

Higher education

The purpose of higher ed, after all, is the exact opposite of solidarity: it is to define hierarchy and prestige.

To separate the talented from the ordinary. To accept only the kids with good SAT scores and reject the others.

It is not by coincidence that the towns that host universities and colleges have prospered so enormously in this age of inequality: they are playgrounds for the elite – and everyone knows it.

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