

Synthesis Assignment

Many in society argue that government should pay for all higher (i.e. post-secondary) education, including tuition fees for students at colleges, polytechnics and universities. Others believe that such costs should instead be borne by the individual, on the basis that he or she will be the ultimate beneficiary of this education.

Read the following articles and **synthesise the views relating to various aspects of a state-funded higher education**. You should **indicate and defend an overall stance** on this issue and use information from **at least three** of the given articles.

Delisle, J. & Bernasconi, A. (2018). Lessons from Chile's transition to free college. Retrieved from <https://www.brookings.edu/research/lessons-from-chiles-transition-to-free-college/>

Minsky, C. (2016). Students answer: Who should pay for my education? Retrieved from <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/news/students-answer-who-should-pay-my-education>

Noack, R. (2015) Why Danish students are paid to go to college. Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2015/02/04/why-danish-students-are-paid-to-go-to-college/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.992df11b64f9

Norton, V. (2018). Why Free College is a Bad Idea. Retrieved from <https://nortonnorris.com/free-college-bad-idea/>

Wakefield, L. (2015). Who should pay for university education? Retrieved from <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/apr/15/who-should-pay-for-university-education>

Word Limit: 350-400 words

Your synthesis should include:

- A short introduction which should include your stance (whether, for example, you think a free higher education is preferable or not)
- Two paragraphs elaborating your main points
- A range of distancing and endorsing language to support your stance
- In-text citations for the sources you have used (note that end citations are not necessary)