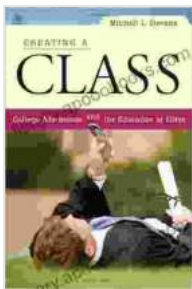


# College Admissions and the Education of Elites: A Critical Analysis

In *College Admissions and the Education of Elites*, author Jennifer Delahunty presents a comprehensive and incisive analysis of the admissions processes at elite colleges and universities. This groundbreaking book demonstrates how these institutions perpetuate inequality and privilege, creating a system that is fundamentally unfair and unjust.



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Delahunty draws on extensive research and interviews with students, parents, and administrators to provide a detailed account of the admissions process at elite colleges. She shows how these institutions use a variety of criteria, including standardized test scores, grades, extracurricular activities, and personal essays, to select their students. However, Delahunty argues that these criteria are not always objective or

meritocratic. In fact, they often favor students from wealthy and privileged backgrounds.

This is because elite colleges and universities are deeply embedded in the social and economic elite. They have a long history of admitting students from the same privileged circles, and they often have close ties to wealthy donors and corporations. As a result, they tend to perpetuate the status quo, rather than challenge it.

The consequences of this system are profound. Elite colleges and universities provide their students with access to the best educational resources, the most prestigious jobs, and the most powerful networks. This gives them a significant advantage over students from less advantaged backgrounds. In turn, this perpetuates inequality and makes it more difficult for people from all walks of life to achieve success.

College Admissions and the Education of Elites is a powerful indictment of the current system of college admissions. Delahunty provides a wealth of evidence to support her claims, and she offers a number of radical solutions to create a more just and equitable society.

This book is essential reading for anyone who is concerned about the future of higher education. It is a must-read for students, parents, educators, and policymakers alike.

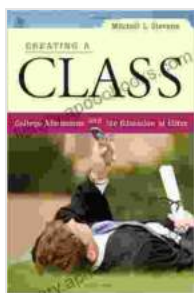
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