



**Marching to Prosperity**



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How do young people get ahead in the world?

In Holland, nearly half of all young people attend University; some forty percent of the adults have a tertiary degree; and the labor market is fiercely competitive.

Students join clubs as a way of building their social networks while they are completing their studies. The Minerva Student Club is the largest and one of the the oldest Student Clubs in Holland. The club has approximately 2,000 members and some 28,000 old members. It was founded in 1814, and by the turn of the 20th century it had become one of the largest in the Netherlands.

Minerva is known for attracting an elite membership. The club provides a network of contacts that students can call on throughout their working lives. Joining Minerva is, in many respects, one of the ways in which the Dutch youth join the elite.

Each year Minerva inducts new members, and after a fairly tame hazing period, there is an induction ceremony. This series captures the students who have just been formally inducted into Minerva as they march through the city.

A mixture of youth, shyness, pride and arrogance can be seen as they march triumphantly through the city streets.

































































































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