“In the Basement of the Ivory Tower”
by Professor X

Claims:

- Students are not overachievers, they do not seem to be interested in school whatsoever.
- Not all students fail because of absences and lack of effort, some aren’t ready for college.
- A college education isn’t for everyone, this is a myth.
- Comm colleges are colleges of last resort, students who attend have no other options
- Students who cannot pass Professor X’s class will fail in the future
- Most of his students are not smart, that is why they’re in CC
- Students attend CC because it is their only option
- Some students will fail no matter what they do
- CC are the last resort for some students
- Students only attend college to advance at work, not for the education
- Community colleges are not taken seriously
- Colleges don’t care if a student passes or fails
- Students don’t make the effort to do well in college
- Some students cannot get past their deficits
- When students fail it is their own fault
- Not everyone is responsible enough to go to college
- Students find required courses in reading to be torturous
- Only high school failures attend community college
- Students without the ability to succeed in college should not be admitted
- Teachers struggle with giving Fs to students who try hard but lack the necessary skills to succeed
- Students choose college based on convenience and not other factors