The Chosen Industry:

The New College Compact initiative policy is no doubt effective and valuable in the sense that it will reduce the higher cost of education, which is among the most serious issues in the country. The cost of higher education will be reduced, and it will positively impact the ones who are not able to afford a college education due to its expensive tuition fees. It will reduce the burden on parents who are not able to provide quality education to their children and have to suffer from the burden of loans. It will overall benefit the country's higher education system.

Deviation From The Current Policy That Would Improve Its Effectiveness:

Current policies do not support the factors that lead to reducing the rates of college education tuition fees. The states are able to make changes but are not considering the changes due to different issues, such as the colleges presenting reasons behind their expensive college fee structure. If the states could implement this policy named New College Compact, then it would positively impact the state's college education level and would improve its effectiveness.

If Your Recommended Changes Are Implemented, Would There Be Ways To Measure The Policy Improvements?

If the policy of the New College Compact is implemented, then it will lead to a decrease in the rate of expensive college education. There will be several measures to judge and analyze the improvements, such as research measures. The research initiatives will analyze the differences that could occur positively in the college education system. Moreover, the state reports that could analyze the differences or changes in the education level will be recorded to analyze and evaluate the change in the education system.

Examine What Level Of Oversight The National Government Should Provide To The Chosen Policy.

The selected policy could be implemented and will lead to positive outcomes as it will reduce the cost of higher education, especially in colleges. The national government should implement this policy, but it is predictable that it will not be implemented because it was presented by an opponent participant in elections against the present United States President Donald Trump. The chosen policy will be implemented if the current President could consider this factor more importantly and try to apply effective measures that could reduce the problems of education level in the country.

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