

If you grew up poor, your college degree may be worth less

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The results of a recent Gallup poll clearly show how much Americans believe in the value of a college education:

- Nearly all — 96 percent — say it is somewhat or very important for adults in this country to have a degree or professional certificate beyond high school.
- Most — 93 percent — say that it will be just as important or more important in the future to have a degree or professional certificate beyond high school in order to get a good job.
- Fewer than one in five — 19 percent — are confident that having only a high school diploma can lead to a good job.

Data from the U.S. Department of Labor seem to validate these beliefs: Workers with college diplomas earn on average \$459 more a week than those who hold only high school diplomas.

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