

Assessing the Influence of Education on College Students after the COVID-19 Pandemic - 2021



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ABSTRACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly affected college education, leading to adjustments in learning methods. This study examines postpandemic adaptations, focusing on students with learning gaps and their preferred learning modalities, such as videos, books, and online platforms. Key findings indicate students value clear explanations, illustrations, and optimallength educational videos, relying on repeated exposure and study groups for reinforcement. Insights from this research will be used to develop an online platform offering subject-specific educational videos to help bridge learning gaps. Understanding student preferences and experiences is crucial for enhancing learning outcomes and creating tailored, inclusive educational resources.

BACKGROUND

- O The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted college education, leading to various adjustments in learning.
- O The study assesses post-pandemic influences on students with learning gaps, focusing on their preferred learning methods.
- O Preferred methods include videos, books, web platforms, and group collaborations across disciplines like science, engineering, arts, business, medicine, and computing.
- O Key findings:
 - O Students value clear explanations, illustrations, and optimally-length educational videos.
 - O Online platforms like YouTube and Khan Academy are commonly used for subjects such as computer science and biology.
 - O Insights from the study will inform the creation of an online platform offering educational videos to bridge learning gaps and support future learning.
 - O Understanding student experiences and preferences is crucial for enhancing educational outcomes and developing tailored resources.



- O We aim to fix the learning gaps with a platform we've built ourselves, perfect A.
- O With the right support any student can achieve a perfect 'A' every time.

METHODS

- O Using a QR code tied to a google form, 130 current college students completed a survey.
- O Perfect A uses statistical data collected from the research to analyze and find outliers and interesting findings.
- O Example Question: "Which resources work best for you"

Perfect A used a Google form and QR code to randomly survey current college students about their understanding of field concepts, preferred learning methods, and effective educational resources. Approximately 130 students participated, revealing a trend that students prefer videos over platforms like Khan Academy. The results section analyzes the statistical data to identify outliers and noteworthy patterns.

RESULTS

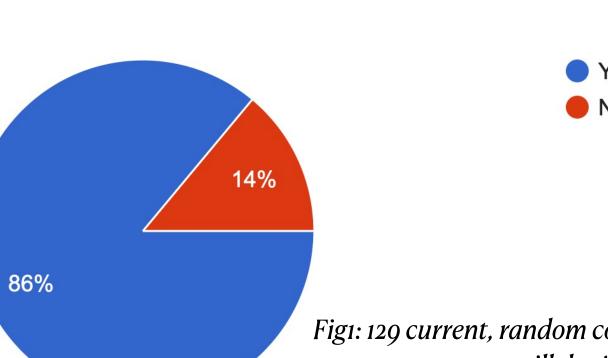


Fig1: 129 current, random college students were asked. "Do you feel that are some topics you've been taught but still don't understand?" 86% reported they did 14% reported they had not.

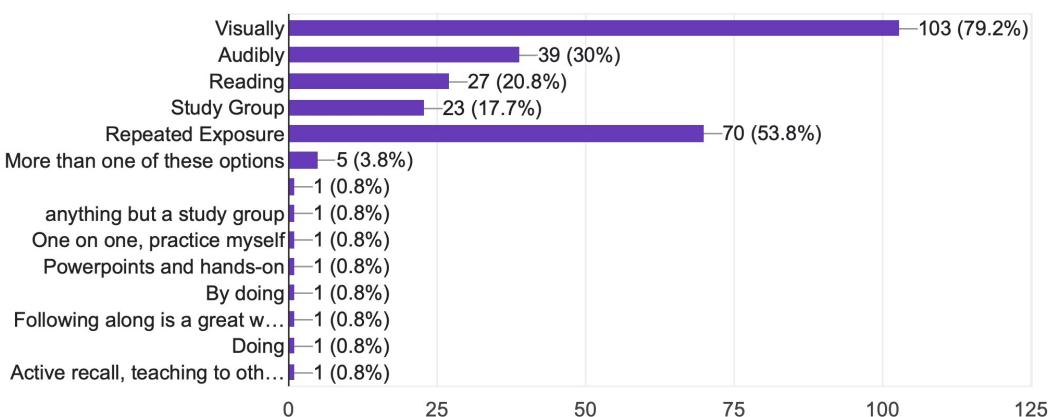


Fig2: 130 current college students were asked "how do you learn best?"
Top responses: visually, repeated exposure and audibly

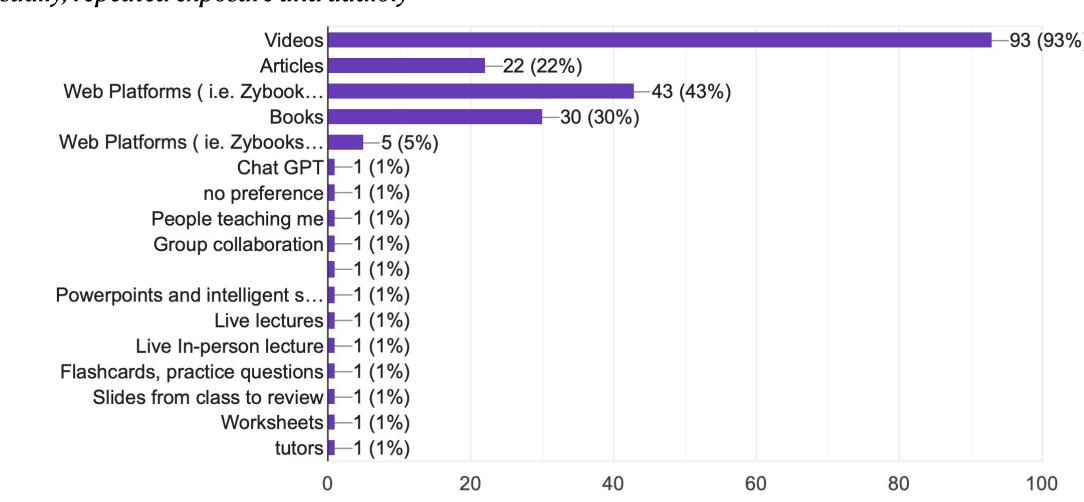
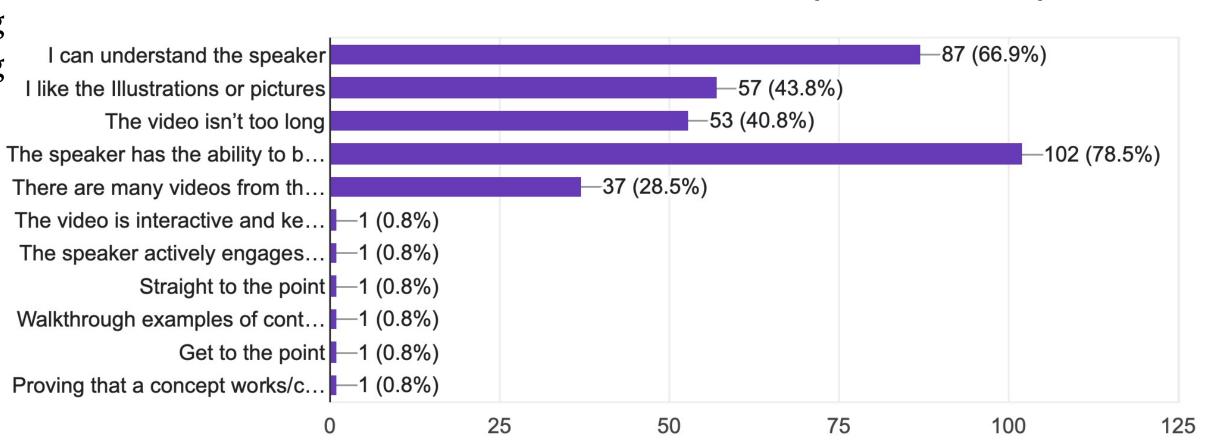


Fig3: 100 random college students were asked "Which resources work best for you?" Top Responses: Videos, Web platforms, and Books.



Flg4: 130 random college students were asked "what are the characteristics of a good educational video?" Top Responses: The speaker has the ability to breakdown the concept well, and I can understand the speaker.

CONCLUSIONS

- o The research highlights learning gaps among college students. Students are turning to YouTube for educationally relevant videos, but lack confidence in their academic abilities.
- o Perfect A aims to provide high-quality, easily digestible videos to supplement student learning. Continued research will uncover more areas for improvement in addressing learning gaps affecting students of all levels.