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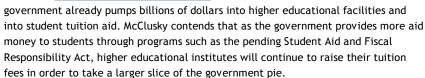
## Too much gov't aid inflates college tuition costs

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According to an educational policy expert, a bill pending in Congress could balloon tuition costs in higher education.

Neal McClusky is the associate director of the Cato Institute's Center for Educational Freedom. He says the U.S.



McClusky

"It's not a surprise then that tuition costs have risen even faster than the cost of healthcare because the government keeps saying we're going to give you more and more money to pay, so students demand more and colleges can charge more and buy more stuff. And this Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act is going to greatly increase the amount of money that students can get from the federal government, both in terms of loans and in terms of Pell Grants, which is going to make this

primary problem in higher education -- which is rampant cost inflation -- even worse."

OneNewsNow asked McClusky if he had a better solution. He suggested that the federal government needs to stop funding student aid programs, which he believes will force colleges and universities to economize, cut tuition costs, and become more competitive and affordable.





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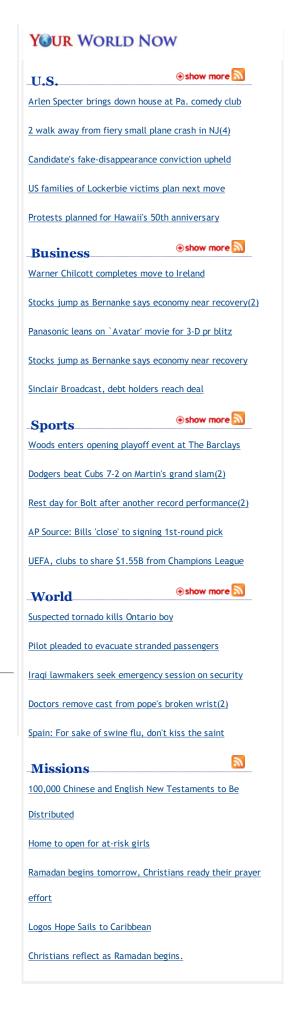
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