

REMARKS OF THE SENATE CHAIR

21 April 2025

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Thank you

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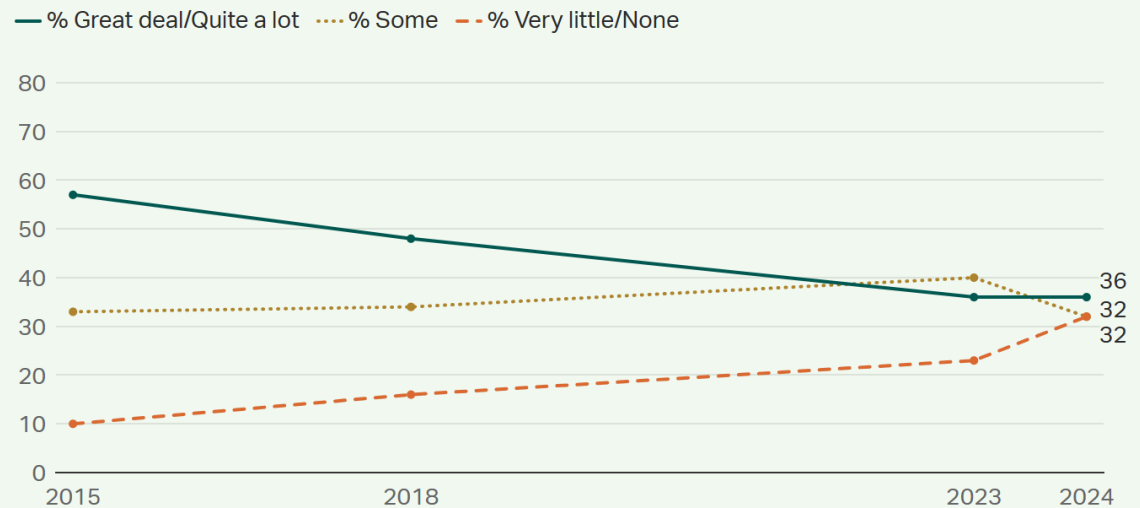
Vice Chair Ramirez

Final Thoughts in a Trouble Time

- In 2015, nearly 60% of Americans expressed trust in colleges and universities, according to a Gallup poll. By 2024, that figure had fallen to just one-third.

Confidence in U.S. Higher Education

Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in higher education -- a great deal, quite a lot, some or very little?



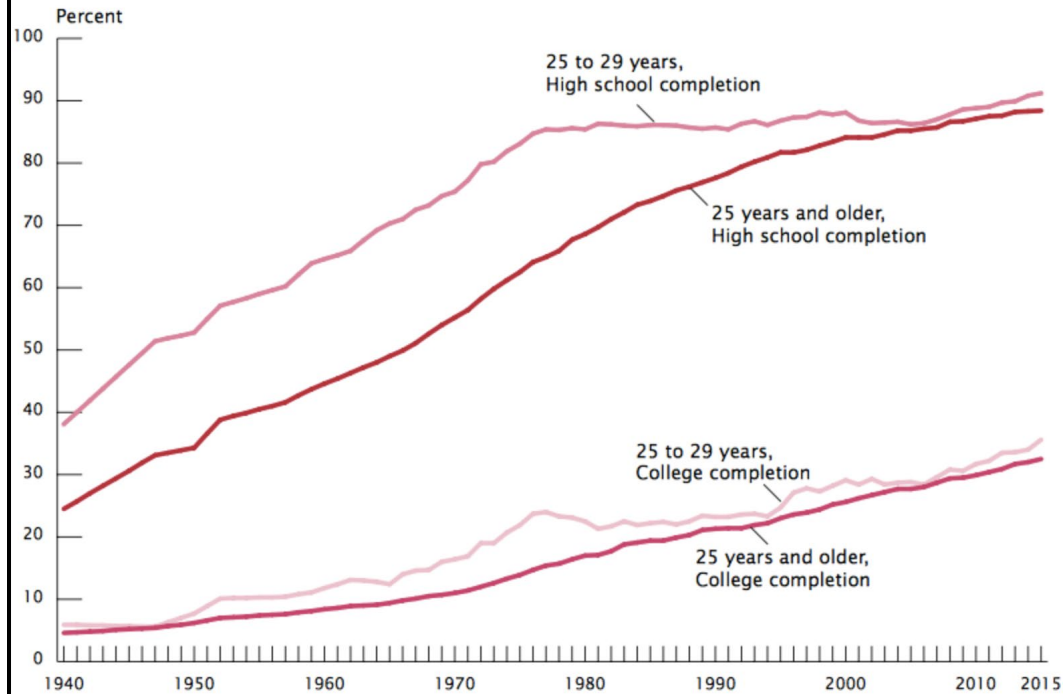
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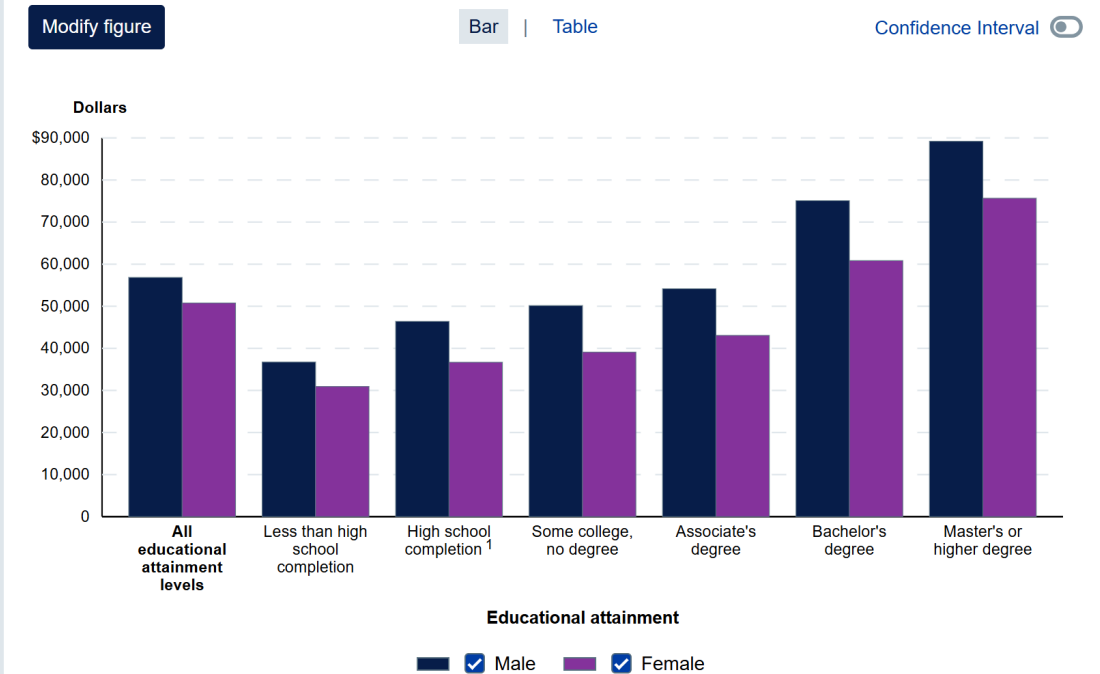
College Degree Attainment and Its Benefits

Percentage of the Population 25 Years and Over Who Completed High School or College by Age Group: Selected Years 1940–2015



Note: Data for every individual year are not available for years prior to 1964.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1947–2015 Current Population Survey and 1940 Decennial Census.

Figure 4. Median annual earnings of full-time, year-round workers ages 25–34, by educational attainment and sex: 2022



In my last few minutes....

- The mission of higher education is and always has been important
- Know that you are valued
- Know that you are changing lives

THANK YOU!

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