

EDUCATION

(Josh McDowell research 2006-Present)

“HOME SCHOOL TUTORS”

“The U.S. Department of Education’s most recent home schooling survey was in 2003. It found from 1999 to 2003 the number of children educated at home had soared 29% to 1.1 million students. It also found that, of those, 21% used a tutor.”

(New York Times, 6/5/06)

“LOWER EDUCATION”

“Close to half U.S. students who enter college need remedial courses. Stanford professor Michael Kirst says 73% of students entering community colleges hoped to earn 4-year degrees, but only 22% do so after 6 years. Nearly half the 14.7 million undergrads at 2- and 4-year institutions *never* receive degrees. Deficiencies turn up in math, science, and engineering, plus in the basics of reading and writing. According to the 2006 ACT college entrance exam, just 21% of students applying to 4-year institutions are ready for college-level work in all 4 areas tested, reading, writing, math, and biology. The Pew Charitable Trusts recently found 75% of community college grads were not literate enough to handle everyday tasks like comparing viewpoints in newspaper editorials or calculating the cost of food items per ounce. There is a deep disconnect between what high school teachers think students need to know and what professors, even at 2-year colleges, expect them to know. More than 1 in 4 remedial students work on elementary and middle school arithmetic.”

(The Foster Letter: Religious Market Update, Gary D. Foster Consulting, September 10, 2006 [NY Times 9/2/06]: 3.)

“STUDY SAYS MOST TEENS CHEAT”

“A massive study involving nearly 70,000 U.S. college and high school students has found that 70% admit to cheating. This distressing statistic shows a 14% increase since 1993 and a 44% hike since 1963.”

“The Duke University report also indicated that Internet plagiarism has quadrupled in the past six years. A separate poll of 25,000 high schoolers found that nearly half agreed with the statement, ‘A person has to lie or cheat sometimes in order to succeed.’”

“Help teens see that God values honesty and integrity. As Proverbs 11:1 says, ‘The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are His delight.’”

(“Study Says Most Teens Cheat” Plugged In (June 2006): 2)

“TO CATCH A CHEAT”

“In a 2006 study of high-school students:”

“60% said they cheated on an exam at least once”

“33% admitted copying an answer to a school assignment from the Internet”

(Source: 2006 Josephson Institute Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth”

(Peg Tyre, “To Catch a Cheat,” Newsweek, October 15, 2007, p41)

“TODAY’S MOST AVID BOOK READERS”

“Today’s most avid book readers are seniors. They know, treasure, and can afford good books. Neglect them and miss sales! I can help you find, and even update as needed, the titles from your backlist they will want to buy and read. Let me help you mine your backlist today. Contact me at 419-238-4082, gary@garydfoster.com or www.garydfoster.com.”

(Gary Foster, “Today’s Most Avid Book Readers,” *Religious Market Update*, (2007): 1)

“WOMEN”

“Women now comprise 51% of divinity school students.”

(*The Foster Letter: Religious Market Update*, Gary D. Foster Consulting, September 10, 2006 [NY Times 8/26/06]: 2).
