



## Both Democrats and Republicans Give Millions to Universities in Earmarks – But Not in the Same Way

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U.S. politicians have **perhaps never been more divided**, including when it comes to their views on higher education.

Republicans are **pushing for more control** over the day-to-day work at colleges and universities. Some Republican politicians say that universities are **elitist, woke** organizations that are out of touch with the general public and lack value for most people. In step with this rhetoric, they have cut funding to higher education, including slashing **grants to universities** with ethnically and racially diverse student bodies.

Democrats, meanwhile, broadly support higher education, praising it for its role in improving people's lives. They **are challenging these cuts** and the Trump administration's **mounting interference** into how **colleges are run**.

Despite these differences, both Democrats and Republicans **invest billions** in higher education and issue billions annually in federal earmarks.