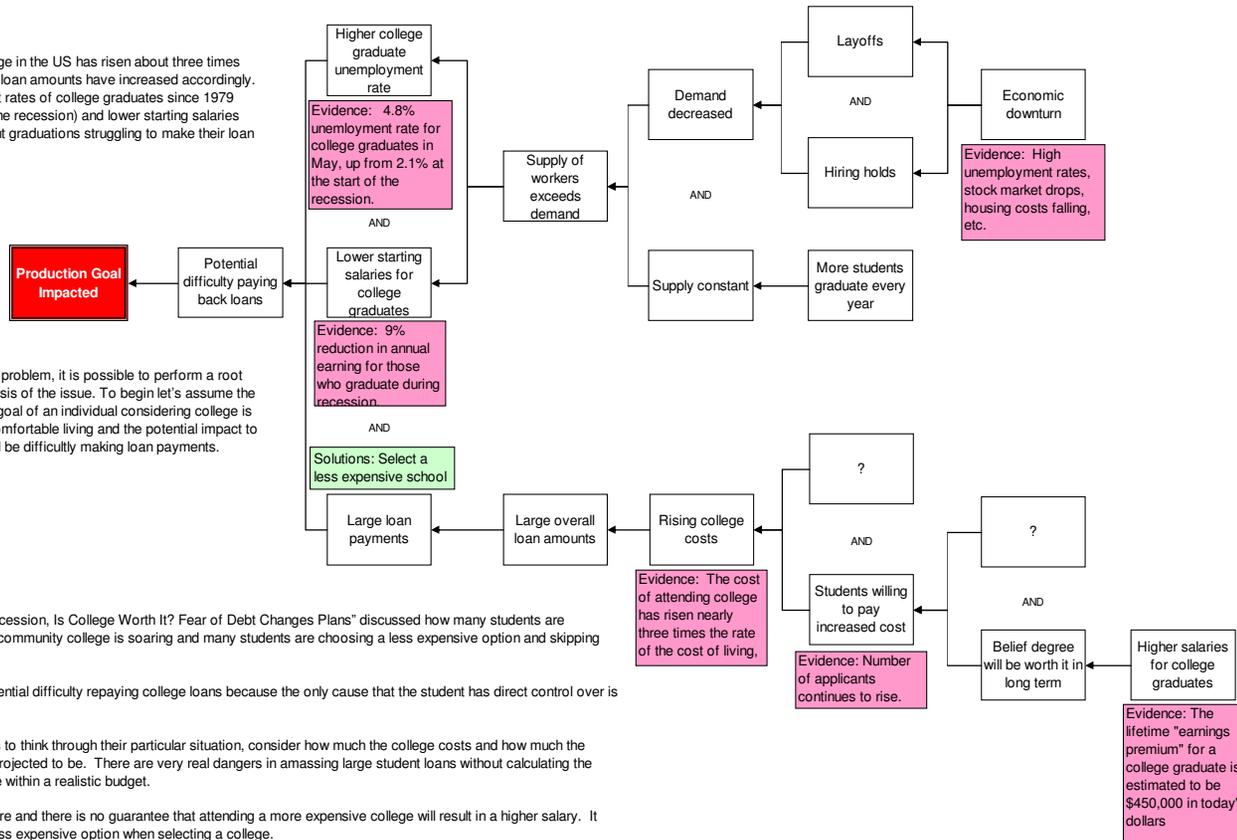


## College Loan Payments

Fall 2009

In recent years, the cost of attending a college in the US has risen about three times faster than inflation and the average student loan amounts have increased accordingly. Combine this with the highest unemployment rates of college graduates since 1979 (4.8% in May, up from 2.1% at the start of the recession) and lower starting salaries during recessions, and there are many recent graduations struggling to make their loan payments.



## Cause Map

Intermediate Level



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