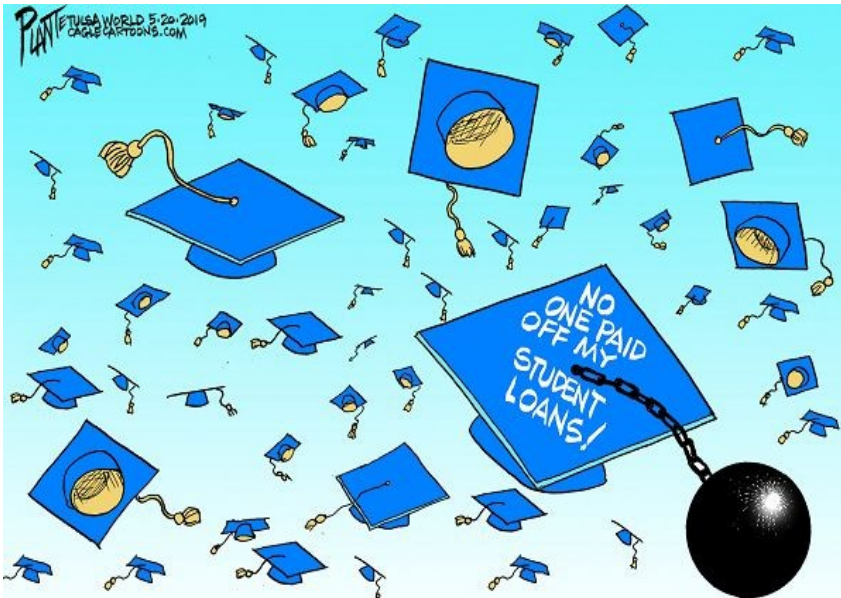


Cartoons for the Classroom

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Talking Points

1. What do these cartoonists have to say about billionaire Robert Smith pledging about \$40 million to pay off the student loans of Morehouse College's 2019 graduates?
2. How does more than \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt slow down the U.S. economy?
3. Does it increase inequality?
4. Why do only 1% of the teachers, nurses and other public servants who apply actually get student loan relief?
5. Why doesn't our government pay students' college tuition like many other nations?

Between the lines

"I left Morehouse class of 2019 to avoid debt and this billionaire just paid the graduating class's debt off. Kill me." - Jordan Long, who went \$60,000 into debt during 2 years as a student at Morehouse.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/22/us/robert-smith-morehouse-college-student-loan-debt.html>

Additional resources

■ More by Bruce Plante

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/PlantB>

■ More by Adam Zyglics

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/ZygliA>

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