

International Challenges Facing the Education System

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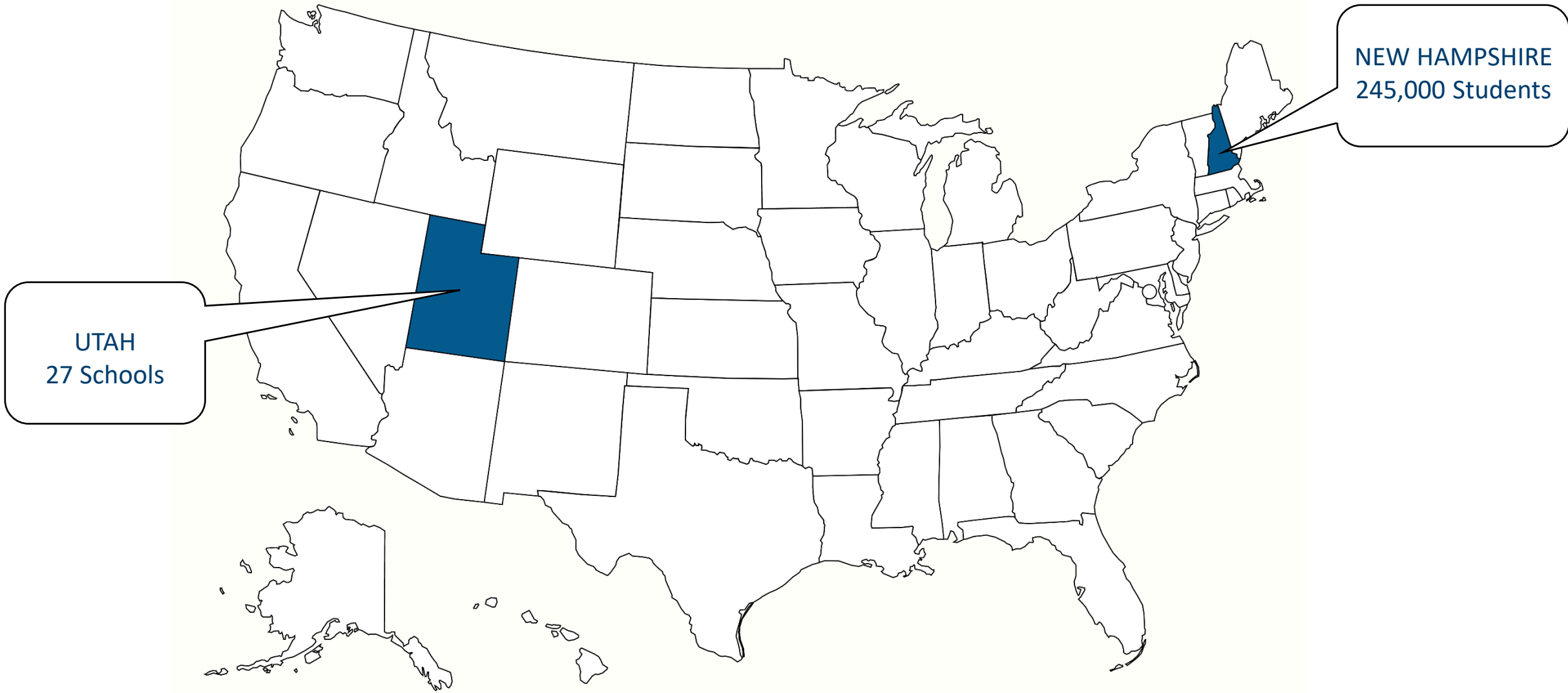
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Vast Difference in Scale

	Ireland	United States
Enrollment	246k	19m
Institutions	23	4,000
Faculty / Staff	27,557	3.5m
Quality Assurance Orgs.	1	114



Affordability

- In US – high price, student debt, low earnings
- UK students borrow more than US students
- High cost of housing / cost of living in UK, Ireland, Germany

Race / Low-income Students

- In US – enrollment correlated with income and race
 - Supreme Court case
- In UK – problems with racial harassment
 - Degree gaps by race
- In Canada and Australia – Indigenous populations are severely underrepresented

Divisive Issues / Academic Freedom

- In US – a multifaceted hot button issue
- In UK – legislation to address free speech and research security
- Australia, Canada and Germany also report free speech / research security challenges

Accountability / Transparency

- In US – quality = earnings
- In UK – Many students don't earn enough money after graduation
- Canada, US, UK, Germany, Australia all report increased efforts to mandate more disclosure
- Slovakia
- Romania

Takeaways

- Lots of common issues affecting higher institutions across the globe
- Few forums for intensive and extensive discussion of these issues
- Shouldn't we have a better mechanism to share challenges and opportunities?

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