Myths vs. Facts

Inclusive access is also known as automatic textbook billing. Let's look at some myths vs. facts.





Savings, or Spin?

Inclusive Access content is discounted compared to print prices, but not always by much, and prices can rise.



Convenient, or Confined?

Inclusive Access can provide first-day access to content, but it constrains students' choices as consumers.



Opt-Out, or Drop Out?

Students can opt out of Inclusive Access, but doing so can block them from required coursework.



Inclusive, or Exclusive?

No matter what the price of Inclusive Access content is, it is still unaffordable for some students.



Retain, or Just Rent?

Students never own Inclusive Access content—they usually rent it, sometimes for a higher price than a print rental.



Supported, or Stymied?

Inclusive Access programs can limit faculty's freedom to choose materials that meet their students' needs.



Deal, or Data Grab?

Inclusive Access content can capture vast amounts of data on students and faculty.



Digital, or Divided?

Broadband access and digital devices are a hidden cost of Inclusive Access, which can widen the digital divide.



Solution, or Status Quo?

Peer-reviewed research found that Inclusive Access had no effect on academic outcomes.