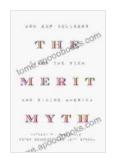# How Our Colleges Favor the Rich and Divide America

A groundbreaking investigation into the widening gap between rich and poor at America's colleges, and how it's undermining our democracy.

In recent years, the gap between rich and poor students at America's colleges has grown wider than ever before. This is due in part to a number of factors, including the rising cost of tuition, the decline of financial aid, and the increasing use of standardized tests in college admissions.

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where they have access to fewer resources and opportunities. They are also more likely to drop out of college and earn lower salaries.

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This is a problem that we can no longer afford to ignore. We need to take action to make college more affordable for all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background. We also need to reform our college admissions system to make it more fair and equitable. And we need to invest in our public colleges and universities so that they can provide all students with a high-quality education.

The future of our democracy depends on it.

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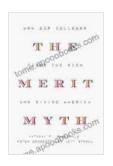
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