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### Guided Pathways and Students' Success

Guided Pathways is a program with the goal of leading students to success. Going through Guided Pathway, according to community colleges, students will save money, time and get their degree the fastest route possible (Guided Pathway to Success Boosting College Completion). Guided Pathways is a way colleges use structure for students to graduate on time. This program gives students opportunities to choose from a small selection of programs. These programs include: science, mathematics, engineering, healthcare, business, liberal arts and social studies. Then, students get a list of all the classes they will take in order to graduate. There is very little room to change classes or programs. There are a few questionable aspects about Guided Pathways. How is students' success impacted by this program? Just like the ACT ENGAGE, Guided Pathway controls what information people want to read about them.

Guided Pathway is a program that is training instructors to deliver information to the students in a way that will help them get jobs after graduation. They are controlling what information and knowledge we obtain. Colleges use Guided Pathway to Success as a "filter bubble" to take away opportunities from students choosing their own paths. Smale notes, "In the later chapters of his book, Pariser argues that the pervasiveness of filter bubbles may hinder learning, creativity, innovation, political dialogue, and even make us more susceptible to manipulative advertising". By telling the students which classes to take, Guided Pathway is

eliminating new options or new careers for the students. They tell the student how and what to do before giving them a chance to explore. The Guided Pathway program attempts to generalize all students. Colleges that participate with the program generally have majors that they think has a high job demand.

Some may argue that education is the key to success, but which education were they implying? Are American citizens receiving different educations? Jean Anyon the author of "Social Class and the Hidden Curriculum of Work." believes the education being provided to American students range from their social classes. Education is connected to your social class. Each school is set out to help students accomplish different goals. Anyon notes, "students in different social-class backgrounds are rewarded for classroom behaviors that correspond to personality traits allegedly rewarded in the different occupational strata--the working classes for docility and obedience, the managerial classes for initiative and personal assertiveness." Certain social groups stay with the same social network which blocks the input and output information to other groups of people. Education is different based on economic class. Working class receive an education that glorifies obedience, upper class glorify initiative. Guided Pathway to Success does not consider all these socioeconomic classes.

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