

Magellan Strategies Colorado Public Education Opinion Survey

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Parent	Region	Response
F	18-34	D	N	East	Four year degrees are no longer creating paying jobs for people. CTE programs provide real experience, real hands on work, & allow for developing/strengthening skills
M	18-34	D	N	East	4 year, public universities are not the only way to get a job that makes a living and we need to emphasize that over the 4 year university track.
M	35-44	D	N	East	The cost of secondary education, in general, erases the gains from a more lucrative or better job. Its better to have applicable skills than be good at studying.
M	45-54	D	N	East	Affordable
F	55-64	D	N	East	I live in a rural area, and our youth have nothing available to achieve life skills or jobs. For many college is not a desire but having a trade might be more beneficial
F	55-64	D	N	East	Kids that have a solid CTE background can enter the work force more quickly and effectively than students in 4 year undergraduate studies.
F	55-64	D	N	East	Not everyone is interested/qualified for a 4 year degree. Tuition may be unaffordable. CTE programs provide affordable, exciting learning opportunities that can lead to diverse career options by offering the opportunity to learn skills that can provide career choices where a bachelors degree is not necessary. Some people prefer to work with their hands.
F	55-64	D	N	East	Students are going into debt, and they're unable to pay for their student loans. CTE gives poor children, middle-class children, the opportunity to learn a skill where they can make a living in the workforce right out of school or very little training needed after graduation. The labor we are lacking desperately in the workforce today.
F	55-64	D	N	East	The reality of entrepreneurs and need for workforce
F	55-64	D	N	East	They make students marketable immediately following high school. If students wish to work while attending college, this affords them the ability to keep student loans smaller and more affordable. CTE certifications also allow them a backup career for multiple reasons. Perhaps they find college isn't for them or the initial identified career was not what they expected. It opens multiple options for the students.
F	65+	D	N	East	I believe there is good opportunities for many students to earn a good living if they are given training in many fields of work that don't need a college degree.
F	65+	D	N	East	I don't really like that question, I think both are important. In today's world we need to have CTE as many kids won't go to a 4yr program, but we also need to get kids to college that want to go.
F	65+	D	N	East	I think it's a different world than it used to be. I believe that an education that involves actual, real world experience at a career might be more important and beneficial to the individual. Not everyone is suited for the 4 year degree or debt. Depends on their personal goals.

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F	65+	D	N	East	In my rural area I think most high school students would be happier in a trade than in a more intellectual career, and should have that kind of occupational training.
F	65+	D	N	East	In the district I live in, being rural, more students choose to continue the family farming business. A lot of kids stay in this area and do not venture out to attend college. It's too bad in a way but it's been like this for many generations. CTE programs offer choices for those you decide to stay in the area where good jobs are scarce. Having a trade gives them an advantage.
F	65+	D	N	East	Making them ready for the work force. Less burden of student loans.
F	65+	D	N	East	More well rounded people, more diverse, variety of vocations.
F	65+	D	N	East	Not all kids want to attend a four-year college or university. Trade schools provide them with a good way to earn a good living. The trades are very important to towns and cities.
M	65+	D	N	East	College isn't for everyone and it's extremely expensive. The trades are a great option for many young people.
M	65+	D	N	East	These jobs need to be filled..
M	65+	D	N	East	To have the hands on experience and the prospect of more directly moving into actual work, a students life would be unlikely to remain a hypothesis and in general disengagement. Any higher education goals that really present after CTE might likely be what is real desire and not fear-based education.
M	18-34	N	N	East	Students are less interested in getting deep in debt for a degree that will potentially not get them a great paying job. On the flip side of that, they can get prepared to enter the job force or go to a technical college where they can make decent money without being so deep in debt.
F	55-64	N	N	East	Graduate in less time, possibly less expensive
M	18-34	O	N	East	I don't choose to answer.
U	35-44	O	N	East	Because kids are woke and stupid and only care abiyt trans gender bullshit.
F	55-64	O	N	East	In the real world there are a lot of people that don't work higher education jobs
F	18-34	R	N	East	Real life skills.
F	18-34	R	N	East	Unfortunately, I have seen time and time again, instances where people obtain a degree in a certain agree but can't find employment in the field after college. There's money in learning a trade and I think it's important to encourage students to learn a trade that can carry them through life without accumulating the outrageous debt that comes with a college degree.
M	18-34	R	N	East	Because college is not for everyone
M	18-34	R	N	East	Trades are the future. College is a communist indoctrination center.

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F	45-54	R	N	East	Blue collar jobs are just as important, if not more important than tech jobs right now. They should be encouraged!
F	45-54	R	N	East	Cause when I was in high school we had another school we could go to for vocational training for like child care or construction, computer and even like Colinry art which is cooking
F	45-54	R	N	East	It's a trait you will use weather you go to college or not.
M	45-54	R	N	East	College isn't for everyone some don't want to go to college
M	45-54	R	N	East	CTE programs are important because we are losing our workforce base. CTE programs allow students to get into the workforce and start earning money and not going in to extremely high debt getting a college education.
M	45-54	R	N	East	Not all students want to attend college. There are good skills that can be learned and applied to a job earlier in life proving more time to establish a strong saving in less debt
U	45-54	R	N	East	There are not enough people in blue collar jobs.
F	55-64	R	N	East	Good paying, in demand job availability. No guarantees with college education.
F	55-64	R	N	East	Less schooling less debt allows for the student to be more motivated
F	55-64	R	N	East	Most families can't afford a college education for their child or children. And then depending on what degree they chose they might not be able to find a job.
F	55-64	R	N	East	Not all students are college material- skilled labor is essential in our country today, with so many skilled jobs being shipped overseas
F	55-64	R	N	East	Not all students can or should attend college. We will always need people in trades.
F	55-64	R	N	East	Not everyone belongs in college....we have a ton of open trade jobs and are in need of trade workers
F	55-64	R	N	East	Not everyone is cut out to go to college. The CTE offers a great easy way to support yourself after highschool
F	55-64	R	N	East	Real life hands on
F	55-64	R	N	East	They can offer education for all students
F	55-64	R	N	East	To prepare students for the work force. Trouble shooting skills, dealing with the public and getting paid for the quality of work they do.
M	55-64	R	N	East	Because it makes kids employable, they cam then go to college later after they learn a trade if they choose to do so and don't accumulate debt.
M	55-64	R	N	East	Because the work force is changing and I would say at least 80 percent of students depend on the internet for answers instead of good old fashion research which stays with you longer because you actually learned it.

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M	55-64	R	N	East	Our region is actively facing a deficit of a skilled work force. I certainly encourage higher education if that is the goal however most college graduates leave the area
M	55-64	R	N	East	Too much emphasis has been placed on going to college and getting a degree. That is not the right path for everyone regardless of district size. Fundamentally our education system is broken. It needs radical change.
M	55-64	R	N	East	Who wants to sit in a classroom day after day looking at aboard or listening to lectures.....
U	55-64	R	N	East	Real life. Why don't schools teach these kids about credit, investing, patriotism, history, not the 1619 garbage. Managing a house, resumes, balancing checkbook, life skills, changing car tires.
F	65+	R	N	East	A lot of students with degrees are unable to get a decent job! College is not for everyone!
F	65+	R	N	East	Both are important. College prep for 10% and 90% career training.
F	65+	R	N	East	Even with a upper level degree they either can't find work that fits the degree or the industry is overloaded withno demand. So now they can't pay their debt. Training for the workforce they could earn more while going for the higher degree.
F	65+	R	N	East	Give students what they need to enter the work force without having the debt from attending a university.
F	65+	R	N	East	More students are likely to go straight into the workforce. We need to be more like all other countries and educate the masses for the workforce instead of educating all students for college.Make going into the workforce more attractive, respectable and socially acceptable.
F	65+	R	N	East	My son benefited by going to automotive classes when he would not attend school much prior to that. He did graduate with the help of CTE classes.
F	65+	R	N	East	Need more highly skilled workers to do every day jobs. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters
F	65+	R	N	East	Not every child can survivr in college but every child should be able to learn a trade
F	65+	R	N	East	Not every student needs a college degree
F	65+	R	N	East	Reality, alot of college degrees fall by the wayside, with daily choices.
F	65+	R	N	East	Shortage of skilled workers for plumbing, electrical, automotive technology repairs skilled trades.
F	65+	R	N	East	So they can have some ideas about what they might want to do in the futur
F	65+	R	N	East	That is the direction
F	65+	R	N	East	The person who needs the CTE program needs better training for survival than the person who has resources to be successful in an academic environment.
F	65+	R	N	East	They canget ajob and then work for college instead of borrowing money
F	65+	R	N	East	We are 50 miles outside of Denver. Basic services are rare.

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M	65+	R	N	East	College degrees don't guarantee a future job or occupation.
M	65+	R	N	East	I believe that on the job training "hands on" is just as valuable now as a degree with no experience.
M	65+	R	N	East	I'm for students going to college if they want to enter the field that requires higher education
M	65+	R	N	East	Not every career needs higher education. Trade schools create early opportunities for individuals.
M	65+	R	N	East	Not everyone is suited for college. With a CTE program for their trade. They can earn money and go part time to college for a business degree. Direction for their future is obvious.
M	65+	R	N	East	Severe shortage of workers and avoidance of student loan debt
M	65+	R	N	East	You don't need a college degree to be successful and well off. Too many degrees don't translate into a well paying job
U	65+	R	N	East	Because students are coming out of our pathetic schools unable to think for themselves, do basic math, speak intelligently, or understand basic civics, they should at least be taught a trade so they can be contributing members of society.
U	65+	R	N	East	Life skills and solid career training should be priority as well as opportunity for those who wish higher education
F	18-34	U	N	East	Give students the opportunity to pursue careers that don't need a college degree, especially for those who can't afford it
F	18-34	U	N	East	More and more students where I am from have expressed that they do not want to attend a four year university and if there was more options for a trade school they would more likely go there.
F	18-34	U	N	East	Our school is working with the Police and Criminal Justice system to help students get their foot in the door.

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F	18-34	U	N	East	With the current state of the economy, rising cost of living and out of college job salaries not reflecting a reasonable range for someone who's attended a 4 year university, having a degree has become less of a prestige and more of a burden. Student loans and tuitions reflect inflation and without scholarships, a student is facing severe student loan debt they will be paying off well into adulthood. For what? An entry level job that under pays? Technical schools and trades give access to sustainable careers that guarantee cash flow in a field that is generally unionized, utilizing skills that are incredibly valuable. These programs typically allow the student to earn income while continuing education, and often cost far less than a traditional university. Starting these programs on a high school level is important because it can help a student explore their field of interest, which may not be academic, while still giving them the credit to earn a diploma and helps propel them into the program past high school, which can be crucial to their willingness to continue education past high school and becoming a valuable, successful member of society.
M	18-34	U	N	East	College is a scam. 99% of kids coming from college have mountains of debt and don't get paid what they were promised. Teaching them something practical and useful in real life is much more important
M	18-34	U	N	East	Seems like it would open doors to kids who other wise don't have the money or opportunity to seek jobs locked behind trade programs. This is especially true for anyone seeking a job that requires a four year degree.
M	18-34	U	N	East	There should be opportunity for both options, and neither should be held in higher regard than the other.
M	18-34	U	N	East	They are very beneficial for humans.
M	18-34	U	N	East	They teach useful skills that peaks interest in students that don't necessarily want or can afford to attend postsecondary education.
U	18-34	U	N	East	Colleges don't support learning and development as they should. It's become a place to support political agendas instead of thinking for themselves.
F	35-44	U	N	East	I have so much student loan debt, I wish I would have gone to a 2 year program and paid less then graduated with an actual job
F	35-44	U	N	East	Not everyone needs a degree
F	35-44	U	N	East	We need skilled professionals in these fields.
F	45-54	U	N	East	CTE gives people not on a 4 year college path a way of learning and applying real world skills and a chance to earn a living wage.

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F	45-54	U	N	East	For students that aspire to go to University, it will help with cost. The students that would rather go to a trade school or military should have those options too. All Universities are ae indoctrination facilities. No student should know an instructors political stance or private situation.
F	45-54	U	N	East	I think it varies by student. But there are many professions that do not require any kind of degree or only a certification that pay well and are definately a good career choice.
F	45-54	U	N	East	Our industries are truly suffering from a lack of skilled workers. Young people are erroneously taught that they can't have a fulfilling career without a college degree. They're also taught to look down on trades that don't require college degrees, but do require technical skills and/or physical labor. This must stop.
M	45-54	U	N	East	A degree is not required to be successful
U	45-54	U	N	East	I live in a rural area
F	55-64	U	N	East	College degrees are not for everyone. CTE gives students immediate skills.
F	55-64	U	N	East	In the bigger cities CTE is very important. But here in the farming or small cities the kids need to know how to make a living by an every day job!
F	55-64	U	N	East	The vast majority of students are more interested in technical degrees. These degrees offer good incomes with very little student debt. There is also a growing job market for these degrees as many people are not choosing technical vocations.
M	55-64	U	N	East	I do not have a child/ student of school age and neither of them grew up in this area. I don't have detailed knowledge of the school or district in which I live. My thoughts are the students might develop or maintain a greater focus and attendance if they are allowed to participate in classes in which they may have passion or career aspirations. They might also participate in greater depth in general education classes if they perceive those classes as a means to achieve more security or advancement in their field of choice.
M	55-64	U	N	East	We need people that know how to work in all areas. They need to have a thought process and look ahead.
U	55-64	U	N	East	Both are important but that choice should be up to the student
U	55-64	U	N	East	College is more indoctrination than learning.
F	65+	U	N	East	A lot of student do not want to go to college. They can make good money in the trades and our trades r always needed electitios plumbers welders cosmetologist and on and on

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F	65+	U	N	East	As educators, we know that not all students are going to go to college. Those that can should have advanced classes available. Other students should not have to feel like a failure if they do not wish to attend a 4 year university. So many better paying jobs like, construction, electrician, plumbing, beautician , elevator mechanic, garbage collection, etc, are necessary and often pay more than teachers or other college and master degeered individuals. They can always further their education later in life, if they so choose.
F	65+	U	N	East	Because so few students in public school learn what they need to go to college. That are just not prepared for the work force and definitely most are not prepared for college. That is true for the entire United States. We need to abolish the Department of Education and put each state entirely in charge of education. We are failing our students horribly.
F	65+	U	N	East	College is only important if your chosen career demands it. We need to make the trades (that we all use) honorable and available.
F	65+	U	N	East	Knowing what to expect in the work environment is more important than a degree from any college or university. Being flexible can get you a job faster than a degree.
F	65+	U	N	East	Not everyone does well in college or is able to find a job in their chosen field, this gives practial training that the student can use right now.
F	65+	U	N	East	This us a stupid question. Look around at our workforce and you have your answer.
M	65+	U	N	East	Gives students other alternatives
M	65+	U	N	East	It provides a variety of options for students too consider.
M	65+	U	N	East	Less student debt when done. Everyone will need a tradesman at some point.
M	65+	U	N	East	No every one is cut out for collage. Give the kids a way to make a living with out getting into debt
M	65+	U	N	East	Not everyone is suited for college right out of HS. Having tech programs allow students to explore opportunities without college and possibly find a career path.
M	65+	U	N	East	Students get thru couple of years of HS and get discouraged because they feel the curriculum does not fit their interests.
M	65+	U	N	East	There are lots of CTE programs that provide success after high school that don't require a college degree.
M	65+	U	N	East	Your questions are silly as the answers are not one or the other. Allow and promote school choice and let the education marketplace determine the multiple answers.
U	65+	U	N	East	Really believe more classes oriented to trade level jobs, plumbing electric, mechanic etc are more important because this level of people are almost non existent in smaller towns but are good jobs!!

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F	18-34	D	Y	East	For our rural area, kids most likely will take on their parents farm or business, which doesn't always need a college degree. Trade jobs are also very popular and pay well even for training also making them more appealing that leaving home to learn for four more years and graduate with debt.
M	18-34	D	Y	East	Because everyone in this country is insufferably stupid and cannot do anything themselves. People need to learn one useful thing and gain from that.
F	35-44	D	Y	East	Helps prepare students for after Highschool to be able to afford to live on their own someday without the high debt of college
F	35-44	D	Y	East	More options for student that don't cause crippling debt
F	45-54	D	Y	East	Helps in the real world
F	65+	D	Y	East	A majority of students will most likely get benefit from practical job skills and if later they have better stability to pursue a college education.
M	18-34	O	Y	East	In this day and age a job in the trades field (welding, mechanics etc.) is of more value to and is an essential job. Looking at 2020 the essential jobs that were not closed were all jobs in the trades field. It is more important to prepare these young adults for a successful future and not brain wash them into going to college and that a college degree is essential to a success life because it is not essential for a successful life.
U	18-34	O	Y	East	Summer of love were mostly college kids Mostly peaceful protests were mostly college kids They don't want to work, are mostly college kids
F	35-44	O	Y	East	It gives people more options for good paying jobs without having to go through a long four-year education to get there. There is a shortage of people entering technical fields and that's a shame when there are many that pay quite well and are necessary fields.
M	35-44	O	Y	East	Because it gives a student training and scenarios of real life situations that happen in the workplace
M	35-44	O	Y	East	Colleges have been dumbed down in order to fulfill a d.e.i quota this making the graduates pretty entitled/ useless when they enter the workforce. College was never designed for everybody to attend only the brightest thinkers should go to college because the point was to discuss difficult topics in science, math, legal, and social issues in a purely open and unrestricted manner. I attended college and found it pretty worthless. I then went to the military and learn many trades that pay substantially more, and will be retired at the age of 44 years old in one year. The skilled labor jobs have a difficult time hiring people because the education system lied to students and told them that they would never amount to anything if they didn't attend college. They were wrong. I push my son to find a business model that works for him and not to attend college.

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M	45-54	O	Y	East	College is not for everyone. There is a deficit of people in the trades.
M	55-64	O	Y	East	Tuition rates are outrageous and the expense puts a financial burden on the student that takes 10 years or more of their career to pay off.
F	18-34	R	Y	East	Realistically with the cost of college in comparison to increased job pay or job opportunities, college makes no sense financially. I love being able to take classes in things I actually need or am interested in but having to do mindless classes for no increase in pay? There is no point. I am one "thesis" away from my having bachelors but I've taken 4 years to find the time to even work on it. There is no motivation since it's just a piece of paper and debt.
F	18-34	R	Y	East	They need to be prepared for the real world and they need to earn how to support themselves on their own before they can go off on their own to college away from home
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Because most kids can't afford to attend Universities and the education is so biased based on liberal political views
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Because not all kids want to go to college and many are unsure of what area of interest they would pursue. This would help them explore their options
F	35-44	R	Y	East	It's a toss up. Both are important and suitable choices for a future.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Many of our older folks are retiring from trade jobs leaving a huge need for today's kids to learn those trades. Our kids need to be looking at trade schools instead of being told that successful people all have a 4 year college education.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Most of the kids that graduate didn't go to college and the ones that did, most don't use their college education in their current employment.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Not everyone has the ability to go to college either because they can't afford it they weren't the best student grade wise or because they have a bigger role at home. So offering them a way to further their life and success and provide for themselves or their family should be something we take as very important
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Not sure how many kids in our area go on to get a four year degree. Most join the work force out of high school.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Technical training is more valuable than student debt.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	The jobs you can get with CTE training are much more realistic and colleges have a very woke agenda.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	There are a shortage of these workers nationwide. So few people have these skills or want to physically work.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	There are becoming more jobs in the world today that do not use a college degree.

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M	35-44	R	Y	East	College creates too much debt vs. Sustainable career from college degree.
M	35-44	R	Y	East	More work ready opportunities and less liberal brain washing.
F	45-54	R	Y	East	Most people need a job right out of high-school if not before. In most cases it takes awhile to get the college you need to begin the career you are trying to obtain and you are also going to have to pay for that higher education.
F	45-54	R	Y	East	No
F	45-54	R	Y	East	Not every kid is made for college. CTE classes give them hands on experience to find out if what they are doing is really for them.
M	45-54	R	Y	East	College is only for some students. There should be ways for those who know they won't be going to Jumpstart their future
M	45-54	R	Y	East	Great skills for students going to college, trade, or work force.
M	45-54	R	Y	East	I think a lot of kids end up doing this kind of work anyway, through CTE programs they would realize this is what they want to do before re going to college and amassing substantial debt. These are jobs are always going to need to be done.
F	55-64	R	Y	East	College is too expensive
F	55-64	R	Y	East	Individuals without degrees are making more money than those with degrees. Why waste your money on an education that will not be recognized, but skills will.
M	55-64	R	Y	East	Most kids don't know what they want to do after they graduate. A lot of students have jobs that are unrelated to their degree and have wasted a lot of money.
U	55-64	R	Y	East	Kids being in debt to start life for a degree that doesn't help in life is pointless. We need kids to enter into the work force and work their way up. Kids nowadays have no work ethic and want a feel good environment because that's what they learn in school. Young adults can adjust to the real world as they have been coddled in school and have no concept of what life is or about. Getting kids around a work life will make them better workers and citizens.
F	65+	R	Y	East	It is my opinion that everyone should work for awhile before continuing their education. Gives them an opportunity to find what they are good at and where their talents can best be used
F	65+	R	Y	East	More and students are unable to take on the financial burden of colleges and many need to test the job market before deciding on which way they want to go. They need to be able to support themselves.
M	65+	R	Y	East	Can learn and get a degree in a third of the time without owning more money that you will never get paid off

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M	65+	R	Y	East	No comment
F	18-34	U	Y	East	CTE programs allow students to enter the workforce almost immediately after graduating. They are able to start earning right away without racking up debt for a degree that will make them less money in the long run.
M	18-34	U	Y	East	With the pressure for all the students to go to college, our structural workforce has taken a huge hit, we need more people with hands on traits to keep this nation going
F	35-44	U	Y	East	College is a waste of time and money unless your career choice requires specific additional studies. Learning for your career should be the focus.
F	35-44	U	Y	East	CTE programs are less expensive and provide a faster solution to make better income to afford college
F	35-44	U	Y	East	I can not speak for all students or parents but some child i.e. ADHD need an environment with hands on education and the ability to use it when graduated.
F	35-44	U	Y	East	Not everyone wants to go to college, but everyone needs to be trained for something.
F	35-44	U	Y	East	Technology will be replacing the workforce in many "college degree" areas. Students need access to jobs which tech can't replace which is typically trades or blue collar work.
F	35-44	U	Y	East	Workforce ready and steady income to help economy
M	35-44	U	Y	East	It's more realistic. Why would you want to create life long debt for yourself when in reality your life is just beginning instead of getting a foothold on life as an adult first, seeing what it's like in the workforce and paying bills, and making decisions on your own. Once you start to understand how life really is then decide if you want to commit to furthering your education in college but also the debt that comes with it. Of course you always have the chance to get a scholarship but good luck.
U	35-44	U	Y	East	We will always need those who can repair our own "infrastructure", i.e., my plumbing, or fix the roof on my house. I will never check with my baker to see if she has a degree in bakery science in order for me to buy from her. CTE is less debt-inducing. Out of Art, P.E., drama, etc, how many of those go on to actually work in those fields? How many become athletic superstars or famous actors? About 0.00086% of them.
F	45-54	U	Y	East	I believe that students who take CTE have a better identity of themselves and are able to earn a good salary right out of high school. If they decide later to go on to college, that's their decision but they at least have a backup career.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Obscene cost of college and extreme liberal philosophy of faculty.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Prepare students for the real world. Not everyone is meant for continuing education.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Preps them to enter the working world.

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M	45-54	U	Y	East	Q
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Quality of higher education (colleges, universities) is declining
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Students concerned about cost of 4 year degree. We live in rural district where majority of students are from farm families or work on farms. CTE programs give them real world education applications.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	There are to many people that will be blue collar that do not have the support after school to guid them in there future
M	45-54	U	Y	East	There is a glut of worthless degrees. Also universities have turned into indoctrination centers rather places
F	55-64	U	Y	East	I think that college is not for everyone and programs that offer students choices other than just gearing everyone for college is more realistic. This country needs more skilled workers (construction, electricians, plumbers etc.)
F	55-64	U	Y	East	Kids are not consistent with college, they would have a skill set until or if they are ready to attend
U	55-64	U	Y	East	We need workforce people. College has become a waste for most kids. No job at the end with HUGE debt bc we encourage the borrowing instead of getti g a job and paying as they go.
M	65+	U	Y	East	Few employers require a 4 year college degree.
M	65+	U	Y	East	Too many college classes have no job value
F	18-34	D	N	El Paso/St	No opinion.
M	18-34	D	N	El Paso/St	They provide the student with work experience and prepare them for post-graduation opportunities if they choose not to go to university
M	18-34	D	N	El Paso/St	Undergraduate degrees should be made financially attainable. However, if kids learn more CTE programs they can leave education if they wish or use those skills in preparation for uni.
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	Again this goes back to personalization of learning
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	Not every child needs a four year degree
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	So people can have the experience to get jobs
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	The transition after HS is difficult and now it's even harder...Students need to be confident in their knowledge of how to handle these tough situations..
U	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	Cte is important just like a degree, but many can't afford a higher degree or have talent in different areas it takes all types to make a community and emphasis on only degrees make cte seem less worthy, but who stayed working during covid and were more in demand
U	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	Major universities teach liberal ideals I oppose and often offer up little in the way of actual life experience. Trade classes teach valuable, real world skill and focus more on education than politics and agendas

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F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	College no longer ensures a living wage. Especially with the astronomical debt that will be incurred.
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Not all people want to go to college after high school. They must learn early to train their minds for what is expected out in the real world.
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Not all students are college fit students.
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Preparing our high school students for the future can be best accomplished through the CTE Program .It can open up their mind to career opportunities through learning and obtaining industrial training and certifications.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Because even though you have a degree you still have to have experience to get the job...so being able to get the training in high-school would be very helpful.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Because it helps with real life
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	College degrees are not the most important thing needed
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Fewer students are going on to. 4 yr college courses because of inflated tuition, so more students need job skills training.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	I hear many students seldom get the job they were preparing to get upon graduation as learning a skill or certification gives a student the opportunity to work, get experience then get further education
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	It prepares students to experience workplace and determine where their interests lie. They could go on to obtain a 4 year degree if they wish to.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Many students will not attend college. It's a long road. Having CTE gives them a place to start.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Need to explore all areas of teaching options. Everybody doesn't learn the same way!
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Work while attending college, something to fall back on
M	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Can start earning money.
U	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Many students do not enroll in college and they need to Be able to earn a decent living.
F	55-64	N	N	El Paso/St	Preparation for real life?!!!
U	55-64	O	N	El Paso/St	Most young people with a college degree can't find a job because their degrees are worthless, and they are saddled with huge student loans debts. A CTE program, while also doing an apprenticeship, would guarantee a job, a career, an income, experience on the first day after apprenticeship, and no huge debts.
F	65+	O	N	El Paso/St	Many kids nowadays are not college materials. They may go to college when they will decide it's best for them

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U	65+	O	N	El Paso/St	Not everybody needs to go to college. With the nonsense they're teaching, they don't deserve student enrollment to be full. Many children graduate from college and can't find a job but they have a healthy student loan to pay back. Disadvantaging.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	Going to college just to go to college is a terrible idea. The only reason someone should be in college is if they know what they're doing with their degree and that's not the majority of people. Having a certificate better equips students that know they don't want a degree or are still figuring it out I.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	Hands on education
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	Kids need opportunity to learn from more than traditional classroom settings
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	Many students in my area come from homes where college simply is not an option and/or not encouraged. Providing students with CTE programs that will equip them for the workforce more immediately will help improve our community in many ways by reducing unemployment rates, crime rates, and the like. Students have a better opportunity to discover careers of interest by participating in CTE classes.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	So many people go to college & rack up debt, but don't end up using their degrees. CTE would help with that.
F	35-44	R	N	El Paso/St	Individually they can explore options. Learn a skill
M	35-44	R	N	El Paso/St	More applicable to real world applications
F	45-54	R	N	El Paso/St	We need trade careers to survive as communities.
M	45-54	R	N	El Paso/St	Teach basic skills and trades
U	45-54	R	N	El Paso/St	College is not for everyone!! These programs are important!
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Because colleges teach liberal propaganda
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Because I was in construction for 34 years and we need more skilled workers in our work force than people wanting to be a boss.they need to learn how to work up the latter instead of think they are just going to go right into a boss position,and not understand the jobs that they are overseeing
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	College had been over promoted.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	College should be important. However we turned out many students who then did not know materials for job or had no idea how to do a trade skill which is needed or becomes a lifeline in difficul job market.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Colleges these days are for indoctrination over education. I think more people should look at other opportunities such as CTE Programs

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F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	I actually think both that and preparing for college is important. It depends on the student. When we only offer one track for everyone that is a failure to meet the needs of students who do not fit in that track.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	More accessibility to get into work force. Many employers offer tuition reimbursement or pay for continued education.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Teaching kids today how to make a living and actually work for things they want.
M	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Majority of people with degree have huge student debt. If went to trade school would get paid to learn.
M	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Practical and effective. College is a joke today.
M	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Students learn a skill or trade that they can apply as soon as they get out of school, with out accruing a mountain of debt in a subject with little or no job opportunities
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Because a degree is not that important today, definitely not worth the cost.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	It gives students the opportunity and ability to know what the future holds.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Learning a trade beats the college route hands down.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Learning hands on can be very beneficial and help with knowledge of the work force. Then if they choose, they can get a degree in something they prefer!
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Many students are either not able or not willing to attend college and would be better satisfied with their lives if afforded CTE opportunities. Students who do wish to attend college will still be able to do so by focusing on academic programs instead of CTE.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Not everyone is college "material", or should be expected to do college, there are so many trade positions that need filling. I designed cir uot boards for 42 years just fine without a college degree, so unnecessary to spend thousands on learning that isn't really needed. The basics need to be taught first 12 years.v
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Not everyone wants to spend the time and money for a four year degree
M	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	If a college education is required it can be hired.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	4 year degrees are useful but so are certificates and 2 year degrees. Hands on experience is necessary and a narrow focus on a specific field of study is helpful.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	It's better to have something that will help you in the real world than just debt

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F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	Real life skills are needed out of high school. I am a Paraprofessional and I have been working since I graduated. I have seen more than half of my graduating class, along with the two following classes fall out of college or consider it not an option because of money. Now, I work in education and my partner works at King Soopers in Pueblo Co. My partner makes more than \$1000 more than me a month. College doesn't prepare you for life anymore, real life tools and knowledge does.
M	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	N/A
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso/St	Hands-on, valuable experience with more opportunities for community connection and support!
M	35-44	U	N	El Paso/St	Colorado is one of the highest states with an over-educated population. Many people with a four-year degree are working minimum wage jobs. Those that want to go to college will tend to seek out college. Forcing everyone to go to college becomes a problem. Quite simply, the economy fails when everyone is a doctor and no one is a plumber.
F	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	Na
F	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	Not all kids are cut out for college.
M	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	Vocational. Enough said. Not every student is going to college.
M	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	I think there has in general been an overcommitment to four-year degree programs. In many cases, students are borrowing large sums for a degree which simply is not going to offer the return on their investment. Meanwhile, there are many service/trade jobs where after a moderate amount of apprenticeship or possibly up to a two-year associate's degree, are able to start at a good salary, even exceeding six figures within a few years. This simply is not the case with the majority of 4-year graduates, considering that they seem to be graduating with business, or in many cases worse, sociology degrees. There's nothing wrong with those degrees. There is something very wrong with the cost to obtain them.
F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	I think the majority of students belong in training or certificate programs rather than undergraduate programs.
F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	I work in a district with a strong CTE program and I've seen how beneficial it is for students.
F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Not everyone wants/needs a four-year degree to pursue a career. There is a shortage of skilled labor.
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Because less than 1/3rd of students go on to your indoctrination camps referred to as college.
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Needed option for equally important. The goal should be to allow all kids to have the option and ability to be prepared to go to college. However, if the primary goal is college prep, then those kids that would be better suited to the trades are often lost in the system.
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Practical skills are much more valuable than a gender studies degree.

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U	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Because students need to be ready for the workforce. Need to understand what money is. How to invest. Save and balance check book
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Being trained for a specific job in a field that will pay you are way better than garbage and nonsense you can take in the majority of colleges
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	My son switched to a trade and makes more money than his engineering degree
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Not everyone is made for college. We need many basic trade skills, in addition to engineers, doctors, lawyers, etc
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	This is a poor community with poor parenting and an inability to send their children to a secondary school.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Universities are mandatory for higher levels of education in fields like medicine, science. Law, education, etc. However, there are many jobs that pay very well (much higher than for a public school teacher with a Masters), that do not require a 4 -5 year Baccalaureate. ALL learners would benefit greatly if they had a much more well-rounded, higher quality education (particularly with a strong emphasis on visual arts and music education) which needs to BEGIN at pre-school, not at middle or high.
M	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	I'm a working with my hands Engineer
U	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	When a kid comes out of highschool they don't know what they want to do. How many unemployed Art History majors are out there. CTE gives kids a chance to learn how to do something
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	Might be helpful in getting a better understanding for what they are more skilled in vs going to college and picking a major
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	There are not enough graduates seeking out vocational education and/or jobs because it has been pushed and pushed and pushed that the only way to get anywhere is only with a college degree
M	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	I think it's difficult for 18 year olds to make a decision on what they should major in college. This should give most students pause before taking on such large amounts of debt. Working in a field first then deciding to take it further with a degree should be the path for mist students except those who have a firm grasp and commitment to their degree/career path
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	Four year colleges are too expensive
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	I have 3 girls, one has a 4 yr degree, other 2 have associates degrees from CTE. Both need to be available bc not all students have the financing to go to a university!
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	It seems like an option that most aren't aware of, and it would be a great one for many kids
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	Not sure

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M	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	It is my opinion that so much focus has been placed on STEM courses and the inevitability of needing a college degree that people forget that mid level careers exist and help keep society running. Add to the fact that a college degree's costs have skyrocketed and universities are more than happy to keep raising prices and students do not understand that they have to pay back their loans with interest rates that keep going up and are unlikely to land jobs that can comfortably pay off that loan while paying rent, food, insurance, vehicle, etc. Offering students a glimpse into the many different careers that you don't need a college degree for and thus avoid that debt is important.
M	55-64	D	Y	El Paso/St	Because not every graduate wants to go to college we have to show them there are other opportunities out there that you do not need a college degree to do their unions out there that kids do not know about
F	65+	D	Y	El Paso/St	No comment
F	65+	D	Y	El Paso/St	Students will gain skills and not be burdened with excessive debt
M	35-44	O	Y	El Paso/St	Better return on investment for the school and student, better employment prospects, less debt for the student with a higher entry wage.
M	45-54	O	Y	El Paso/St	Better prepared to enter the workforce upon high school graduation and earn an income that can have an income, with potential employer benefits, to pursue a college or university degree in a career field they know they want to pursue based on actual experience in that career field.
F	18-34	R	Y	El Paso/St	College isn't always the answer anymore. It costs too much money.
F	18-34	R	Y	El Paso/St	Not everyone wants to go to college, and not everyone who completes college is guaranteed to get into the field they studied for. Having skills and experience is valuable.
M	18-34	R	Y	El Paso/St	Real life-
F	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	College is very unaffordable and often leave students with large debt. Many students cannot make enough ton their chosen field or hate the chosen field after many years and dollars towards college
M	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	A person with a trade is ready to participate in our economy and can help fund their own university education with less debt if they desire to go that route
M	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	I have seen many people go to a 4 year university just to get I degree in something that will never provide them with the ability to obtain a career that will provide a comfortable life. Many of them never find a job in their field of study.
U	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	I prefer Job training to the liberal brain washing most colleges offer. However, I think the 40 hour work week is a joke.

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F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	College is over priced and they are full of liberal views that are destroying our country. I would rather my child just begin working and making money. Myself and my husband and my parents all have 4 year college degrees but I don't see the point now. I currently have a 20 year old in college fir nursing and I am supporting this because it's required to be a nurse but just getting a 4 year degree in a liberal arts without a job requirement is a waste of money and a risk in having your child indoctrinated into awful liberal morals.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	More demand for those positions.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Not "All" students want to attend college. Some are cognitive of the debt associated with a college degree. If money wasn't a factor in their decision, I think more students would attend college. Why I feel CTE programs will be better... the programs provided are very direct and specific to the job. Students are not taking irrelevant courses and wasting their time.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Police fire nursing do not need 4 year degree
M	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Career training is extremely valuable as an alternative to university. Learning a trade can be a lifelong resource.
M	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Necessary and great alternative to college
M	55-64	R	Y	El Paso/St	They give the students something to fall back on our help pay for college.
M	65+	R	Y	El Paso/St	Need to teach responsibilities and good work ethics
F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso/St	CTE programs seem more hands on & it's easier for students to determine if they want to pursue that career or not.
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Trades are very much so needed and looked down upon but are important jobs
U	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Our country is experiencing a trades shortage crisis. Kids have been lied to and lead to believe that college was their only option. With trades, they can acquire the necessary skills to begin earning a livable wage WITHOUT debt right away
U	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	People can get good jobs in these fields without acquiring a lifetime of debt. Tradesmen are retiring at exponentially higher rates than they are applying.
U	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	So many people take out student loans to go to school and get a degree for all sorts of things then by the time the get out of college everything they learned is out of date or they can't a job because of one reason or another then they end up having to work in the trades and start on the bottom or homeless or living off the system no I have seen so many people go to college for nothing other than to waste time and end up a bunch of failures regardless. No I think college should be free after going in front of a board or committee for admission. But I think that there needs to be a push for the trades with options for job placement after graduation

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F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Every student needs a skill to do a job making at least 40,000 a year after completing high school or a presue a bachelors degree making at least 80,000 a year starting pay .
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	More practical and affordable option that traditional college programs.
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Most of these kids need to enter the work force and having a skill will help them gain and retain employment with or without extra college. College courses only helps some kids but CTE options can help all kids.
M	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Experience is more important than information.
U	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Studies have shown that a 4 year degree is not worth the salary. It only becomes lucrative at the higher learning levels, phds, drs, etc
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	College graduates often wind up in occupations outside of their degree field. It is the perfect time to explore different career fields while enrolled in high school.
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	Colleges have failed our students in a blatant money grab as well as the oppressive brainwashing and indoctrination the colleges are forcing into our youth. Plus it's never been financially worth it to pay the colleges for remedial education the public schools failed to provide. Paying hundreds of dollars a semester for these classes and going into debt for them is worthless. I know many, many college grads working in positions they are over educated for.
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	Many students can not afford college therefore this is a better option to be offered.
M	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	College is a joke they teach you to hate America and hate who you are instead of teaching students the things they need to know in life and how to survive in today's horrible world
M	65+	U	Y	El Paso/St	CTE programs provide several opportunities for students who cannot afford a 4 year higher education.
F	18-34	D	N	Metro	College isn't suited to everyone's goals or learning styles. It's very useful for specific jobs but not relevant to others. Historically American culture has pushed for everyone to attend college regardless and promised it would be helpful, regardless of a student's goals or affinity for academia. This has contributed to the inflation of university tuition, and to students graduating with crippling debt and a degree that may not actually help them find a job in today's competitive market. CTE programs that allow students to pursue training and careers outside of college will reduce that debt when students go to skilled careers without acquiring huge debt, and by lowering costs for students who do need college degrees.
F	18-34	D	N	Metro	I don't think a four year college needs to be the path for everyone. I also think that a CTE program would help a high schooler figure out if college is for them, if it is, then it would help with having a better idea for what. Or they find out a four year college isn't for them and they have the skills to continue

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F	18-34	D	N	Metro	I live in an urban area in Denver very close to East High School. While I'm not sure of the student demographics of this school I believe there are probably many students from disadvantaged backgrounds. These students struggle getting into college and having adults around them that can support them throughout high school and college is often very expensive. By investing in programs like CTE, students have an opportunity outside of getting a 4-year degree to excel after high school and financially support themselves. I think it's important to invest in resources like this so that all students have chances for success, especially if getting a college degree isn't attainable for them. Also many students don't do well in school and they should be able to have the opportunity to get trained in a technical skill where they can start work right away after graduation and make good money and not have to work in a minimum wage job.
F	18-34	D	N	Metro	This allows students to develop lifelong skills that they can use in future careers and gives them space to work and decide if they want to go to school later - it allows for flexibility and gives the students something to study that they care about at a younger age.
M	18-34	D	N	Metro	Gives students the chance to try out professions before jumping in to college and going into debt immediately.
F	35-44	D	N	Metro	Critical thinking skills, collaboration that doesn't exist in other programs
F	35-44	D	N	Metro	Since college is generally not an affordable option and experience tends to be a greater asset for employers to refer to, a CTE program would provide a greater "real world" application.
M	35-44	D	N	Metro	Saddling young adults with 50-200k in debt during an economic crash is really horrible... if trades are still strong, it is helpful for these "chronically online" kids to gain physical skills.
U	35-44	D	N	Metro	Cause you can get a job that's part of a Union easier with CTE and nowadays a college degree is useless and will straddle you with debt for the rest of your life.
F	45-54	D	N	Metro	A college degree is certainly an achievement, however unless a senior is planning on being a doctor, lawyer, teacher, or other profession that requires additional education past a bachelor's degree, I believe accumulating debt at a young age is damaging and difficult to overcome. Having the ability to pursue a career thorough training and job experience offers high school students the opportunity to have an income and achieve in life.
F	45-54	D	N	Metro	I feel they prepare students to enter the workforce straight out of high school. I feel a lot of students are steered toward college at an age when they have no idea what career they want to pursue. I taught college core history classes in Illinois and saw a multitude of students enter college completely unprepared and uninterested. They would drop out or flunk out within a few semesters usually owing student loans

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M	45-54	D	N	Metro	Because collage isn't for everyone. Some times college takes to long to get a good degree when you have real life issues that don't allow for you to achieve a degree in a reasonable amount of time and at a fair cost.
M	55-64	D	N	Metro	Not sure
F	65+	D	N	Metro	I think there are more opportunities formidably to go to college later, and that they need to know how to support themselves
F	65+	D	N	Metro	More connections with teachers and more opportunities.
F	65+	D	N	Metro	No
F	65+	D	N	Metro	Not everyone is meant to go to college or have the interest.
M	65+	D	N	Metro	There is a greater need for well trained, qualified, tradesmen and women than ever before.
M	18-34	O	N	Metro	Give these kids a chance to contribute to their community's doing what they love or enjoy !!
M	18-34	O	N	Metro	Less student debt, less of a burden on the taxpayers. These careers will only become more important as current workers holding these rolls retire
U	35-44	O	N	Metro	Colleges and universities are doing more harm than good by brainwashing young adults and turning them into radical far left psychopaths.
F	18-34	R	N	Metro	A degree means very little unless you're pursuing a career field that requires that specialized and eventually advanced knowledge (law, medicine, etc.) Our society has a shortage of and an aging population of tradesmen who make a decent living, we should indicate to students that choosing that path is not something we look down upon, that we have respect for people who choose a trade over a degree, and we're going to be in crisis soon if more young people don't follow in those footsteps.
F	18-34	R	N	Metro	Because there are other great ways to earn a living, college is highly encouraged and kids are taking on debt that is very large amounts. I just think there are other ways of making a living.
F	18-34	R	N	Metro	Output more productive adults into the workforce
M	18-34	R	N	Metro	Four-year degrees are great and serve a purpose, but the market for them has been over-saturated for years now and has left millions of students with overwhelming debt and in many cases a useless piece of paper to show for it. All while good-paying jobs sit open that career and technical education could more immediately put students on a successful career path and help them earn a good living. They may choose to attend a four-year school down the road, but it should not be the only option pitched to students.
M	18-34	R	N	Metro	Giving alternative routes besides college is extremely important. There is too much pressure on students to go to college after high school which leads to wasted degrees and opportunities

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M	18-34	R	N	Metro	More jobs and the overall decline in these fields makes them a great place for the younger generations to find new opportunities
F	35-44	R	N	Metro	College degrees have become a thing of the oadt
F	45-54	R	N	Metro	Many kids don't want to continue there education so it's a good idea to learn this in high school
M	45-54	R	N	Metro	Thankfully my kids (4) are free and clear of public indoctrination stations so I no longer have a dog in this fight. That said, technical training should be given far more emphasis in today's high schools across the board.
M	45-54	R	N	Metro	Trade skills for jobs is more important and needed in the work force
U	45-54	R	N	Metro	Colleges are teaching DEI crap with no job future while the student accrues massive debt that the student then wants society to pay off, while Welders like me have no student debt, make great money and then get to batch at all of our societies leaches for being ignorant and lazy.
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	College is not attainable for many students because of costs. Trades schools are more accessible, somewhat cheaper and provide a faster path towards actually making money in a chosen field.
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	Having a four-year degree does not mean that you have a higher paying job, it only means that now you have a lot of debt. I make as much at my current job as I did at the previous position with a four year degree. It's not worth it.
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	More than half of the students who graduated do not go to college because they cannot afford to go to college
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	Not all students are college bound students. Some are more suited for CTE programs. It really depends on the student and their abilities.
M	55-64	R	N	Metro	College is no longer preparing students for the business world. After hiring for 30 years, it is clear our college graduates are less prepared than 20 years ago.
M	55-64	R	N	Metro	More practical
F	65+	R	N	Metro	College today is too expensive. More business are now not requiring degrees.
M	65+	R	N	Metro	Not every student wants to go to college.
M	65+	R	N	Metro	They are important. However, when you terminate the arts from the curriculum you are only teaching to half of the brain.
U	65+	R	N	Metro	College is overrated. Lot of wasted time sitting in classes listening to radicals trying to push their agenda.

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U	65+	R	N	Metro	Students do not graduate high school with the knowledge that they should have. Our colleges are a sinkhole for money and students are unprepared to have a good, high paying job. College has become an almost complete waste of money unless a student is pursuing a very specific post graduate program.
F	18-34	U	N	Metro	College is very unaffordable
F	18-34	U	N	Metro	These programs teach applicable life skills to students which give them a leg up compared to peers and even college graduates. There are so many 4-year college degrees that are hard to find jobs in without going on the grad school and leave students in immense amounts of debt and no way to pay it off without well paying jobs.
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	Because most students will eventually enter the work force, not be students forever. The sooner they start to think about work and understand the realities of the job market, the more value they might get out of their education
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	College is amazing and a wonderful opportunity for some, but it is not an option for others. It is more important that someone be prepared to support themselves in the world, which is DEFINITELY necessary, than it is to prepare them for a POSSIBILITY of going to college. They are both important though!
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	College level education is not nessescary for many career paths, CTE sounds good for those who just want to be blue collar workers
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	Colleges have become saturated and increasingly unsuccessful in securing employment for students despite massive increases in tuition.
U	18-34	U	N	Metro	College degrees do not guarantee jobs and also leave the attendee with a great amount of debt due to the unaffordable price of most colleges.
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	Because this CTE program helps students with learning real life skills and how to get a job in the real world and preps them for college courses that they can start a career with
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	Develop more marketable skills
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	Provides students exposure to different career opportunities
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	Very few careers actually require a four-year degree with the cost of higher education being so high, very few jobs will truly provide workers with the income they need to re-pay a college loan while there are many many careers that require further training or further specialized education. Having students who are able to transition into the work force without have to spend an exorbitant amount of money on further education seems like a better option for many of our students. If later on in life they decide to pursue higher education they can make that decision as adults
M	35-44	U	N	Metro	They provide valuable pathways for all students

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M	35-44	U	N	Metro	They seem more interesting to me so think they would hold there attention better
M	35-44	U	N	Metro	Too many people are fighting for the same jobs and the degrees aren't creating more opportunity. People should have the ability to make a living without a lifetime of debt. Teach people about finances first.
U	35-44	U	N	Metro	The vast majority of students are either not prepared for serious academic work in college or default to majors that don't adequately prepare them for well paying careers.
F	45-54	U	N	Metro	Too many people graduate from a 4 year college and never get a job in the career they went to college for and end up with high student debt
M	45-54	U	N	Metro	We have open jobs in blue collar positions nationwide that are offering high pay
U	55-64	U	N	Metro	Colleges are unchecked. Mostly indoctrination centers with grandiose attitudes and limitless ability to bill taxpayers and saddle students with insurmountable debt. Corrupt.
U	55-64	U	N	Metro	You don't need a degree for jobs that a very skilled and carry high wages, why go in depth
F	65+	U	N	Metro	A college degree is nearly meaningless in today's workforce
F	65+	U	N	Metro	College not an option for many. Kids may stay in school to to learn to earn.
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Learning is a life long process especially in a rapidly changing environment
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Many people would be better prepared in a CRE program rather than college prep
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Not everyone can afford college. Some be better learning a trade
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Our colleges offer indoctrination rather than useful skills like critical thinking. Or how to make a living.
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Teaching basic life skills. Learning an all around knowledge instead of to focused on one srea
F	65+	U	N	Metro	The student becomes set up to earn a good living without the debt.
M	65+	U	N	Metro	College is very expensive and most students would benefit more from technical skills for a job.
M	18-34	D	Y	Metro	Kids are going to college for useless degrees and expecting 6-figure salaries instantly with them. They aren't being set up for success but are being convinced of false ideals.
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	For those that don't attend college it provides jobs, for those attending college it provides a skill. It also helps to fill jobs in the trades that are in need. It is a win win
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Not everyone wants a 4 year college education. And even if they do receive one, many don't use it. It's creating a huge debt for people that were promised jobs right out of college. CTE would train people for the real world for a real job. Not just theory.
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	There are many jobs that are high paying but not enough people for the positions available. These jobs ensure job security and starting out life with less debt.
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Unsure. Would like to think we need everyone in all fields but not sure if a degree would allow someone to live well instead of paycheck to paycheck like most people are now.

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U	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Because in this day and age a college degree doesn't always necessarily get you a better job you'd be better off learning a skill that is beneficial to you and the public and can most likely have a higher success of finding work
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	A 4 year degree doesn't guarantee a job, it just guarantees debt. Cte would give the kids skills so they could possibly support themselves
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	This is impossible to answer since there are so different factors.
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	Without CTE, the difference in income potential between degree-holding and non-degree-holding adults becomes a larger and larger gap. CTE is a way to maintain a healthy middle class without the expense of a university education. CTE leads to useful job skills, whereas a college degree does not necessarily, and comes with a huge price tag.
M	45-54	D	Y	Metro	It provides some exposure to the adult world. Students should prepare for what's coming after graduation and align with their interests.
F	18-34	N	Y	Metro	Gives the kids the opportunity to learn real life skills without going into debt for something that isn't going to be useful for years down the road.
M	35-44	O	Y	Metro	Because it gives students a better chance to get a good job and a more realistic approach to reality. Attending college most of the times leaves students with a huge debt and very slim chance in getting a job. And thats the truth.
F	18-34	R	Y	Metro	Workforce training. College is not an end all be all. There needs to be a balance of both, though.
F	35-44	R	Y	Metro	For the students who won't have the opportunity to go to college because they are supporting their families financially.
F	35-44	R	Y	Metro	Not everyone wants college or can afford it. This is a way of advancing in a different direction that can be applied to them as an adult
M	35-44	R	Y	Metro	Trade careers are in high demand. Colleges rack students with debt without preparing them for a career.
M	35-44	R	Y	Metro	Useful skills
F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Hands on training with certification for resume building
F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	I am a cosmetologist and became a self employed hair stylist for 20+ years. Trade schools are an important option.
F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Not all students want to or have an opportunity to go to college.

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F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	They prepare students more for the workforce and teach them valuable skills while in high school. Trade schools are important. I'm a good example of them. Why prepare students to take out massive student debt and teach no job related skills or anything to do realated with work ethic? YOUR HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, ESPECIALLY WITH A FOUR DAY SCHOOL WEEK. Try paying your teachers more instead of your county administrators, maybe you'll get somewhere.
M	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Not everyone is cut out to attend a college.
M	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Sounds more like CTE focuses on teaching children how to prepare for life whereas colleges/ universities are trying to change what they think
M	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Unsure
M	55-64	R	Y	Metro	Gives kids an opportunity to see different fields that they would like to explore became more experience or enjoy doing
M	55-64	R	Y	Metro	My honest answer to the last question is both are important. Wouldn't it be great if every high school graduate left with the opportunity to enter the workforce AND college?
U	55-64	R	Y	Metro	Work in food industry if you want to eat. Work in banking if you want money. Get a trade if you want a steady income.
F	65+	R	Y	Metro	They give the student an opportunity to have a career in a shorter period of time and they are more cost effective. Students need to be groomed by their interests. Many students think some classes that are required to graduate are useless. I, still to this day do not use Algebra but was required to take it as a class to graduate from High School. I don't regret it tho because I still remember how to use it.
F	18-34	U	Y	Metro	If they learn a trade they will easily be able to find jobs
F	18-34	U	Y	Metro	Not everyone needs a college degree. The majority of the country is in debt because of the push on higher education.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	A good majority of college graduates are not even utilizing their degrees and are in debt due to school. We are desperate for people in the trades which is the backbone of our nation. Students should leave high school with the knowledge how to sustain life on earth should technology fail. Rather than focusing on book smarts we need to do as on humanity, sustainable practices and critical thinking. People we not made to sit in cubicles- separate from nature. Our education system and debt associated with it are keeping Americans from being able to live abundantly and in balance.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Because I would like to see less emphasis on university education as a necessity.

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F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	I actually think being a competent and virtuous person, who can think and behave as such is the most important, as they could then thrive in college and/or the work force.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	No opinion at this time
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Not all careers require college. It's better to present options.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Real life hands on skills used daily and in preparation for work force while attending college.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	The world is changing and we need experienced problem solvers.
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	All high school graduates should have some skill to be able to compete in the workforce. A college degree is important, but it should not be expected for young people have to be in debt in order to attend college.
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Most kids who go to college never use their degrees and many do not even graduate.
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	There are a lot of kids that don't need to go to college and college is not the right direction for them. An apprenticeship is a great way to have a good career without all the debt of college
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	You actually need both, or multiple pathways for kids. 4-year college is T for everyone. Neither is CTE, provide different kids different opportunities.
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	It sounds like this is a "bridge" for kids to think about the "big picture" of what they might want to do for a career. It seems like they could even make changes in their opinions and their abilities and their interests while they are still in high school instead of committing to something like a degree or a major in college and feeling like you have to stick with it it seems much more flexible and I like the idea that there's discussion and planning involved.
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	Not all students are the path to college or traditional employment. This allows then the opportunity to find passion and develop skills
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	While preparing students for a 4-year college is critical, those students will themselves find a way to attend and excel and may represent a minority number of overall students in high school. Whereas the possible majority of students who choose to not attend or otherwise are unable to attend a 4-year college would greatly benefit from job training in high school to begin working and learning to support themselves immediately upon graduation. This opportunity may not be afforded them outside high school. which could mean a greater burden on taxpayer-backed social programs as these students enter the world as adults and begin having families. If career training was not offered in high school these students' ability to find gainful employment may be stifled when attempting to enter the workforce as young adults.
U	45-54	U	Y	Metro	Higher education does not equate to more knowledge or even prepare better for a career. Priorities have also shifted to create non-thinkers.

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F	55-64	U	Y	Metro	I think college degrees are really important if the person knows what they want to do with a college degree, and with their life. But so many children at the age of 18, do not know, and I think it's better for them to be educated with trade that they can go out and use immediately. Having said that, if a child really knows what they wanna do and they are clear about that, think it's absolutely more important for them to go to four-year college. I have had both kinds of children and I see that every child is different, and a four-year degree does not work for every child as a certificated trade school degree does not work for every child. I think the four-year university path is becoming more and more defunct in a world where people can barely survive and we need more skills, and we need more people who are just learning skills, and acquiring college debt in the face of not knowing exactly what they're gonna do with those trainings in a four-year college degree is a path to poverty via debt.
F	55-64	U	Y	Metro	Many student don't want to go to college, they do not see the connection to their lives or dreams. These students can work in other industries that can support people and our economy. And these trades can offer a good living and life satisfaction.
F	55-64	U	Y	Metro	Opinion
M	55-64	U	Y	Metro	Colleges are a liberal racket used to indoctrinate
U	55-64	U	Y	Metro	Plenty of careers don't require college today--too much emphasis is on college and it's only -one choice if needed and not the only option!
U	55-64	U	Y	Metro	Skilled labor can lead to a great life with constant work without student debt.
M	65+	U	Y	Metro	Most students will not have the same chance to capitalize on their four year degree as those students finishing a CTE program.
F	18-34	D	N	Mtn	Student Loan Debt is insurmountable. Students will be better prepared for success starting with a job before they decide what they want to study or if they even want to go to college.
F	18-34	D	N	Mtn	The provide a more hands on and applied approach, which is more beneficial in the long run.
F	45-54	D	N	Mtn	If the price of college continues to be prohibitively expensive, I would prefer for children to leave high school with the skills gained from the CTE to have a better chance at landing a skilled job without a degree.
F	45-54	D	N	Mtn	Not all students can afford 4 yr college and even if you go a job is not guaranteed we need more real like jobs teaching and trades
F	45-54	D	N	Mtn	Offers career incentives and training outside a 4 year college degree for all students. Gives them a bi-directional choice. Also helps students with affinity towards STEM or trades work they develop interest in within high schools that offer these options.

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F	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Many students can't afford to go to college but should be able to make a good living having a career
F	55-64	D	N	Mtn	More opportunities for hands-on training for decent-paying jobs without massive student loan debt
M	55-64	D	N	Mtn	A college education no longer guarantees a student a job. There are many jobs that are in high demand that cannot be outsourced such as electricians, mechanics, Flores, hairdressers, the list goes on and on. We need to prepare students for these jobs as college search educated students do not have the training for these type of positions
M	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Personal experience.
F	65+	D	N	Mtn	Not everyone is college material and job opportunities are a must for most students.
M	65+	D	N	Mtn	None
M	65+	D	N	Mtn	Tech is part of work force
M	65+	D	N	Mtn	Too many kids are graduating and unable to get a job in their field. Craft employees are often making more than college graduates. Crafts are understaffed.
F	45-54	O	N	Mtn	I have experience in both areas. I have a masters degree and I have a lot of experience in the trades because of my parents teachings. Both have proven to be extremely valuable. I'm now 52 yrs old and am grateful for my ability to work in both academic and hands on labor work situations.
F	45-54	R	N	Mtn	Not everyone should or can go to college. We need more people in trades. They are lots of worthless degrees being handed out at colleges today.
M	45-54	R	N	Mtn	College degrees do not offer guaranteed jobs.
M	45-54	R	N	Mtn	Guarantee entry into the workforce after graduation.
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	I believe CCs and CTE programs are an affordable and time efficient way to prepare students for work.
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Not all are cut out for academics or can afford college
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Not all students desire to go to college especially now with the student debt they'd be responsible for and it doesn't equal to what they'd get paid! It's ridiculous!
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	People need skills. Art and liberal colleges are increasingly out of touch with the real needs of the society and the students.
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	The students here have no skills just lazy on drugs
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	College costs too much relative to its worth and relevance
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Train kids in the trades, college is too expensive

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U	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Not everybody is cut out for higher education by means of college. The technical trades have better ROI.
M	65+	R	N	Mtn	College is not for everyone. CTE preparedness will get the student a job and not have the debt. A liberal arts degree is mostly worthless.
U	65+	R	N	Mtn	They translate to a functional job in the real world.
F	18-34	U	N	Mtn	Technical jobs will always be there, and are skills that are good for kids to have. They can start their own businesses and support their communities with appropriate CTE training
U	18-34	U	N	Mtn	College teaches communism.
F	35-44	U	N	Mtn	More kids are likely to pursue careers straight out of high school then go to college.
F	35-44	U	N	Mtn	Not everyone is a good fit for college at 18/19. They should be aware of alternatives to a four year degree as well as be able to make a living. Trades pay well and they rarely are out of available work
M	35-44	U	N	Mtn	4 year degrees are not necessary for many well paying jobs that are currently in demand. We need to refocus goals from a "you must go to college to succeed" mindset.
M	35-44	U	N	Mtn	In the field experience
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	Hands on skills, like welding, hairstylist, nursing, woodworking...
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	There's a high demand for trade jobs. Very few career fields require a college education.
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	We need workers, not woke people who have nothing but debt when they leave college
M	55-64	U	N	Mtn	Gives ya somein to fall back in
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	Children need more opportunities to succeed and CTE programs offer those opportunities
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	In our population, college is often out of financial reach. Offering a solid alternative is a good route towards future employment.
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	It gives students more resources and choices
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	Not everyone is college material. It seems that the kids challenged with learning are the ones who struggle through life with no job skills
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	The emphasis on advanced education has skewed what's important. Few 18 year olds know what they want to do with their lives. They go into debt for jobs that are becoming obsolete due to AI or that they find they are not a good match for. They get a degree for the sake of getting a degree instead of finding what inspires them. If they are in Cte program they can try on a few different hats to see if they are a good fit before committing to a college curriculum they have no aptitude for
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	We need trades and skilled people, jobs are available and not as many college grads are needed now especially at the cost!

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M	65+	U	N	Mtn	College Brown student will prepare their selves. We actually have to make sure the rest of the students prepare for life.
M	65+	U	N	Mtn	CTE programs enable students to gain workforce skills while in High school and better prepare them for technical schools and job training programs. There is too much emphasis on 4 yr schools and employers struggle filling technical skill jobs.
M	65+	U	N	Mtn	Trades are suffering.
F	18-34	D	Y	Mtn	A lot of kids aren't sure what they want to do with their careers just yet upon graduating high school, and having a solid trade that they can do will help them support themselves financially while they are in that deciding phase.
F	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Allows students to explore various careers, and once they have found a career they want to pursue further then they can invest in 2, 4 or more year colleges. Expecting 18 year olds to jump out of high school and run into VERY expensive colleges and universities with limited working/career experience and know exactly what they want their degree in is overrated. I wish I had the opportunity to try a few different jobs out after high school. With a little more life experience I would not have chosen the degree I pursued. I currently DO NOT work in the field I studied nor would I ever consider going back to it.
F	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	There are multiple pathways to being a successful adult
M	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	I don't think CTE programs are more important, I think both types of programs are important depending on the needs of the student.
M	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Not everyone needs college. Everyone needs work that matters to them which pays living wage. Someone who has skills through CTE could always elect to get a 4 year degree if they decided they didn't like their job track.
F	45-54	D	Y	Mtn	College is not for everyone. Schools that focus on prepping kids for college miss on supporting kids that may be great in trades and technical skills.
F	45-54	D	Y	Mtn	Not every kid needs college. It's as important to promote trades and other types of jobs as it is to encourage college.
F	65+	D	Y	Mtn	Student loan debt is NOT ok in such a wealthy nation. Capitalism demands it.
M	18-34	N	Y	Mtn	Real-world learning for important things that will benefit children when they're adults is much more important than "preparing" them for an increasingly useless bachelor's degree.

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F	35-44	O	Y	Mtn	They told our entire generation to go to college and we would have nice lives like our parents had. That's not what happened. The economy is terrible, you rack up insane debt and then can't get a job that pays your value. The system is terribly broken. CTE sounds to me more along the lines of vocational training they used have in schools and honestly those are the good paying jobs without the student debt incurred. I don't want my kids to struggle like we did taking the college path.
U	45-54	O	Y	Mtn	College charges place a burden on it students and how no market place for those degrees
F	18-34	R	Y	Mtn	Without people doing industry jobs and hands on things we will loose our specialty businesses like plumbing, roofers. Contractors, mechanics etc
M	35-44	R	Y	Mtn	Being able to get a job is more important than a 4 year degree
U	35-44	R	Y	Mtn	Colleges indoctrinate our children. I've seen it happen time and time again.
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	I believe knowledge of the real work & workforce better prepares students for their future.
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	So many trades are in need of younger generation entering the job
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	There are not enough people to do service work and most of them pay the same if not better than jobs that people with college degrees are landing. College is not for every student and should not be the end all be all. Equal time should be spent giving kids information on trades instead of making them think the trades are beneath them
F	55-64	R	Y	Mtn	Market need Practical skills Failure of college skills learning
M	55-64	R	Y	Mtn	The impending shortage of CTE trained students may reach a critical number, and therefore an excellent opportunity for anyone that has prepared for it.
F	35-44	U	Y	Mtn	Because students cannot afford university tuition.
M	35-44	U	Y	Mtn	Not everyone is cut out for Universities. Useless degrees abound these days where the student would have been much better served having availability to tech/trade schools.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	A college degree is not a guarantee of anything. CTE type jobs are becoming more in-demand and can provide as much, if not a better income, than traditional jobs that you get after a degree. We also need to remove the focus that college is the be-all-and-end-all of education. It is not for everyone and should not be the only focus of schools. Kids should be shown that there are many career paths that can all be successful.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Debilitating student loan debt associated with college. I'd like my kids to learn a trade before making that massive decision.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Honestly none of it matters - DPS has created conditions where kids are guaranteed to be shot or traumatized. I'm focused on my kids surviving since the idiots on the Board and in administration categorically refuse to do anything to intervene in violent situations.

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F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Jobs are always in demand. Shortage of workers. 4 yr degrees no longer hold the "value" they used to. Unless you are going into a specialized field, such as medicine or law, etc., they aren't necessary or useful.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	There are many students who cannot afford college or students who do not want to attend college but would be excellent plumbers, electricians, etc., because they are more hands on students. Also, college is not for everyone and there is a shortage of people who work in trades.
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	A lot of jobs pay more than the ones that don't.
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Because most CTE careers are good paying jobs with paid on the job training that will also pay for more schooling if needed. Most students that just go straight to college get saddled with a ton of debt for a overpriced degree that a lot of them don't even use. Yes, the students who want to go to college need to be prepared but we need to quit pushing kids towards college if they don't want to go or wouldn't necessarily be great candidates fir college. There's nothing wrong with just getting a job or several jobs until you advance in a career you like. We don't need the entire population to be doctors and lawyers.
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Not everyone is right for a 4 year college, especially with the prices
U	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Who is actually using their 4 yr degree from college? A very small percentage I'm sure.
F	55-64	U	Y	Mtn	Because college or universities are not for everyone!!! Some will do well in college and others will move on in their life after HS as college is not their desire after graduation!!!
F	55-64	U	Y	Mtn	Hands on learning, less debt
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	Collage degrees don't garentee work in a specific field
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	Helps them to be prepared for real life not just school. School is not real life. They need to learn how to take care of themselves & how to be a healthy, successful adult even if they decide not to go to college.
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	These programs provide education on a wider range of subjects for students who especially want to learn a more "hands on" craft. These classes are also an example of the education changing with our times in providing classes with technology and electronics. School in general already prepares students for college but having CTE programs in tandem with this education, students are more prepared for life beyond education.
M	18-34	D	N	N Metro	I honestly wouldn't say they're MORE important, but I think they should be focused on just as much as preparing students for college. When I was in school, college and a college degree was pushed extremely hard and the options for CTE were not discussed in school. I think both options should be presented to students, and one should not be prioritized above the other.

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F	35-44	D	N	N Metro	Not every student is an academic. Not every student will enter into job fields that require college degrees. Part of the cause of our shrinking middle class as we no longer offer the same opportunity for working class job fields. We need a place for the students who want to be mechanics, builders, machinists, HVAC professionals, craftsmen, etc. We're losing workforce diversity.
M	35-44	D	N	N Metro	It gives additional options besides going to college and accumulating large student loan debt
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	I have an undergraduate degree in Education. I wish I went to a trade school I stead. I would be making more money.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	Not every person needs a 4 year degree and having practical training is important
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	These programs, if run and monitored properly give students an opportunity to sample possible career choices possibly before investing in a 4 year university program.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	When the student finished HS the student has the opportunity to work and if ambitious the student can take course's at the Uni. The biggest expenses for the universities in this country, the US, is the expensive hiring of coaches and other staff for sports forgetting that Universities are for higher educations. Hired excellent educators and we will educated citizens.
M	55-64	D	N	N Metro	The return on a college education has diminished
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	It gives students an opportunity to explore areas of interest without making a commitment.
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	More exposure to available programs
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	My Dad was an Industrial Arts teacher in Estes Park. The impact he made as a teacher is remains evident. My educational career started as a magnet science teacher in Texas. The courses I designed and taught were Astronomy I (planetary), Astronomy 2 (deep space studies at George Observatory), and Space Science (physics-based, and 36-hour shuttle flights). Of the 1200+ students I taught, I know at least 1/3 followed their passion and are military pilots, engineers, environmental lawyers, and a few are pursuing opportunities in current space programs. Dad & I were pioneers for CTE programs years before it became part of the public schools curriculum.
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Students that are definitely college bound most likely have support and guidance. Students that aren't able to attend college due to finances, desire or ability may need the extra exposure and support of a program in high school that introduces them to these options.
U	18-34	O	N	N Metro	College is too expensive. With every generation it becomes more and more unaffordable
F	35-44	O	N	N Metro	We have a drastic shortage of "blue collar" workers and giving students a chance to work right after high school to earn a living is critical, particularly with so few being able to afford college without major scholarships.

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M	45-54	O	N	N Metro	In order to keep Colorado competitive in a global, industrial market.
U	45-54	O	N	N Metro	College is proven to be an ideological indoctrination factory that values social justice over anything like say education or citizenship. You know the things colleges are supposed to actually teach?
F	18-34	R	N	N Metro	Not all kids have similar interests for professional careers. Providing opportunities for them to learn different skills is important. Also, secondary school is NOT for everyone. And I believe it is encouraged and we are told we can't be successfully without a Bachelor's when in reality blue collar workforce can be more successful. School isn't for everyone.
M	18-34	R	N	N Metro	College is easy
F	35-44	R	N	N Metro	90% of high school students will not finish or even attend college for whatever reason. The ones who do have a unrealistic expectation of getting a job right away that pays well as soon as they graduate.... unfortunately it's far from the truth. I think CTE gives real world and hands on experience and learning to careers they would have a better chance of doing something beneficial for themselves instead of false hope and a ridiculous amount of debt.
F	35-44	R	N	N Metro	Honestly, I think it depends on the student. Some students will perform better going to college and others by preparing for the workforce. However, we need to stop teaching students that college is the only option and help them investigate career choices that suit their interests. These career choices may or may not require a college degree. By offering students the opportunity to train for the workforce while in high school, we are laying the framework for a more successful future. I don't think it would be unreasonable to start this kind of exposure even younger. Then learners might discover what career matches their interests and abilities so they can start honing their skillsets at even younger ages.
F	45-54	R	N	N Metro	Because we are losing the ability to take care of ourselves!
F	45-54	R	N	N Metro	The lack of properly trained skilled workers is a growing problem in Larimer county.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	At this point because of the lack of programs offered. . Not all students can afford nor are college ready or do not want to go to college. We are also having less and less people qualified and doing CTE work.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	More hands on and individual one on one training
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Not everyone can afford or even want to get a 4 yr degree. Technical schools offer the chance to learn a trade that can support you.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Some Colleges these days, seems to be an indoctrination hub for the Left agenda, not worried about how the students will make a living in the future. CTE is the opposite of that.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	To get the knology they need for a career.

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F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	When kids get out of high school they are better prepared for the workforce.
M	55-64	R	N	N Metro	College is no longer the be all, end all that it was in the past. Trades are way more important than liberal indoctrination
M	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Job
M	55-64	R	N	N Metro	They provide a more valuable service than a lot of degree programs that are available
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	I think a job you are interested and trained for is more useful than a college degree. College graduates are flipping burgers or living g off of parents.
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	Many colleges and universities are priced way too high for the average family to afford. And nowadays it's hard to find a good job even after you have a college degree.
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	We need people in the work force not liberally educated individuals with useless degrees
U	65+	R	N	N Metro	ALL students are not college material
F	18-34	U	N	N Metro	Not all kids are going to college- not all of them want to or have to. College prep isn't going away, so let's help prepare kids who might be more interested in a trade rather than academia.
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	Because it give the individual a skill right out of high school that allows them to possibly pay their own way through college. If that is the route, they decide to go. Rather than going and getting into a ton of high interest debt right out of high school.
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	Colleges are a waste of money, give the students CTE programs and they will have a chance at a good job
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	CTE skills will better prepare students for all paths not just CTE paths
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	It's better to get students prepared for the real world because they will need to get a job whether they go to college or not
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	These jobs are more secure and we will always have a need for someone to do them
U	18-34	U	N	N Metro	At this current moment experience outweighs a degree and even if you have a degree there is no guarantee you'll find a job in that field
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Better job opportunities with realistic jobs. Reduced debt. Better mental health with reduced indoctrination
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Real world learning
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Real world skills might offer a better chance at employment than say a degree in poetry from Naropa ☐

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F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Students leaving high school with concrete skills and education in specific areas of the workforce will be able to find work immediately if they want to. That will enable them to gain experience and decide if the area they work in is something they want to pursue a degree in and help them make/save money for college. It will also put them in a better position when applying for jobs later to have concrete work experience in their field
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	The training would be more important because colleges can't be relied upon to know whether or not a student will actually have a job placement when they get their degree. This way, they are prepared for either or both.
U	35-44	U	N	N Metro	CTE programs offer greater opportunity for students immediately out of high school. Prep for four-year degree programs at best with old a student's potential success for four years. Relatively few college degree programs offer the advantages that real-world work experience offers.
F	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Many students will not attend college and to prepare them for different trades us very important and less expensive than college
F	55-64	U	N	N Metro	My daughter graduated from CTE and articulated across to front Range community college, and earned two associates degrees. She has special needs and was still able to achieve excellence without the horrendous debt assoc with a four year program. She got a job in her field straight out of college.
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Hands on technical skills can lead to employment opportunities that are in demand.
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Tech is where it's at, employers ask for a degree, not necessarily in the field they have studied, apprenticeship, ojt is the way to get ahead . In my opinion. It worked well for me a my son!
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	The US has a shortage of technical school type candidate. Universities are not for all, just some. Universities do not prepare standard students, they indoctrinate students into far left philisophies
U	55-64	U	N	N Metro	It focuses more on the basic literacy skills a student needs.
U	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Many degrees offer no practical value for job marketability and income.
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Can have a career without going into debt.
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Fill In available job openings. Shortage of these employees, glut of college liberal arts grads.
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Not everyone is suited to academia but excel at hands on learning/training. Students should have a choice between a degree or vocational certifications
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	As previously mentioned, discovering "passion", what excites the person, and having the option to pursue that path is "essential"! It is not either/or - it is both/and!
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Many students never attend college after high school. This leaves them at a disadvantage when entering the workforce as a lesser educated adult.

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M	65+	U	N	N Metro	More people today with college degrees are underemployed than in years past. Money is wasted on their educations. Few people under the age of 18 know what they want to do in life. Secondary education does not prepare them to make this kind of decision
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Prepare students to enter the workforce
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	The whole point is education that prepares students to address their future. Whether it is higher education or a career path.
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	To many people have worthless degrees now, we need hands on repair people
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	We have a huge shortage in our country of trades training. College has gone downhill for the past 10 years, and my opinion is no longer as valuable.
F	18-34	D	Y	N Metro	They prepare students for jobs and tasks that are in constant need and important for entering the workforce
M	18-34	D	Y	N Metro	Na
F	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	Careers like plumbing and electrical are important and not everyone is able to attend a 4 year school.
F	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	Gives a pathway for students unable to attend four year college
F	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	It help he kids learn more
F	45-54	D	Y	N Metro	The workforce needs trad workers as well as these are life skills
F	55-64	D	Y	N Metro	Learning a skill or trade if they can not go to college
F	55-64	D	Y	N Metro	Some students do not continue to college and need the certification to attain a job that can help them succeed in the future.
F	35-44	O	Y	N Metro	It would prepare our kids for the real world and help them gain actual knowledge and skills to perform their job, instead of going to a 4 year university to rack up thousands of dollars in student loan debt for a degree they more than likely won't use, but will be paying off for the next 20-30 years. Plus they won't be indoctrinated by leftist propaganda and woke instructors on how to think and live.
F	35-44	O	Y	N Metro	Not everyone is cut out for college. Most people with a college degree change careers.
M	45-54	O	Y	N Metro	Student is earning money and building a life with little to no debt, as a 4 yr college student starting career off with massive debt.
F	18-34	R	Y	N Metro	Not all students will make it into a four year college. However, all students can benefit from CTE programs
F	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	University education is becoming more woke and turning out less reliable, hard workers.
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	College is not for the majority of students. Kids can get different certificates and training and make the same or much more as any person with a 4 year degree.

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M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	I have a bachelor's degree myself, and I am an executive in a Healthcare organization so I work with many young people who are just getting started in their careers. The people who have real world, hands on experience I, far exceed the capabilities of the people who just have college degrees. This is also evident in people with graduate and postgraduate degrees.
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	I know of multiple job openings with salaries over 100k that do not require a degree
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	More important to train kids to survive in the real world.
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	Very important option that is lacking
U	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	College is not for everyone. Students these day graduate with little or no basic skills like math (many can't even make change without a calculator, thanks to "new math") and most do not have problem solving or critical thinking skills. While some careers may necessitate a college degree (i.e. Doctor or Lawyer), for many students a college degree is simply the "next step" in a "blind" path to what will hopefully become a career. I have worked with many young/college students who have told me they chose a career path simply because "that was the class that was available on Fridays" or "my friend was taking that class" ... how many other decisions would you make that incur the type of debt a college degree requires without a plan. For example - would you go and buy a house for \$150 - \$500k "just in case" you might want to live in it one day? No! Of course not. Short version is that college is not for everyone, so CTE is a good alternative for those who are not college material; however this will never be a priority as long as colleges are paying to promote this stuff.
F	45-54	R	Y	N Metro	Too many kids with bachelor's degrees who can't get jobs. Lost of available jobs for vocational and blue collar skills, with no one to fill them. By the way, a union tradesman makes more than a starting attorney with a quarter million in student loan debt, these days. College prep isn't for everyone. Blue collar and the trades are just as important. Sorry if it hurts your feelings.
U	45-54	R	Y	N Metro	Training people for fulfilling careers in high school is ideal. College is right for some but not others and the cost along with the indoctrination that takes place at many 4 year universities is absurd.
M	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	College debt lasts a long time and degrees don't guarantee a high paying job.
M	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	It seems to me that CTE programs provide more experience in preparing students for the future success in higher education and the workplace.
U	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	Students preparing for a technical degree as engineering, medical, etc is great. Otherwise learn a trade.
F	65+	R	Y	N Metro	Many needed job fields are in the trades and liberals arts degrees serve no needed purpose
M	65+	R	Y	N Metro	College degree choice tend to be focused on easier classes: not on quality of future income

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M	65+	R	Y	N Metro	Trades have been lost and a college degree is of very limited value considering the cost and associated problems with higher education
F	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	CTE programs seem to offer more options for students prior to entering the work force. It allows them to seek other or additional options to their education and degree instead of the traditional 4 year degree track, which might not be the best track for all students.
F	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	Not every student wants to or can afford a degree without a scholarship or financial assistance and it isn't always the best option or most fruitful in their chosen career. CTE gives an opportunity for even those without a traditional career choice to build upon a chosen skill or trade of their choosing. Trades and skills are always needed a college degree isn't.
F	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	Not everyone is meant for collage. Also learning in ways other than just intellectually, allows for fuller development of the whole child and better prepared them for real life.
M	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	College is too expensive, tuition has far outpaced inflation. Most non-technical degrees are worthless and colleges prey on students who do not understand this.
M	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	It gives the students real world skills and the opportunity to see if it's something they would like to pursue. If not they can still go to college after high school. People in trades lees this country going
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	I am a student who is in debt because I put myself through a two year degree to have most of my job train me hands on. A waste of my time and money.
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	It provides more life like experiences to survive without college for the people who can't afford it or unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Students go into debt for degrees they can't get a job with. It's useless and wasteful unless you know what you want to do. Practical tech class may better prepare kids to actually work instead of getting a useless degree and no job.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	College degrees are overrated. I don't have a degree and am currently an engineer at Amazon.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	College is becoming unaffordable to middle class families. Other options need to be made available.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Experience will eventually out weight a degree. High has become socially stressful for kids and they should be moved over to career development or be earning college credit. The last two years were a waste for me and others I've talked to.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Traditional colleges have proven to be a training ground to radicalize students into liberal ideology while providing no real actual education to the students.

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M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	We have a declining work force with a student population that are told they can be programmers or engineers, while water utility workers have declined in number 5 leaving or retiring to every 1 that enters the field for over 15 years. Do your kids want a glass of water?
U	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	College has become an expensive joke for most kids.
M	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	The various industries are in dire need of new people to fill these positions as the older generation retires or leaves the profession. Many of these jobs do not require a 4 year degree but do require training.
M	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	We have I hired this area for years and our workforce has duminished drastically.
U	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	BAs are over-rated and becoming devalued. It is the equivalent to a high school diploma. Culture needs to shift to value skills training, not generalized, theorized education which carries not specific function in real life scenarios
F	18-34	D	N	SW	It gives students a different path rather than just college
F	18-34	D	N	SW	It sounds like it helps students determine what it is they want to do for a career. If I had a CTE program when I was in school, perhaps I wouldn't be a washed up firefighter struggling for decent pay and benefits. Lol But truly, I feel they give a student more insight into the real world, which can result in more options for them, and learning what it is they are passionate about.
F	18-34	D	N	SW	The trades and other blue collar industries are suffering and aging out, so connecting youth with business, trade, or art opportunities when they're young is great.
M	18-34	D	N	SW	The kids should be able to try different industries/ career paths before they commit to 4 years at a college working towards something they have never experienced first hand.
F	35-44	D	N	SW	Help students find employment to support themselves post graduation and assist in affording college while working.
F	35-44	D	N	SW	Skills and experience are valued more in job industries than a degree.
M	35-44	D	N	SW	College adds debt that take forever to pay off a career right out of school with hands on training
M	35-44	D	N	SW	I think it's an affordable way to for young people to gain important preparatory experience for the job market. It can give them a perspective that will likely help them navigate how they want their life to be. It will hopefully educate them on life skills ans balance at an early age.
F	45-54	D	N	SW	I live in an affluent community and I think most students are pushed by their parents to go to a four-year college. I would prefer government funding put more focus on lower income students who might be apt to participate in a CTE program

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F	45-54	D	N	SW	Right vs left brain thinkers learn differently. If we acknowledge a child's learning process in elementary school. Then give them career pathway options accordingly. Access to Opportunities is truly the difference a school makes.
F	45-54	D	N	SW	Skills are fulfill the labor market not degrees. Not to say there is value in a college education as well, but it value has been over stated.
M	45-54	D	N	SW	CTE give real life experience, college focus to much on feelings.
F	55-64	D	N	SW	This country need to get real. The goal should be for kids to learn a trade. CTE meets more needs for learning a trade than a 4 year institution.
M	55-64	D	N	SW	Because in today's economy, its nearly impossible to go to school full time and support yourself financially. And the debt you have after attending school is so high the paying the student loan down, buying a car, insurance, rent, food, etc., is just too high. Having training while still in high school prepares you for work out of high school without the huge debt. And you don't have to worry about the Republicans voting down debt forgiveness out of greed and pure hate.
F	65+	D	N	SW	I think there are many more very intelligent kids choosing not to go to college because of skyrocketing costs. CTE programs give them an affordable, reachable profession to strive for.
F	65+	D	N	SW	It offers more opportunity to more students to be prepared for attaining work skills. Those that are more interested in going on to college will do so even if CTE programs are available in their schools.
F	65+	D	N	SW	More affordable, practical, of greater interest to students w non traditional or non academic interests. Better reflects the world than academically focused college track education systems. Gives opportunities to broader base of population. Better meets social needs. Flexibility is critical in a changing world. Debt for college is ridiculous
F	65+	D	N	SW	Not all students are interested in obtaining a College degree.
F	65+	D	N	SW	Too many reasons to list. CTE produce more well rounded educations.
M	65+	D	N	SW	Even if a student goes to a four year college they may need the skills offered in CTE classes to be successful in life.
M	65+	D	N	SW	The question is silly, the answer is what fits the students needs for his or her future
M	65+	D	N	SW	Trade jobs are needed in every industry and a liberal arts education is not required.
F	18-34	N	N	SW	Gets them prepared for the real world
M	35-44	O	N	SW	Blue collar jobs keep world moving. Women's studies, history, psychology degrees are worthless among others.
M	55-64	O	N	SW	Less people are attending college and vocational schools are quicker and cheaper and can get the student into the work force quicker making as much money as a four year graduate.

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F	65+	O	N	SW	Learning life skills, hands on application.
F	18-34	R	N	SW	I think CTE programs are more important because college isn't for everyone and teaching kids how to become adults and be ready for the real world prepares them more than making them go to college.
F	35-44	R	N	SW	Get ready for real jobs that most will work at
F	45-54	R	N	SW	Gives them a set of knowledge and skills that can be used in work and life. This builds a foundation for more learning at a 4 yr school
F	45-54	R	N	SW	Not all students are going to college.
M	45-54	R	N	SW	Learning a physical skill is going to carry one farther than some leftist progressive social degree from a useless college
F	55-64	R	N	SW	I don't think either one is more important. I think the schools should offer both. Each individual student has individual needs.
F	55-64	R	N	SW	Most kids in our district come from families that cannot afford college or they have to join the workforce right after high school to help support their families.
F	55-64	R	N	SW	Real life education and tools
F	55-64	R	N	SW	We live in a rural area and these type of jobs are more available in this area.
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Collage is not for everyone and the trades are what provides for the largest part of our human needs. We can live without lawyers and bankers but we still need builders ranchers and farmers
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Enables students to have choices
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Get them off their cellphones
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Go back to basics so kids know how to survive!!
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Teach real life things like changing a tire, learn about electrical panels in houses, using jumper cables...
U	55-64	R	N	SW	Because in a college they are probably most definitely learn to hate each other and racism crt we don't need more hate or learn how to be gay
F	65+	R	N	SW	An individual should be able to support themselves first. A secondary education can be obtained at a later time if they decide it is the right thing to do AFTER working in the 'real' world
F	65+	R	N	SW	Better to. Prepare students for jobs after high school
F	65+	R	N	SW	Blue collar trades like plumber, electrician, carpenter, court recorder, secretary, auto mechanic and so many more are in decline, yet provide excellent livable wages.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Practical, Survival
F	65+	R	N	SW	There is beauty in work that does not require a shirt and tie.

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F	65+	R	N	SW	They are more practical for the average student and affordable. The college education is not always usable and is way too expensive.
F	65+	R	N	SW	We need these kind of jobs.
M	65+	R	N	SW	Not all students will go to college
M	65+	R	N	SW	Our colleges these days teach kids what to think (politics) rather than how to think.
M	65+	R	N	SW	Too much indoctrination in liberal agenda in higher education
M	65+	R	N	SW	Work in what built this country not waiting around for the next hand out
F	18-34	U	N	SW	Even as someone with a college degree I believe teaching skills is more important and gives kids transferable experience and an idea of what to pursue post grad more than teaching to a test
F	18-34	U	N	SW	Most kids can't afford to go to college, most have to choose between having a good paying job or going to school, so it would make more sense if high school prepared kids for the really world, with education on trades, taxes, and managing money instead of just preparing them for college. Most jobs don't require a college education but require experience.
M	18-34	U	N	SW	For people who love school and want to go to college/university they should absolutely do that. But CTE programs are great for students who are unsure if college is right for them because CTE programs introduce them to career opportunities that students don't necessarily need to go to college for.
M	18-34	U	N	SW	I am still paying student loans for a college degree that has done nothing for me professionally, and I graduated HS in 2007. Even though I believe a strong liberal arts/ STEM education is important, the stats show that the college system in this country is a predatory scam that is bad ROI for students. My family has gotten better career opportunities through software boot camps and professional certifications entirely exclusive to the university system.
M	18-34	U	N	SW	It's a skill set that can be applied almost immediately in a variety of fields. General Education requirements for a four year undergraduate degree are nonsense and one of several ways universities gouge students
F	35-44	U	N	SW	College degrees are too expensive and often lead to persons without high paying jobs. There are other jobs, not requiring education, that are paying more than jobs requiring high level of education. However, as a young adult, you may enter a field and then realize, you don't actually enjoy the field. Doing CTE, you can get a taste of the job (s) and if it's not for you, you won't waste monies in college on an education you'll end up never utilizing.
M	35-44	U	N	SW	Because you can go right to work and decide if higher education or right for you. And you can pay for it by working and saving instead of taking money from the government

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M	35-44	U	N	SW	The trade industries are suffering from a lack of qualified workers. Also being that I am in the construction trade I have worked with plenty of young people with varying degree all working in labor fields unrelated to their degrees. Making said degree useless and expensive. AI will be able to accomplish many technological tasks reducing need of human jobs. The trades will always be working and have been for several thousand years.
U	35-44	U	N	SW	It's training specific to a job and can be applied quickly to a career. College has become a liberal indoctrination camp with many degrees that do not translate to the work force and it is extremely expensive. College does not believe in basic biology and only cares about your race and which gender you choose to be that day. Merit does not carry as much weight as it used to. College is becoming a scam for many degrees.
F	45-54	U	N	SW	Preparing for service jobs. Preparing for jobs that are in demand. Most degrees are out of reach for the average student for many reasons and tech jobs in demand
F	45-54	U	N	SW	There's a shortage of skilled workers in the workforce, and it's desperately needed.
M	45-54	U	N	SW	For students to get employment with work that needs to get done for the benefit of community
M	45-54	U	N	SW	I don't, I think much of what is taught in CTE classes is or soon will be obsolete but they are better options than any traditional classes. Design is extremely important, but CTE focuses more on the mechanics than the theory and Graphics Design as a career is a dead end.
U	45-54	U	N	SW	Extra programs for students are important, however if a student is unmotivated feels like none of his teachers care, no amount of money is going to help him "get ahead". Teachers have tons of days off, did they need another one? What they need is to be able to discipline kids and take away the assault charges for a fist fight.
U	45-54	U	N	SW	Give them a fish they eat today teach them to fish and they are fed for life. Common sense
U	45-54	U	N	SW	Preparation for college will be beneficial only to students that can afford it, while CTE programs will benefit all (even students who choose to go to college) with valuable work experience
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Children need to learn basic skills for jobs other than college degreed opportunities. Students accumulate debt going to college to compete for very few positions requiring a college degree. They wind up starting out in debt not being able to get a good job and refusing/reluctantly accepting jobs that do not require a degree but still have to pay

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F	55-64	U	N	SW	College education has become very unaffordable even at state schools in Colorado. I know, I graduated and still have student loan debt after paying 20 years. If I could recommend to my kids in the past, to go for careers that only require 18 months of school (plumbing, electrician, HVAC). I would do it in a heartbeat. They both have major college debt and no career in that field as the pay is low and not a living wage. Horticulture is important but if you only get paid \$20 per hour, how can you pay your \$50k+ college debt?
F	55-64	U	N	SW	CTE programs give kids skills that can be applied in jobs immediately. They can choose college too but will already be employable with CTE training, which will also reduce student debt.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Lack of people taking these much needed skills. College skills are good unless you end up in debt with no way to pay it back.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Most students in Colorado do not go to college. We are graduating students with no work experience. We are failing them.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	No opinion
F	55-64	U	N	SW	They are lifelong skills used to keep America running.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	They are overall more inclusive to adapt to people's needs
F	55-64	U	N	SW	We are a rural farming community.
M	55-64	U	N	SW	Because students don't care for school
M	55-64	U	N	SW	Not a lot of interest or success in college from my district
M	55-64	U	N	SW	Practicality
U	55-64	U	N	SW	So they learn what they need to learn to enter the real world. Manual type labor is a good thing and pays well.
F	65+	U	N	SW	College is not doing anything but indoctrination. Not preparing them for real life.
F	65+	U	N	SW	College is not for every student. College debt can be huge.
F	65+	U	N	SW	Students need a variety of choices to become good working citizens.
F	65+	U	N	SW	The burden of debt is less. We need an infrastructure supporting societal needs, not a system that exists to perpetuate itself & to support nonexistent manufacturing jobs.
F	65+	U	N	SW	There are many life opportunities that do not require the expense of 4 year college. I think both are very important to give young people choices and skills needed to succeed and contribute.
F	65+	U	N	SW	We need a trained workforce. Something that has immediate job opportunities after HS. The cost of higher education is exorbitant. Of course, many kids know what they want to do after HS. I would hazard that the majority doesn't. Therefore train them to be successful right out of HS and if, after a years or more, they hone in on a profession needing a 4 year degree, they'll be more focused to earn it.

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F	65+	U	N	SW	We need many more young people trained in the trades and construction. Many healthcare positions are in need of filling as well. Many families in our area cannot afford to send their children to a traditional four year college.
F	65+	U	N	SW	While Archuleta County has some very wealthy people here (most are retired with 2nd homes), it has a lot of lower income families. We also have trouble finding plumbers, electricians, construction despite having a building boom (wealthy people? To buy a home now in Archuleta County is astronomical. Maybe we need to grow our own. We also have a huge housing issue and our hospital and school when they can find people willing to move here, they can't find housing. We are a conservative town and our county commissioners spend more time working on bringing wealthy people in and letting more hotels be built instead of preserving our wetlands along the river. Our want ads in the paper have plenty of low paying or part time jobs but to train kids as nursing aides, lab techs, working with the Forestry, skilled plumbers, electricians etc, as time goes on, they can further their education in that field with a college degree should they want to.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Colleges are too expensive.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Graduates can be more successful starting meaningful careers after high school.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Our county, it's the poorest in Colorado.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Rural areas are in desperate need of people with technical skills. College degrees are always good but not necessary for a good paying job.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Too many students taking non-marketable majors at college. Would be wiser to consider CTE.
M	65+	U	N	SW	We have to many college graduates with meaningless degrees
F	18-34	D	Y	SW	Because teaching them life skills and learning how to do normal life things like making resumes and preparing for taxes could be helpful for living life as an adult
F	35-44	D	Y	SW	College at this point has a huge negative impact on students because of debt. I, 15 years out, am still paying off my loans. It's simply not worth it. I believe in higher ed and believe everyone should have access to it for the betterment of our society. I don't want to live in a community of idiots, but at the same time, college costs can completely ruin a future at this point.
F	35-44	D	Y	SW	It prepares better for real life and a working environment.
M	35-44	D	Y	SW	Just heard about them. Seem to get people ready or different options to feel out. Get an idea of what they want to do in life.
M	35-44	D	Y	SW	Today's climate - there are few workers. We don't need everyone to have a 4 yr degree. We need some to enter the work force
F	45-54	D	Y	SW	Who needs college anymore? College is for people who need a degree, most people dont.

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F	55-64	D	Y	SW	Not all students are made for a 4 year college! Not enough emphasis put on trades. Including law enforcement, plumbing, electricians, etc. ideally, the ability to put an emphasis along which ever a path is appropriate for each student!
M	55-64	D	Y	SW	Every student can benefit from CTE including those planning on college. Every student/ home owner needs to be able to apply these skills. Multi disciplinary curriculum is fundamental to individual success.
F	18-34	N	Y	SW	CTE programs are more important because they allow students to obtain skills they will take with them for the rest of their lives rather than just putting them in debt. A lot of people who go to college end up in dept and most don't even end up in a career relating to their degree.
F	45-54	O	Y	SW	I do not think with this economy now that college even matters - you cannot get a good job that gives you the ability to even survive now due to how high the cost is for everything. College would just be useless use of time and money . North worth the debt to just get a job that doesn't even pay enough to survive now .
M	45-54	O	Y	SW	Real world jobs that need filled. Not everyone is suited for College
M	45-54	O	Y	SW	Skills for success take one father than pure book knowledge.
F	55-64	O	Y	SW	If CTE is teaching students to prepare for the real world, then they have an advantage if they choose to continue their education and it would give students more confidence and a better mindset as to what they choose to be successful.
F	55-64	O	Y	SW	It teaches exactly what the job force is about. College is requiring to take classes that do not help with the work force. College classes should be taught in High School to provide better education instead of putting people in debt.
F	18-34	R	Y	SW	Not every child is going to go get a 4 year degree or any type of college
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	4 year degrees are usually not going to give the opportunity for a great high paying job after graduation. You would need to go further in school and specialize in an area to make a lot of money and pay off student debt. Having a high demand skill as opposed to a piece of paper will be more important
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	I think they have just as good of a chance of obtaining a high paying job as if they were to go to a 4 year college. They also won't have as much debt. I know many people who went to college and never used their degrees.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	More and more students are stressed because of college debt. It's become too expensive and jobs after college are usually unavailable in a small community. Trades require less time in school, hands on training immediately, and are cheaper.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	Provides job Relevant skills that can be applied immediately

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F	35-44	R	Y	SW	There are many trades that don't need 4 year degrees. Many college graduates end up in these trades anyways. College degrees should be specifically used for occupations that require them and that have the openings available (doctors, veterinarians, teachers).
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	This is a rural area where many students will not attend college.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	Trades will always be needed. Degrees won't. A lot of students with Degrees can't find jobs. Hands on learning for a trade most definitely.
M	35-44	R	Y	SW	College is a waste of money and sets kids up for real life failure
M	35-44	R	Y	SW	Don't think more important, but should have same amount of importance as education for four year degree. Your last question would not let me select both
F	45-54	R	Y	SW	A skill is more important and pay very well. I feel a four test degree has only caused high debt with worthless degrees
F	45-54	R	Y	SW	Colleges are too political
F	45-54	R	Y	SW	Degrees don't guarantee a job. Skills do. The job market has changed and I regret college. Especially for girls, career skills are important
M	45-54	R	Y	SW	Because a college degree means nothing.
F	18-34	U	Y	SW	4- year schools are honestly a joke! You pay all this money to attend college/university to get a degree but after graduation when you apply you need so many years of experience and no one is willing to give you that experience
F	18-34	U	Y	SW	College has proven to be less important in real life than we were led to believe, other than the degree showing that you completed which some employers still require for hiring. However college grads are not necessarily more educated as anyone in hiring knows so experience becomes much more important.
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Attitudes are changing about higher Ed and many students can not or do not want to take on debt. The trades help the community and students make money immediately. If they desire to get into management or another field that needs a college education they can have funds to pay for the advanced schooling to change or progress their career
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Because it prepares a student for adulthood if they choose not to go to college
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Because many kids down here can't afford college and don't want to leave the valley. Giving them training to keep them in the community is important.
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	I know plenty of people who accrued debt getting an undergraduate or masters degree who now work in careers where these degrees aren't necessary. I am one of those people.

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F	35-44	U	Y	SW	I think too much emphasis is put on 4 year degrees being the only option. Students need to be able to get more exposure to other career paths that may not be the traditional model that has been pushed for so long. Especially considering the student debt crisi
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	It's much more practical for low income homes
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Our school district is in a high poverty area with many at risk families. The demographics pony to these kids having more success with CTE programs than attending four year colleges and universities
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Skills allow students to enter work force
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	There is a higher need for people in these industries and the majority of people cannot afford to waste time at expensive colleges that require nonsense classes to gain a degree that doesn't truly prepare them for the job they pursue.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Degrees are very common among job seekers. This combined with the explosive rise of the cost of acquiring a degree over the past 20-30 years has decreased the value of many common degrees greatly. Marketable skills and experience in a trade provide a much greater return on investment in our current environment.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Four year college completion rates are low, many students don't complete college and have no credentials to show for the money they spent.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	I think both are equally important however, there is a a current need for technical Ed programs, a lot of lineman, electricians, plumbers, and other tradesmen are getting ready to retire, and there's not a workforce to replace them. That said, we also need higher Ed jobs to be replaced as well. Like teachers, nurses, lawyers, and doctors. This really isn't a "this or that" kind of question it really needs to be both. Higher Ed should include technical schools and there should be funding for both of those available to people who graduate and want to go into those fields. right now to me, it seems to be the big roadblock is the funding of higher education. When students are taking out huge loans, that are unsecured debt, and to get jobs, that required said degree or certifications, and those don't pay for those loans it doesn't pan out. We need to make training/education more affordable to the common person and available to those who have a proven track record of good grades and positive performance in the school system. Without the penalty of interest on student loans.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Not all go to college
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	They are faster and cheaper to obtain.
U	35-44	U	Y	SW	Learning to work with your hands is a good skill to acquire before/or not go to further one's "education"

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F	45-54	U	Y	SW	College is too costly. The number of people with degrees has risen to the point that degrees are almost meaningless below a Master's Degree.
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	It provides hands on experience, good for both talent development and strength exploration
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	Not every student will go to college or can afford it. They need to have other options
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	This question was not a good one. I believe both cte and prep for undergraduate are just as important as the other. There are students that our made for BA/MS/PhD degrees. Where some students are made for skilled trades. Both paths offer success to each individual student. Neither pathway is better than the other.
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	Because a person is more likely to start earning immediately with the skills from these programs
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	Many people will not attend or finish college. CTE prepares everyone whereas college focus prepares some.
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	Pathways to good paying jobs
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	Real world is not what colleges teach. The premise at FOR PROFIT colleges are keeping their regents and bond holders happy. More hidden communism
U	45-54	U	Y	SW	Because you're not teaching practical skills in school
M	55-64	U	Y	SW	Agriculture
M	55-64	U	Y	SW	We have a shortage of trades people, creating more opportunities for young people going into those fields. At the same time, 4 year college degrees are far too common to give those individuals any greater opportunities than those with trades skills.
F	18-34	D	N	West	For too long students have been forced into the 4 year college route track. It doesn't fit for every student and those students need to know their options
F	18-34	D	N	West	Not everyone will go to college so there needs to be other options and opportunities.
M	18-34	D	N	West	I feel like they set the students up for the long run.
M	18-34	D	N	West	They allow students who might not be as academically minded to find a way to find things they enjoy drawing a more positive mindset toward school as well as giving opportunity to students who are academically minded to see what they can accomplish in the real world with their studies.
U	18-34	D	N	West	In my opinion, the fundamental reason for school is to get kids prepared for life, including work and normal adult activities. So much of school now has become focused on feelings and 'affirmation.' That is the opposite of real life. Getting kids into the workforce earlier teaches them to experience life outside the academia bubble and see what actually happens and matters. 4 day school weeks and 'underwater basket weaving' classes do not adequately prepare kids for working 40+ hour weeks at a job they probably won't like. But such is life

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U	18-34	D	N	West	It sounds like a CTE program would provide a student with immediately useful workforce knowledge which the student could then use to kickstart their experience in the work field. This experience would prove vital in building a career and potentially construct a stable life.
F	35-44	D	N	West	Because of the enormous cost of college, which teams have increased faster than parents, ability to save, students graduate from college in too deep of debt without skills, or inability to actually work. Too many technical schools closed in this nation with every family trying to drive their student to a four-year degree. We do need engineers, but we also need mechanics and plumbers does jobs paid just as well and are more plentiful and more and more towns don't have people trained and willing to take them. I think our students just haven't been educated in what's possible.
F	35-44	D	N	West	Because tradesmen and tradeswomen are a dying breed.
F	35-44	D	N	West	Life is not all about academics. Many students have skills in other areas.
M	35-44	D	N	West	Depends on the university that student would attend. Will they just be partying and wasting money provided by their rich parents and move into business through nepotism, or will they actually learn something and be able to apply critical thinking in the field of their choice?
F	55-64	D	N	West	Allows a pathway for students to begin earning while they determine if and what type of additional education they need and or want.
F	55-64	D	N	West	For individual artistic abilities and talents in other fields besides the norm. The planet is changing quickly
F	55-64	D	N	West	I am beginning to think a college degree is less crucial to a successful career. Industry/trades seem to be more important these days
F	55-64	D	N	West	I live in rural Western Colorado, one of the poorest counties. Many kids do not aspire to go to college due to money and family history. They think spiders will get them there on scholarship but I have seen many kids crash and burn their first year. Being a coal mining town 25 years ago, graduates would head to the coal mine, like their parents and their grandparents did. That is no longer an option because coal mines have closed for good. Technical skills like plumbing and electrical and nursing careers are much needed in my valley.
F	55-64	D	N	West	More affordable and practical
M	55-64	D	N	West	There are many high paying, highly skilled and much needed jobs that are out there that do not require a college degree. Politicians, educators and the media done a grave disservice to kids by stressing the supposed need to attend an expensive four year college.
F	65+	D	N	West	Because they are the alternative for those students who cannot afford a traditional 4 year degree
F	65+	D	N	West	Changing job markets.

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F	65+	D	N	West	Exposure to real life career settings would help kids understand why they need education
F	65+	D	N	West	In certain districts, it provides training for careers that require an emphasis on building trades or computer related fields and meet the demand for these jobs. Also, on the job training can be as valuable as a degree if an employee invests in the work force.
F	65+	D	N	West	It offers a choice and direction giving those students who may not want to pursue a four year degree the opportunity and pride of choosing a skill over a compartmentalized four year college program where they might not have or find employment.
F	65+	D	N	West	N/A
F	65+	D	N	West	Not everyone needs college
F	65+	D	N	West	Not everyone should go to college.
F	65+	D	N	West	Students are unsure of their career goals @ age 18. It's important to have a skill & perhaps pursue a degree when goals are clear. I have a BSN My husband has post masters studies in the military. My son has a Masters of Architecture
F	65+	D	N	West	Students have skills to be able to work right out of high school. College is unaffordable for many families these days. CTE programs can be helpful even if you go to college.
F	65+	D	N	West	Unsure
F	65+	D	N	West	We have many Hispanics in our community that have no intention of graduating from high school let alone go another 4-5 years.
M	65+	D	N	West	Not everyone needs to go to college
M	65+	D	N	West	Past experience with my own 4 children. High schools with CTE educate a better well rounded student every time.
F	18-34	O	N	West	Not every student has the means to attend a University, nor is it any longer a necessary or cost efficient step in today's world.
F	55-64	O	N	West	Because college is often cost-prohibitive, many students may not be able to attend. They should receive training in an area of interest to prepare them for life after high school. I think different students have different goals (to college or not to college) and preparation for both tracks needs to be an option.
U	65+	O	N	West	Not much call for master degrees when flipping burgers.
F	18-34	R	N	West	Many kids don't know what they want to do for the rest of their lives. Instead of pushing them to attend college and have huge student loans, they should have the opportunity to go into the work force making a decent amount of money to see what life is like and then decide what and if they want to go to college.
M	18-34	R	N	West	A person has a better chance with industry skills if college does not work for them

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M	18-34	R	N	West	Because I teach in CTE. And we have made higher education unaffordable and frankly after spending 6.5 years at CSU the quality of education is just sad. Mostly because of BS fine arts and liberal arts classes they require for every degree. The University system is lost and not every high schooler needs trigonometry or calculus
M	18-34	R	N	West	Schools shouldn't just focus on college sometimes that's not where all kids need and want to go
M	35-44	R	N	West	Graduates with no debt have a better chance of success.
M	35-44	R	N	West	See previous comments
U	35-44	R	N	West	Realistic and experience. Jobs hire for experience more than for paper.
F	45-54	R	N	West	I grew up in a small town in Colorado, and my family owned small businesses in our community, all having to do with a trade. I also believe that the trades are needed and provide good paying jobs.
F	45-54	R	N	West	Many CTE careers allow the student to join the workforce sooner and not have as large of a student loan debt vs. college careers. Some employers have financial assistance for further education if/when needed in the future for those CTE workers. Many CTE careers pay at or more vs. some college degree careers. This country needs a skilled labor force. Our aging and deteriorating infrastructure depends on skilled labor. We all live, work and utilize roads and buildings everyday. We need, oil, gas, wood, concrete, plumbing, electricity to build those roads and buildings. Therefore, we need to make sure we are training the younger generation to perform these jobs. Once the graybeards all retire in these professions this country will suffer more so than it currently is.
F	45-54	R	N	West	Most colleges indoctrinate the students to be socialists. Also having a degree doesn't mean you're capable.
F	45-54	R	N	West	Most of the time young adults are unsure of their future career goals. CTE programs can give them direction and have something to fall back on if a degree program doesn't provide for their income
F	45-54	R	N	West	Real life experience!
F	45-54	R	N	West	There is a decline in number of people in the "trades" and a great opportunity for people to make a living doing that without getting into college debt. Students need to know what different jobs/ careers are out there so they can find one that fits them and that they will enjoy. Not knowing what's available limits them.
M	45-54	R	N	West	There will soon be a shortage of skilled trade personnel after years of kids being taught that college is the only way to go.
U	45-54	R	N	West	They need to work when they get out of school

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F	55-64	R	N	West	Not everyone is destined for college. There are fewer and fewer students going into the trades/tech. Try and find someone to work on your plumbing, ac, etc. Good luck. Colleges and universities are all about making money these days. Both my sons work HVAC, make great money and have no debt other than a house payment. Kids leave college 50k and more in debt. And for what? To make 50,000 or less a year? They need to be taught the value of hard work
F	55-64	R	N	West	Even if go to college have training to be able to support themselves in mean time or if not able to be employed right after graduation
F	55-64	R	N	West	In society there are many skilled labor jobs that pay a decent income and many of these skills allow people to become business owners. More than 50% of people I know have not worked or stayed in the field that have a degree in.
F	55-64	R	N	West	Simple not everyone is going to college, some people graduate get married, have to work for a living. That's why it's a very much needed program/programs , so kids can gave a great chance of success.
F	55-64	R	N	West	They allow the students more diverse opportunities to discover their own likes and gifting. Also, How to find out for themselves how to go after these giftings.
M	55-64	R	N	West	College is expensive, not all kids will be able to afford to go, even with help. CTE programs give kids a heads/hands up into a good career.
M	55-64	R	N	West	College is overrated and a huge waste of money
M	55-64	R	N	West	I only have those to chose from. I think it needs to have more options
M	55-64	R	N	West	I went to a lot of school. I have always advised students & parents that a lot of school is not necessarily a good way for time & money to be spent.
M	55-64	R	N	West	No all kids can afford to pay the tuition for college.
M	55-64	R	N	West	That is the best type of jobs
F	65+	R	N	West	A college education is not necessary for most careers.
F	65+	R	N	West	Because not everyone can afford or needs to go to college. We have neglected the blue collar education. Time to teach this sgain
F	65+	R	N	West	College isn't for everyone.
F	65+	R	N	West	I believe we must prepare are kids with the ability to feel confident and excited about going into the workforce and earn money. College can be considered later.
F	65+	R	N	West	In today's job market it would be helpful to give students tech opportunities as well as college prep.
F	65+	R	N	West	Not all students are interested in white collar employment. We need people who are geared toward hands on careers.

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F	65+	R	N	West	They are equally important. Greater opportunities for many students who cannot qualify or afford college education to succeed in a chosen lifestyle and advance in their career rather than feel lesser qualified because of absence of letters behind their name. I have both types in my family ... all well educated but with different leanings in careers. All complement each other very successfully and with good outcomes.
F	65+	R	N	West	You can make a living no matter what with job skills, & if you get a college degree but can't find a job, you can still earn a living while looking for that college oriented job.
M	65+	R	N	West	Career oppurtunities
M	65+	R	N	West	I don't know if there any more important they just offer options besides attending a 4-year university
M	65+	R	N	West	Life training.
M	65+	R	N	West	Not sure
M	65+	R	N	West	Teaches skills needed to go to work immediately.
M	65+	R	N	West	We need more individuals in the work force like electricians, plumbers, construction etc.
M	65+	R	N	West	We need more people trained in the workforce that so much hall in college
U	65+	R	N	West	Gets them in touch with the real world and away from Overpriced Liberal Indoctrination Centers.
U	65+	R	N	West	They can be trained in an area they are pursuing without having to take classes that aren't necessary
U	65+	R	N	West	We need more people in the trades
F	18-34	U	N	West	Because they apply more to real life careers, and provide and opportunity to have more choices after high school, rather than just preparing for a 4 year school that is entirely unachievable for many kids due to cost.
F	18-34	U	N	West	Cte is more realistic if what's to come after high school or a 4 year degree
F	18-34	U	N	West	I believe that in my local area, four year degrees are becoming increasingly unaffordable and that students shouldn't be saddled with student debt that they will spend the rest of their lives trying to pay off. A CTE program can give them relevant work experience to either support them through a degree if they so choose or adequately provide them with experience to be able to financially support themselves through life.
F	18-34	U	N	West	More attainable and applicable than college degrees for many students today.

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F	18-34	U	N	West	More often than not, kids in rural areas don't have the opportunity to attend college (financial or family restrictions) and if they are able to get skills from CTE programs during their regular school day that is much more HUGELY beneficial than anything else. And the students that ARE going to college can benefit as well. It also helps students figure out where their passion and interests lie.
F	18-34	U	N	West	The burden of student loans is huge and thousands of people are suffering as adults because of it. I got a 4-year degree and didn't learn many workforce skills but spent over \$50k in tuition and fees. If we can provide workforce skills at an affordable cost, I fully support it and the promotion of it.
M	18-34	U	N	West	CTE provides an opportunity for students who are interested in trades or other careers to begin those careers out of high school. I disagree with the idea that every kid should go to college to improve their earning abilities later in life. I think overall kids would be happier and likely do better financially if schools focused on helping kids find interest in a career, and then recommending an educational path, rather than the other way around.
M	18-34	U	N	West	You don't need college but you will need a job
F	35-44	U	N	West	College isn't for everyone, it's very expensive and often doesn't result in a job. Less students pursue a CTE program in college. Seems reasonable to give CTE opportunities earlier for those who are interested in those fields
F	35-44	U	N	West	CTEs allow students to enter the workforce more quickly following their exit from high school. Four year degrees are not what many students want or need in order to be successful. CTEs provide a more equitable learning experience.
M	35-44	U	N	West	I have a bachelor's degree, tech schools are more beneficial for lost students
M	35-44	U	N	West	It was a binary question so I. Couldn't say either was more important to offer but I think there has been an overwhelming push to get students to go to university meanwhile our country is severely lacking in critical trades jobs.
F	45-54	U	N	West	Because the majority of residents are middle class who cannot afford to send their children to college. And there are not enough programs supporting the common industries. According to a recent study, there is only one trained person to replace seven retiring workers in the construction industry. There is a definite shortage for common workers.
F	45-54	U	N	West	I'm a teacher and trades people make more money than I do despite my masters plus 80 units. Universities are not designed for everyone!
F	45-54	U	N	West	More broader job training and opportunities
F	45-54	U	N	West	Need to know how to work for a living.

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F	45-54	U	N	West	We are understaffed in these jobs in communities
M	45-54	U	N	West	College is over rated and expensive. At the same time we are lacking people in the trades.
M	45-54	U	N	West	I live in a rural area. Learnig a skilled trade or at least having the basic training to start working upon graduating serves a rural student better. College can be an anytime option, whether right after high school or taking the classes you need to help advance in the trade you're working in.
F	55-64	U	N	West	CTE is more practical and offers a broader range of possibilities.
F	55-64	U	N	West	CTE trains for jobs that are in need of workers. Students are graduating with degress in arts with debt totaling in the thousands. The average salary for these degrees start at \$35000. Not enough to pay cost of living.
F	55-64	U	N	West	Gives students a base to work from while deciding what they want
F	55-64	U	N	West	Mesa counties graduation rates are poor and college attendance after high school is low, suicide rates and homelessness is high here, childcabuse rates here are the highest in the state, thus children having an opprtunity to learn and grow with CTE programs is vital to give children an opportunity to leave abusive or demeaning homes and parents, provide confidence they can care for self, begin to become young adults with a career goal or earning a living wage. With the latter child abuse rates drop, welfare benefits drop, and mesa county may become a county with less gop and political angst.
F	55-64	U	N	West	Practical experiece gained
M	55-64	U	N	West	College is overpriced, trades are needed and provide for a good life.
M	55-64	U	N	West	Learn to work and live
F	65+	U	N	West	I think CTE programs & a 4 year college degree are equally important. What counts is which path a student chooses.
F	65+	U	N	West	It offers the students a hands on approach in many areas.
F	65+	U	N	West	My son teaches a CTE program in medicine. His students really want to learn and are enthusiastic for the future.
F	65+	U	N	West	Not all families can afford college, and cte programs prepare students with well paying jobs.
F	65+	U	N	West	Not everyone is cut out for college. We need trained workers for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, mechanical, construction, beauty and spa, CNA's, culinary, etc.
F	65+	U	N	West	Teaches about how to do actual work in the chosen field
F	65+	U	N	West	The reasons are too numerous to mention. My daughter is a career specialist in Washington State and the benefits of cte programs are reflect on the smiling faces of the kids when they find out they just got a well paying job that can support their future

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F	65+	U	N	West	They are not more important. It's just that all students should have a choice and encouraged to do what they think is best for them and their career choices.
F	65+	U	N	West	We are sadly lacking in adults with skills which do not require colleges such as plumbers and day care workers and owners
M	65+	U	N	West	College is not a priority in this community so CTE is a viable alternative route.
M	65+	U	N	West	It is difficult for most students to attend a four year college either because of money or
M	65+	U	N	West	Not everybody can be an engineer.
M	65+	U	N	West	Skilled labor is in short supply, and getting harder to come by.
M	65+	U	N	West	The sooner you enter the workforce, the more successful you will be , college degrees are only paper, you can become a brain surgeon by being with a brain surgeon, you don't need college brain washing to accomplish anything!
M	65+	U	N	West	The workforce needs more qualified CTE students entering the workforce. Not every student is well suited for, or can afford, a college education.
M	65+	U	N	West	We need a balance. Learning hands on would reach many students and not pressure them to go to college immediately following high schiil
U	65+	U	N	West	Too much importance is put on a four year college degree. Which students endure I outlandishly hi Bill to pay which often the degree they have is not even the job they end up pursuing. Going into a technical field gives them hands-on opportunity to for their possible future jobs.
F	18-34	D	Y	West	We are in very tumultuous times where elwages and good jobs are not guaranteed, and parents cannot afford to save up for their children's college like they used to. I feel that it is important for students to have access to programs with nearly guaranteed work and important connections in workplace industries.
M	18-34	D	Y	West	I attended a similar program in high-school & it was crucial in obtaining high quality employment for my early 20's, and even without furthering my education (yet) has allowed me to continue to progress in my field. I'm less convinced of college. Many of my peer group (mid 20's through early 30's) have simply not had adequate ROI to justify the years of debt college incurs.
F	35-44	D	Y	West	College is not affordable
F	35-44	D	Y	West	Most people don't go on to use the basics taught
F	35-44	D	Y	West	Quickly gets students in and out without fluff. Cheaper. If students know exactly what they want to do then they aren't wasting their time.
F	35-44	D	Y	West	Real work experience is relatable regardless of if the students stay in that field. Career trajectory changes over a life time and starting with hands on learning prevents students going to college and being burdened with debt for degrees they do not use.

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F	35-44	D	Y	West	We are a rural community.
F	45-54	D	Y	West	Not everyone is going to go to college
M	55-64	D	Y	West	The need for trade skills. Electronic, plumber AC/ HVAC
F	65+	D	Y	West	College degree is no guarantee of success or continuation in that field after the expense.
F	55-64	N	Y	West	Not everyone can afford college or has the ability
F	18-34	O	Y	West	Gives more options for kids to conjugate m consider and less student loan debt
F	35-44	O	Y	West	Trades will ALWAYS be needed. The average tradesperson in America is in their 50s. Wothout trades, Society falls apart. College is ok to get a specified degree say in meteorology if thats what the student is sure they want to do. Otherwise, generic degrees are a waste of time and money.
M	35-44	O	Y	West	Because that's how you pay your bills
M	45-54	O	Y	West	Practical skills are important
U	45-54	O	Y	West	CTE classes are often considered more important in our rural school districts because... 1. Local Job Opportunities: CTE classes can prepare students for these local job markets, helping them gain practical skills that are directly applicable to available employment. 2. Economic Development: CTE programs can contribute to the economic development of rural communities. By training students in fields relevant to the local economy, these programs can attract or retain businesses, stimulate entrepreneurship, and bolster the overall economic health of the region. 3. Bolsters Local Community: Offering CTE classes that align with local industries can encourage students to stay in their hometowns by providing viable career pathways right at home. 4. Community Engagement: CTE classes often involve partnerships with local businesses and community organizations. This engagement not only enhances students' learning experiences but also strengthens ties between schools and the local community, fostering a sense of belonging and support. 5. Diverse Skill Sets: Rural areas may have a need for a broader range of skills due to the self-reliance and versatility required in smaller communities. CTE programs can equip students with diverse skill sets, making them more adaptable to various roles within the community.
F	65+	O	Y	West	More opportunities
F	18-34	R	Y	West	There are more jobs to be found in these fields and far more affordable to be trained for those jobs than college
F	18-34	R	Y	West	They are more realistic and less intimidating. Students can start there and move up.
F	18-34	R	Y	West	They give students more options out of high school and teach them skills they can apply right away

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M	18-34	R	Y	West	Education inflation - we have overemphasized the necessity of college/university education and have not encouraged blue-collar jobs. Our infrastructure suffers.
M	18-34	R	Y	West	The country runs on blue collar, every single blue collar company I know of is desperately trying to hire more employees but can't find competent workers, and students involved in building skills and participating in hands on real world education will create a more competent more capable society as a whole no matter witch direction the student goes after high school
F	35-44	R	Y	West	In the town I live, it's more likely students will succeed in CTE programs than be able to afford an undergraduate program
F	35-44	R	Y	West	We need more people to know trades and get jobs than just a college degree they might not use
M	35-44	R	Y	West	College degrees are obsolete. Everyone has one now and they will give you a degree in anything.
M	35-44	R	Y	West	College is very important to me. But reality now you don't need a degree to get the high paying job.
M	35-44	R	Y	West	Colleges do not prepare students for real life skills. From my experience
M	35-44	R	Y	West	Most people and current students do not want to pursue a higher education. People don't want to become part of the educational mill, getting processed through the system, going through more basic entry classes, spending more money on tuition to get a basic or unnecessary college degree that is not applicable in today's workforce. This is a new generation where people need to learn and earn a living rather than waste time doing advanced studies and never having a guarantee for job placement.
M	35-44	R	Y	West	Skills developed help all students and with more people with advanced digress are over rated unless in a field that requires it. CTE programs can help a student decide if they want to spend funds to advance or go into a career from High school. Several have degrees that don't do anything in the field the degree was obtained.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Ability to learn a trade and have the opportunity to have a career upon graduating high school.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Because not all professions require a 4 year degree and regardless of technology we needs skilled laborers in MANY different fields!!!
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Most students don't use the actual degree they go into debt for. To start specializing early and get good job skills can provide an opportunity to work through college at a higher rate of pay if a student does desire to go in for more school.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Not every student should go to college. Some kids want to work in a trade and they should have the opportunity to learn those skills.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Trade schools are very important and teach skills that are used lifelong

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F	45-54	R	Y	West	We need people in the workforce that are well trained and many young people don't want to go on to college just to maybe get a good job and opens doors for students to decide what they want to do for a career
M	45-54	R	Y	West	Because most students don't know what they wanna do. On average most people go through 15 different trades before they settle on one.
U	45-54	R	Y	West	College is overrated
U	45-54	R	Y	West	College is overrated for the current job market. The US is losing our industrial capabilities driven by more blue collar types of jobs. Pushing college and the debt most likely incurred by most is not a solution to settings students up for the rest of their lives. Having the ability to learn vocation while in high school will provide students with alternatives to college or flipping burgers.
F	55-64	R	Y	West	I feel offering both options are important. We have a lack of a work force and for some students 4 year college is not the best option and it's more expensive.
F	55-64	R	Y	West	I feel that we should be able to have programs for our children to go face the world outside of schools. I feel that kids should have a dress code to give them better self-esteem about themselves. And all of the CTM programs should be in place because it is important to our children, learn as much as they can.
F	55-64	R	Y	West	Life skills
M	55-64	R	Y	West	With the advent of AI I am unsure what the job outlooks are in any industry.. AI still cannot fix your car, airplane, build your house, electrical, plumbing contractors
U	55-64	R	Y	West	CTE IS the infrastructure of our basic necessities in life so therefore it is more essential to invest in cte so that we as society don't have to worry about the "basics in life"
F	65+	R	Y	West	College is not the only post high school oath
F	65+	R	Y	West	Trade schools should be bought back. Not all kids need to go to college.
M	65+	R	Y	West	The student might learn skills they could use later in life to earn a living
F	18-34	U	Y	West	Because there are more jobs available with CTE background
F	18-34	U	Y	West	Less Debt and more meaningful education is provided and job opportunities
F	18-34	U	Y	West	The world needs more skilled workers. There will always be people who want to go to a university and get a degree, but it seems like skilled trades are declining.
M	18-34	U	Y	West	I think kids getting out of high school should the basic skills on how to take care of themselves. Pay bills, use a checking account, etc
F	35-44	U	Y	West	College degrees are losing their importance in the workforce.
F	35-44	U	Y	West	College is pointless now.

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M	35-44	U	Y	West	Anything that prepares a person for life in the real world is better than going into massive debt only to be brainwashed by underpaid professors at the sorry excuse for what state schools have become.
M	35-44	U	Y	West	It's more of what the real world is made of. Most people leave college with an enormous debt and will just go do what they going to do without a degree. I have only a single number of friends that work in the field of their degree. I make as much or more than a lot of them who have a lot of college
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Kids need to be setup to join the workforce not just co to use education with degrees that are meaningless
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Kids who want to go to college will find/have that opportunity. Those programs and paths are there. Kids who don't bounce around until they find a career and often end up doing things they aren't suited for.
M	35-44	U	Y	West	You have to crawl before you can walk
U	35-44	U	Y	West	Because they have workable skills right out the door so if they don't make it through/to college, they already have a trade.
U	35-44	U	Y	West	Too many people opt for college to get throw away degrees and leave with a ton of debt. Learning a trade is important and the child turned young adult will be better off with a well paying job sooner.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	All careers are important
F	45-54	U	Y	West	College is too expensive for many students. Many of the jobs that kids will end up having you don't need a college degree and will often make less money with more debt by going to college.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	College usually equals debt with out a high income guarantee after graduation. CTE programs have higher earning potential with less debt and a higher education can be earned in the interim.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	Due to how the environment has changed or is changing kids need to learn hands on trading. Wood, welding, mechanic ect.. I personally have experience trying to get a degree and with a pandemics that our government put us through I could not finish nor do I have a degree from it. The career i was chasing is gone and i do not see it coming back. We need to teach our kids how to survive which is gardening, cooking and canning ect.. I do not encourage kids to go to college but I would support their decision if they wanted.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	There is and will continue to be a high demand for people to fill those careers in our district and we need more students to learn these trades and remain local to fill those jobs.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Cause nit everyone can afford college and we need trade workers too

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M	45-54	U	Y	West	Collage has become unaffordable for most. I think that most people shouldn't go to a four year collage as the rate of return on the investment isn't there for most degrees. Trade schools are much more affordable and have the potential for people to earn more over their lifetime.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Industry / trade jobs are plentiful. Unfortunately the USA pushes kids into college, the rest of the work don't and have a lot of trade schools
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Loss of importance for a 4 year degree and lack of hard skills in the work force.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	The world has changed. Young people are digital natives and technology has unleashed potential by democratizing media, communications, education, product development, distribution, access to capital, etc. You no longer need a 4-year degree to have access to opportunities in todays world.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	We are a farm community.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	With the extreme and constantly rising cost of post high school education, it is a great alternative to learn career skills early.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	You have more hands on training
F	55-64	U	Y	West	Because our workforce is shrinking.
F	55-64	U	Y	West	Offering courses for kids to get a job out of high school as not all kids want to attend or can afford college after high school.
M	55-64	U	Y	West	Most students need the opportunity to learn a trade more so than the number of students that go to college.
U	55-64	U	Y	West	We are living in the real world! Statistically only 78% of college graduates are employed (That is including those who are NOT employed for what they entered college and received a degree)(And are NOT working in the field in what they majored in) And end up with debts beyond their earnings.
F	65+	U	Y	West	Because not every kid wants to go on to college and not every kid can afford college and if they have some kind of background working, it's easier for them to get a job
F	65+	U	Y	West	They can choose the job they would like to do with hands on. I think they catch on alot better that way. Some take less time then a college and they can still be certified depending on what they go for.