

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to express my concern over the Commission's interpretation of drop-out rates in post-secondary education. There was a very good interview conducted on CBC's The Sunday Edition this week with Prof. Cote, a sociologist at the University of Western Ontario, in which he outlined his belief that most university graduates do not actually require their specific credentials for the job they are in. There is a culture of commodification of university degrees, and the idea amongst people that anyone who attends university and pays their tuition should receive a degree. Perhaps the higher drop-out rates reflect those individuals for whom university is not the best way to a job. There is a stigma associated with not going to university (and to a lesser extent trade colleges), and the pressure felt by high school graduates to enter university immediately can often drive them to pursue a line of education that is not appropriate for them.

Kind regards,
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