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Student Debt Explained by Experts

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On June 26 and 27th, Democratic presidential hopefuls face their first debate on a national stage. While the debates will cover a broad range of issues, student debt is likely to be among them. As you prepare for your coverage of the debates and resulting policy discussions, the following scholars are available and prepared to comment on student debt.

Student Debt

FENABA R. ADDO

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Expert on the intersection of family economics and social demography, including the role of education loans and credit card debt on early union formation and racial wealth differences in student loan repayment.

CHARLIE EATON

University of California, Merced



Expert on tuition reform in public universities. Eaton's research examines relationships between financialization and growing inequalities in U.S. higher education.

DONALD E. HELLER

University of San Francisco



Expert on rising tuition and college access, choice, and success for low-income and minority students.

JASON HOULE

Dartmouth College



Expert on rising debt and social inequality, as well as how debt and the Great Recession are linked to population health and mental health.

JAMAL MAZYCK

San Francisco State University



Expert on minority student matriculation in higher education and postsecondary campus climate issues related to students of color.

SHERICE JANAYE NELSON

Southern University



Expert on America's Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

LAURA W. PERNA

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Expert on the student debt crisis and identifying how social structures, educational practices, and public policies can promote college access and attainment, particularly for groups that continue to be underrepresented in higher education.