Demagoguery hurting higher education

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In the last few years a ghost has been haunting higher education in many countries. Whether it is Trumpism, Brexit, the rise of the far-right, the League Party in Italy, the Podemos in Spain, the Front National, or the Venezuelan Chavismo, they all have in common a rejection of populism and nationalism.

This is not by accident. By the rejection of the establishment, the so-called privileged elites,Nov 2017

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When I was a kid, the long-term goal of the educational system was to get kids ready for the working world. Today, the goal is to prepare kids for college. It was a change that was gradual and not always noticed.

But the reality is that the educational system is failing to prepare kids for the real world. Many students are leaving high school without the skills they need to succeed in college, and even more are leaving without any skills at all.

The problem is not just with the educational system, it is with the society as a whole. We are not preparing kids for the real world, and the educational system is not doing its job. We need to change our approach to education, and start preparing kids for the real world, not just for college.