

## Summary: Sociology 101 Project

There are a variety of factors for why people fear academic failure. The biggest reason is a result of society and society's stress on success. This growing issue is relative to us and is important to us because this issue directly affects our generation and the way we live. A bachelor's degree has become common at this point thus decreasing its value. The capitalist world that we currently live in results in everybody fighting "for the best". If everybody has almost the same access to education, then things like a bachelor's degree loses some of its value. Student debt is a growing reason that contributes to reasons why students are afraid of failure. The student or family of the student must pay for the class whether or not the class was passed or failed. The student then begins to feel the burden of the financials if they must retake the class and pay for it once more. The student feels that they must gain as much knowledge as possible to get their money's worth. One's standard of success can vary, however, in school systems students commonly want to get an "A" on a test, and fear something below an 'above average grade' when in reality a "C" is average; there truly should not be anything wrong with an average grade. Success can also be influenced by culture as well. Bad behavior and academics have been in association together for quite some time now. Therefore, students can become punished for their actions and put into association with their behaviors. There is always a constant fear among students; especially college students where they do have this fear of failure, yet it extends beyond college. The entire cause of this issue comes down to money. Everybody tends to strive to live comfortably, be able to afford their education, go on to have a quality job that can currently support them, and continue to support them. The financial burden is a huge factor contributing to the stress that everybody constantly lives with day in and day out.

There are 4 causes for fear of academic failure:

- 1.) Global Competition
- 2.) Society's Standards
- 3.) Available Resources
- 4.) Different Cultures and their views on success