

The Growing Accountability Agenda: Progress or Mixed Blessing

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- the growing accountability agenda
- the accountability crisis
- the benefits of accountability



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the growing accountability agenda

- integrity and honesty
- effective use of resources and quality of results



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unethical practices

- financial management
- academic management
- information management



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accountability mechanisms

- legal requirements
- financial incentives
- demand-side funding
- university boards
- rankings



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excessive requirements?

- reporting to death
- unfair rankings
- measuring learning outcomes
 - US
 - OECD



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benefits of accountability

- choice of college
- information about labor market outcomes
- voluntary initiatives
 - Ireland
 - US
 - Belgium
- culture of transparency



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the fear of transparency

- US
- Pakistan
- New Zealand
- Colombia



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conclusion

- ❖ accountability is healthy
- ❖ two principles
 - ❖ constructive mode
 - ❖ mutually-agreed or voluntary
- ❖ no accountability without autonomy



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