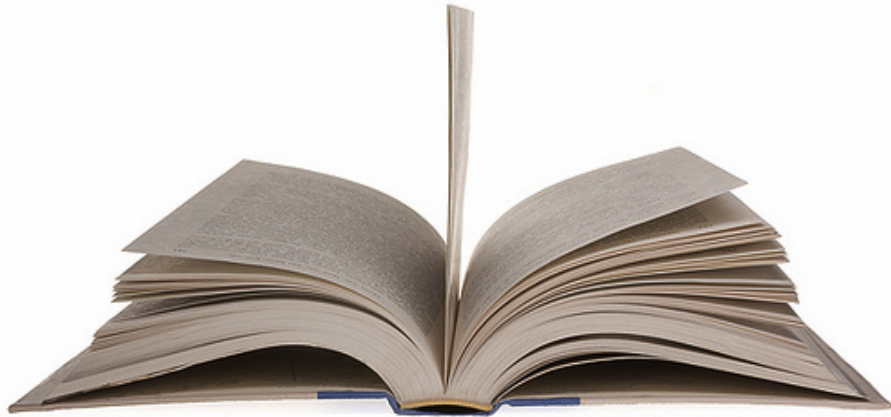


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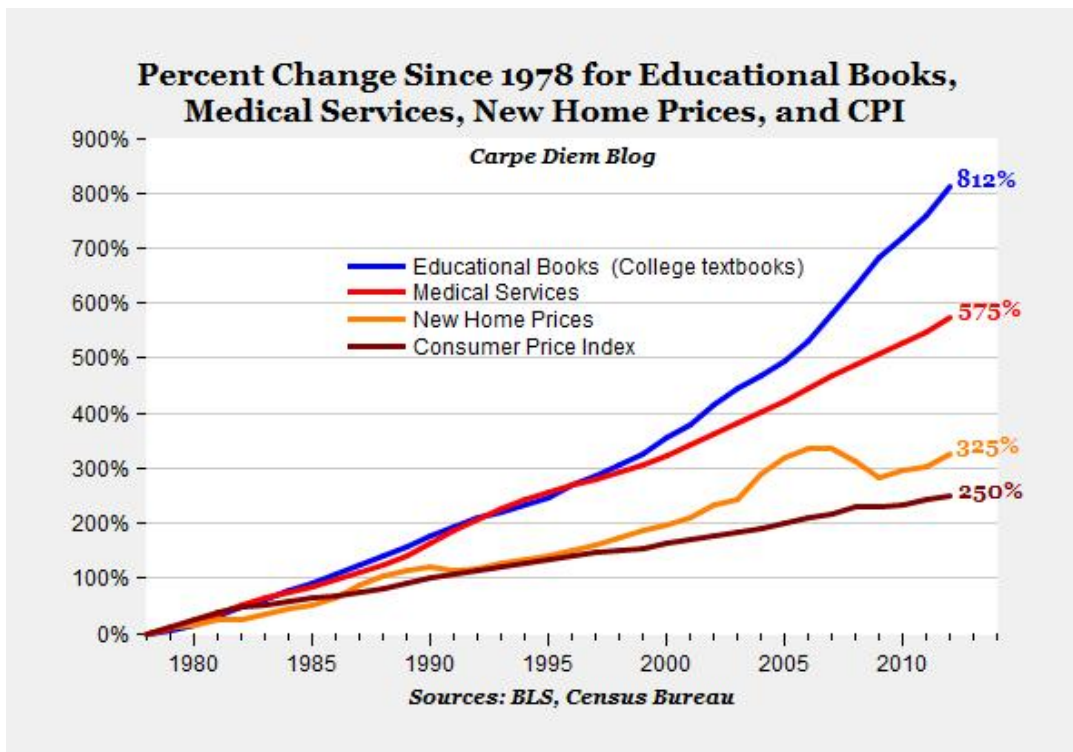


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By Joanne Jacobs, The Hechinger Report

Since 1978, the cost of education books and supplies (mostly college textbooks) has increased by 812 percent, his chart shows. That's much more than the very high inflation rate for medical services or new homes and way more than the 250 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index. It's "unsustainable," Perry writes.

[Never Pay Sticker Price for a Textbook Again](#), writes Slate.

My husband used to write college engineering textbooks. He hasn't updated his old book or written a new one because he doesn't think he can earn enough to justify his time. In part, that's because publishers charge so much for textbooks that students are refusing to buy them. They share, use out-of-date editions, buy pirated copies online or try to get by without a book.

Maybe the whole idea of a single textbook is obsolete.

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