

## PEER EVALUATION – PROBLEM-SOLUTION SPEECH

Speaker's Name: Chris Lewis

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Write a helpful comment about each of the following areas:

1. The speaker's introduction and conclusion.

The speaker does a wonderful job of clearly outlining the topics they will cover in the introduction. They state that they will talk about the cost of tuition, the debt ratio across the country, and the income ratios for different career paths, all to figure out how tuition costs could be reallocated. This provides the audience with a great roadmap for the speech. The conclusion effectively summarizes the main points discussed: the cost of tuition (averages and highs), the country's student debt ratio, and the income ratios of different degrees

2. The speaker's organization (main points and transitions).

The speech is well-organized, following a clear problem-solution structure. The speaker first establishes the financial burden of college education by discussing tuition costs and the national student loan debt. They then highlight the problem of vastly different earning potentials across degrees despite similar costs, providing specific income examples. This effectively builds the case for needing a change

3. The speaker's use of supporting materials.

The speaker uses a variety of specific and impactful data to support their points. They provide figures for average annual tuition and bachelor's degree cost, as well as significantly higher costs for top colleges. Crucially, they present data showing the dramatic increase in national student loan debt.

4. The speaker's delivery.

The speaker asks rhetorical questions like "have you ever wondered" and "how does somebody making \$37,000 a year compare to somebody making \$100,000 a year" which helps to connect with the audience. The tone is passionate, particularly when discussing the unfairness of the current system and suggesting a better way forward

5. The speaker's use of visual aid.

The visual aids can be very helpful in illustrating data and keeping the audience engaged.

There was just enough info on each slide. It helped the reader without being a wall of text.

6. What was the most persuasive aspect of the speech?

The most persuasive aspect of the speech is likely the powerful contrast presented between the high cost of education (and associated debt) and the significantly lower earning potential of certain degrees. By putting specific numbers on the cost, the speaker vividly illustrates the financial struggle faced by graduates in lower-income fields

7. What was the least persuasive aspect of the speech?

The speaker is very honest and acknowledges that they are "no mathematician" and haven't worked out the exact formula for how to calculate tuition based on income potential. While this honesty is admirable, the lack of a concrete, calculated model for the proposed solution might be the least persuasive aspect