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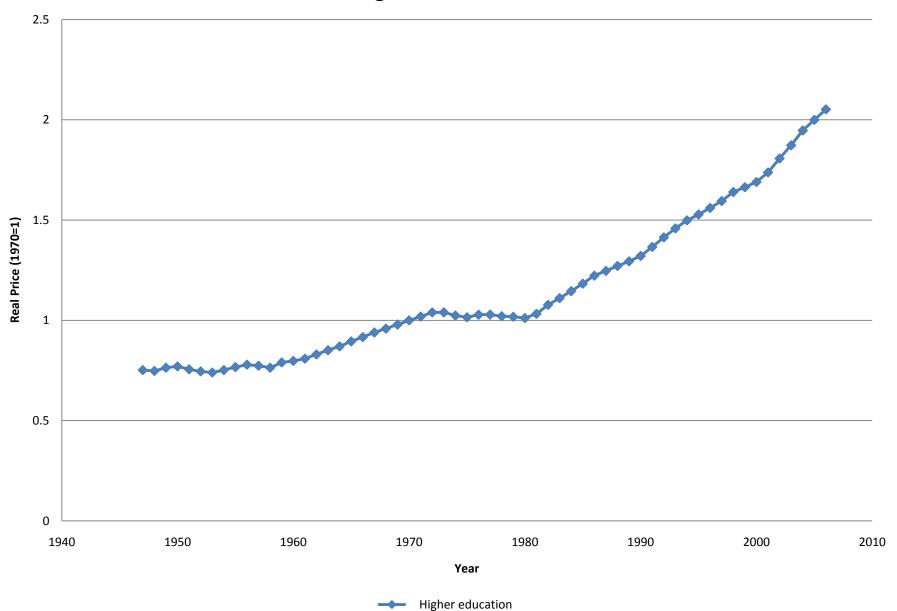
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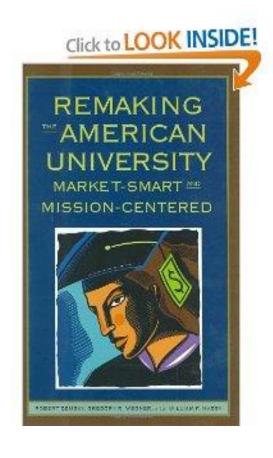
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#### The Real Price of Higher Education, 1947-2006, 1970=1



Administrative Bloat at American Universities: The Real Reason for High Costs in Higher Education

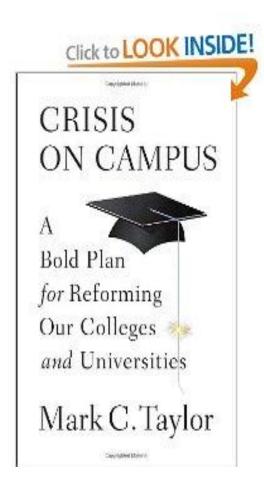
Jay P. Greene Goldwater Institute Policy Report August 17, 2010



Robert Zemsky, William Wenger, and William Massy (Rutgers University Press, 2005)

**Administrative Lattice** 

**Academic Ratchet** 



## Mark Taylor Alfred A. Knopf 2010

### Tenure is the problem

# The New York Times

## "Our Greedy Colleges"

By William J. Bennett, Secretary of Education.

Published: February 18, 1987

"Federal student aid policies do not cause college price inflation, but there is little doubt that they help make it possible."

## The Economist

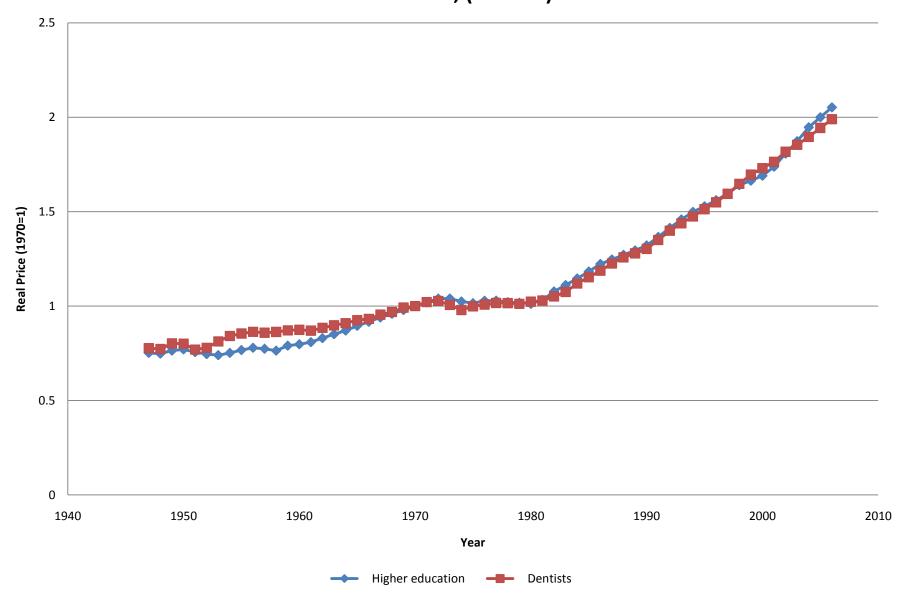
"America's universities lost their way badly in the era of easy money. If they do not find it again, they may go the way of GM."

September 2, 2010





## The Real Price of Higher Education and the Real Price of Dental Services, 1947-2006, (1970=1)

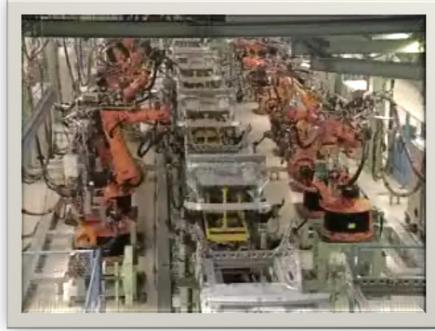


## The Technological Tripod



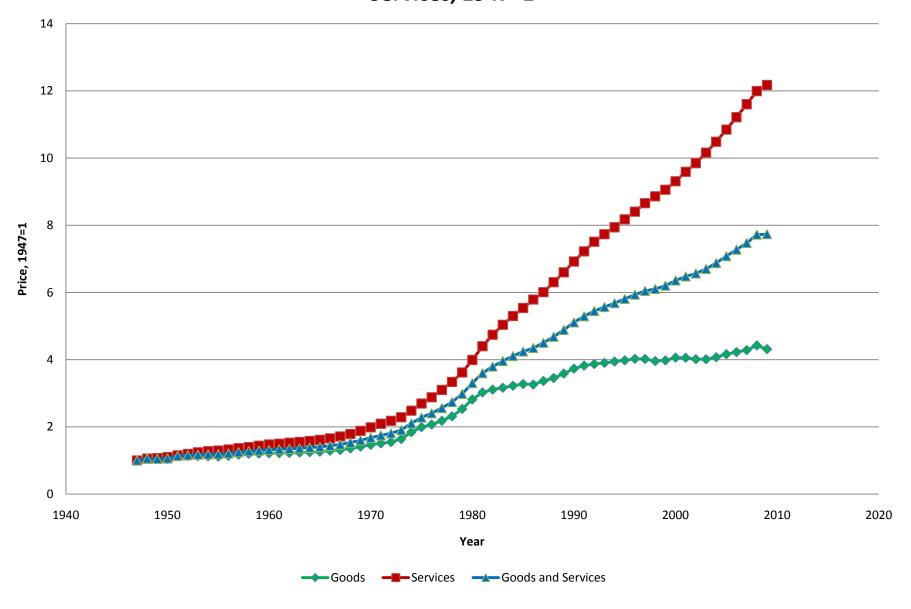
## 1. Cost Disease







# Prices of Goods, the Prices of Services, and the Prices of Goods and Services, 1947=1



## 2. Income Distribution

#### Rate of Return to a Year of Schooling, Young Men

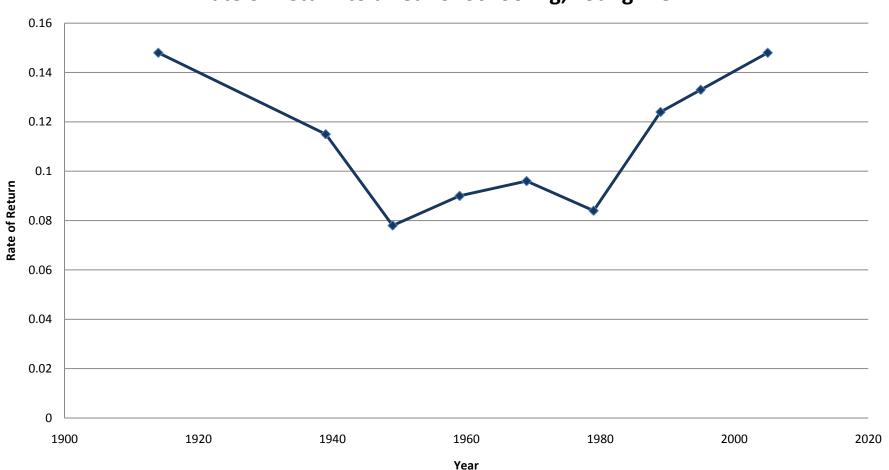
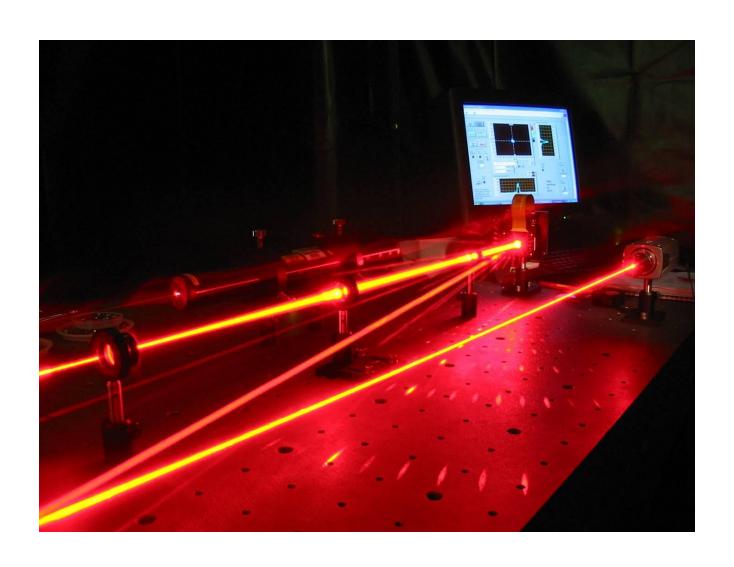


Table 4.1 The Percentage of High-skill Workers by Industry, 2005

Industry	High-skill
Research & Development	72.0
Education	68.3
Computer & Related Activities	65.7
Publishing	49.3
Aircraft & Spacecraft	43.7
Electrical & Optical Equipment	42.8
Post & Telecommunications	38.2
Motor Vehicles	22.1
Transport & Storage	18.1
Metals	14.3
Textiles	11.6
Construction	11.2

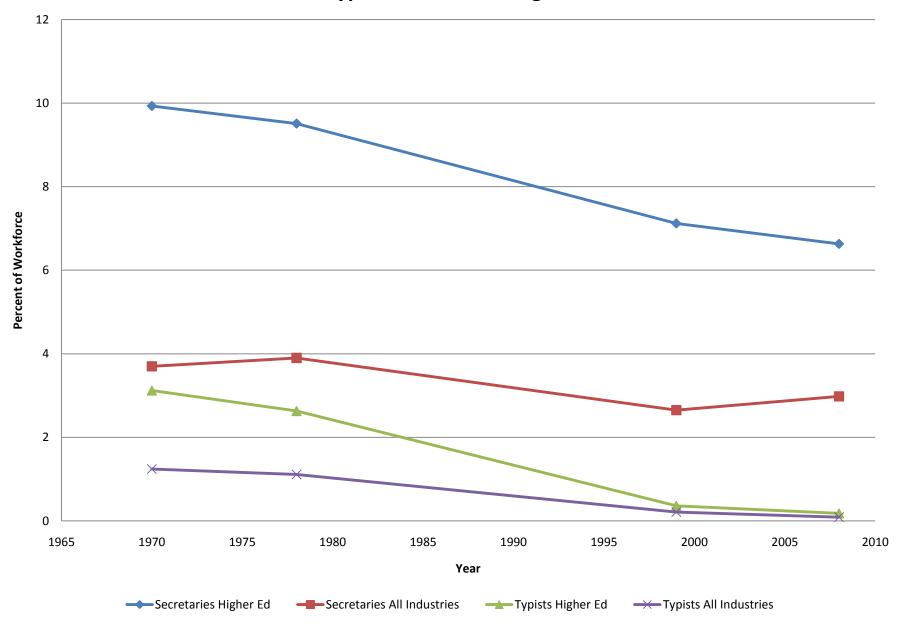
## 3. Standard of Care



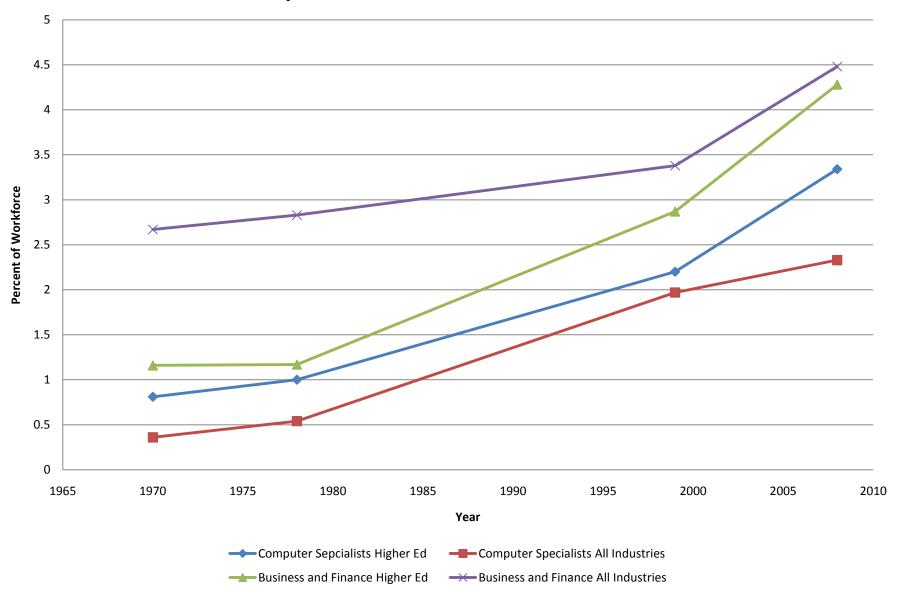
# Rhetoric vs. Reality

# **Administrative Bloat!**

#### Secretaries and Typists as a Percentage of the Workforce



#### Computer Specialists and Workers in Business and Finance Operations as Percent of Workforce



# Rhetoric vs. Reality

# **Tenure Raises Costs!**

## Job Security as compensation

Lowers cost of hiring professionals

## Job Security as incentive

To invest in research agenda

The Tenure Track is shrinking

# Rhetoric vs. Reality

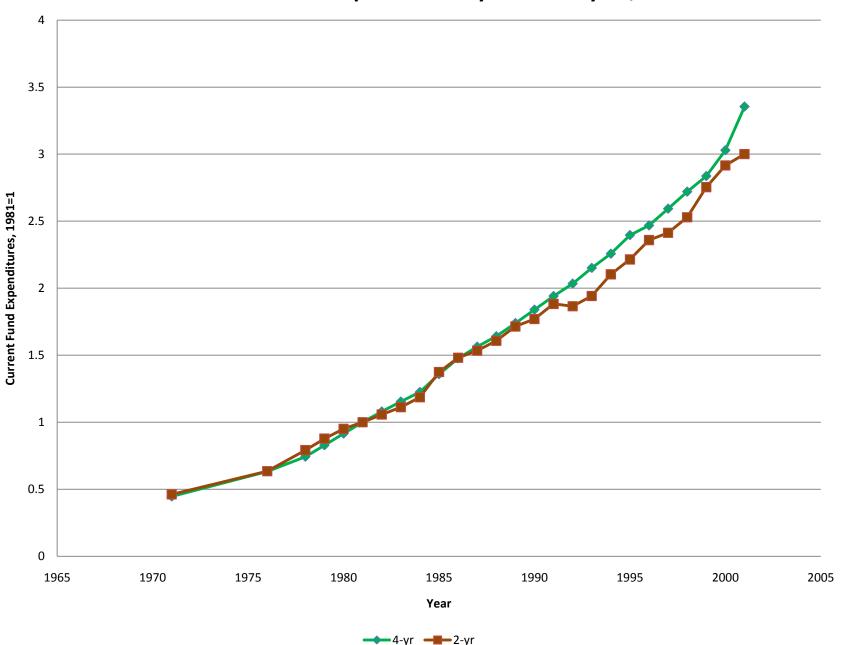
# Public Money Raises Costs!

- Correlation is not causality.
- Higher education is an increasingly competitive industry.

# Rhetoric vs. Reality

# **Too Much Research!**

#### Indexes of Current Fund Expenditure 4-year and 2-year, 1971-2001



# Ratchet Down the Rhetoric

# Fix What Can Be Fixed

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