



# FREE TUITION OR CORPORATE TAX CUTS?

The Ontario Government cut corporate taxes by \$2.4 billion in 2011. This same amount would eliminate tuition fees for all public college students in Ontario. Since 70 per cent of all new listed jobs require some form of post-secondary education, it is increasingly a necessity for a strong economy. Despite this, students are spending decades repaying loans they were forced to take out just to meet the requirements necessary to earn a middle-income. On October 6, Vote Education. Take it over!

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**3 OUT OF 10:  
NUMBER OF YOUR  
FRIENDS WHO VOTE.**

**8 OUT OF 10:  
NUMBER OF YOUR  
MOM'S FRIENDS  
WHO VOTE.**

If you don't feel like politicians speak to you, you're right. 34 per cent of citizens under 25 voted in the last provincial and federal elections but 83 per cent of people over 55 did. If you were seeking election, whose concerns would matter more to you? When so few of us cast ballots, issues like high tuition fees are often at the bottom of the priority list. On October 6, take Queen's Park back from your parents. Take it over!

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**5:  
NUMBER OF WEEKS  
PREMIER MCGUINTY  
COULD HAVE WORKED AT  
MINIMUM WAGE TO PAY  
HIS LAW SCHOOL FEES**

**57:  
NUMBER OF WEEKS YOU  
WILL HAVE TO WORK**

When Premier McGuinty went to law school in 1980, his fees would have been paid by working only five weeks at minimum wage. Today, it would take 57 weeks — more than a year — to pay law school fees at the University of Toronto. Since taking office, McGuinty has allowed tuition fees to skyrocket at twice the rate of inflation and outpace wage growth. On October 6, show McGuinty students are sick of the fee hikes and take it over!

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# UNIVERSITY IN 1988: 23% PRIVATE.

# TODAY: 53% PRIVATE.

Think you're studying at a public institution? Think again. In 1988, only 23 per cent of university operating budgets were made up of private funds like tuition fees. Today it is over half. The government has shifted the cost of running colleges and universities onto students' backs. Ontario post-secondary institutions have the lowest per capita funding in the country and the largest class sizes. On October 6, show McGuinty you want a well-funded public education. Take it over!

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# 57,500: NUMBER OF GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ONTARIO



# 3,000: NUMBER OF ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) are the primary form of provincial student financial assistance available to graduate students. Despite seeing a 50 per cent increase in OGS last year, the McGuinty Government has failed to address the huge gap in access for graduate students. Many graduate students lack funding and struggle to pay the highest fees in the country while conducting important research. On October 6, vote for more grants. Take it over!

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**72%**  
**OF ONTARIANS ARE**  
**CONCERNED ABOUT**  
**ACCESS TO COLLEGE AND**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**72%**  
**THINK POST-SECONDARY**  
**EDUCATION HAS STAYED**  
**THE SAME OR GOTTEN**  
**WORSE UNDER THE**  
**MCGUINITY GOVERNMENT**

According to a 2011 poll conducted by the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario and the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, 74 per cent of Ontarians feel that post-secondary education should be a high or very high priority for the McGuinty Government. However, 72 per cent believe that post-secondary education has gotten worse or stayed the same under the McGuinty Government. On October 6, Vote Education. Take it over!

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# PUBLIC FUNDING, PER STUDENT

# UNIVERSITIES: \$12,000

# COLLEGES: \$6,400

Does this sound fair to you? Not only does the Ontario Government maintain the lowest per-student funding in the country, it short changes colleges even further. Despite receiving nearly half the per student funding that universities do, colleges must maintain smaller class sizes in many programs. On October 6, let the McGuinty government know that college students are as valuable as university students. Take it over!

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**11%**  
**OF THE NORTHERN  
POPULATION HAS A  
UNIVERSITY DEGREE**

**20%**  
**OF THE OVERALL  
POPULATION HAS A  
UNIVERSITY DEGREE**

According to the latest Census, 11.4 per cent of people 15 years or older in northern Ontario have at least a Bachelor's degree, while the figure is 20.5 per cent for Ontario overall. Northern students face extra barriers attaining a university degree. Higher average living costs, reduced institutional resources, longer average travel distances, and less frequent transportation, all make northern students less likely to attend university. On October 6, call for action on northern education. Take it over!

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