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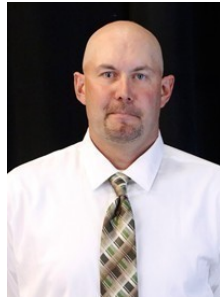
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Perceptions of Career & Technical Education in Montana: A Survey of Millennials & Generation X



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This research identifies how Millennials and the tail end of Generation X perceive Career Technical Education (CTE) courses as a part of their secondary education, and how they perceive careers commonly associated with CTE. It also investigates if or how societal, peer, and parental pressures influence perceptions of CTE, especially when compared to the common educational pathway which advocates 4-year college degrees as the way to a successful career and good life.

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