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U.S. accuses rich parents of college entry fraud

美国（司法部）指控富豪家长涉嫌高校入学欺诈

fraud/frɔːd/: n. 欺诈罪，欺骗罪

搭配短语：credit card fraud 信用卡诈骗

搭配短语：a \$100 million fraud 涉案金额达1亿美元的欺诈行为

In a major college **admissions scandal** that **laid bare** the **elaborate** lengths some wealthy parents will go to get their children into competitive American universities, **federal prosecutors** charged 50 people Tuesday in a **brazen** scheme to buy spots in the freshman classes at Yale, Stanford and other big name schools.

周二，在一起重大高校招生丑闻中，美国联邦检察官对 50 人提出了诉讼。在这桩无耻的舞弊黑幕中，涉案人员通过行贿来购买耶鲁、斯坦福和其他名校的新生入学资格。这起招生丑闻披露了一些有钱的父母是如何处心积虑地将孩子送进竞争激烈的美国高校的。

admission: n. 准许进入；承认

scandal: n. 丑闻

lay bare: 揭露，使公开；暴露

同义词：reveal, disclose

搭配短语：lay bare sth.

搭配短语：lay bare the truth of the accident 揭露事故的真相

the elaborate lengths some wealthy parents will go: 有钱的父母处心积虑地做...

go to (great/adj.) lengths: 竭尽全力

elaborate/ɪ'læbəreɪt/: adj. (计划、程序等) 详尽的；精心计划的

搭配短语：elaborate plans

搭配短语：elaborate preparations

federal prosecutor: 联邦检察官

prosecutor/'prɒsɪkjʊtər/: n. 检察官；公诉人

英文释义：a person who officially accuses someone of committing a crime

词性拓展：prosecute (v. 起诉)

搭配短语：federal prosecutor

搭配短语：state prosecutor

派生词汇：prosecution (n. 起诉，检举)

a brazen scheme: 厚颜无耻的计划

brazen/'breɪzn/: adj. 厚颜无耻的

近义词：shameless

例句：She had become brazen about the whole affair. 她对整个事件变得厚颜无耻。

Thirty-three **well-heeled** parents were charged in the case, including Hollywood **celebrities** and **prominent** business leaders, and prosecutors said there could be additional **indictments** to come.

33 名富豪家长在本案中被指控，包括好莱坞明星和杰出的商界领袖。检察官表示，之后可能会提起更多诉讼。

well-heeled/wel 'hi:ld/: adj. 有钱的，富裕的

同义词：rich; wealthy

反义词：down at the heels

be charged in: 被指控

celebrity: n. 名人；名声

搭配短语：to gain celebrity: 成名

prominent: adj. 重要的；著名的；显眼的

相关词汇：prominence: n. 显赫

搭配短语：to gain/acquire prominence: 获得声望

例句：a story that is given prominence in today's newspapers: 在今天的报纸上占据显著位置的一篇报道

indictment/ɪn'daɪtmənt/: n. (对严重罪行的) 控告, 起诉

词性拓展：indict (v. 控告)

搭配短语：bring in an indictment against sb.

搭配短语：under indictment for...

The scheme **unveiled** Tuesday was stunning in its breadth and audacity. It was the **Justice Department's** largest-ever college admissions **prosecution**, a sprawling investigation that involved 200 agents nationwide and resulted in charges against 50 people in six states.

周二被曝光的欺诈案涉及面之广、手段之大胆令人震惊。作为美国司法部有史以来提起的最大一起高校招生诉讼，这项大规模调查动用了全国 200 名联邦探员，指控涉及到 6 个州的 50 人。

unveil: v. 揭露

be stunning in its breadth and audacity: 涉及面之广、手段之大胆令人震惊

stun: v. 打昏；是震惊

例句：The community was stunned by the tragedy. 社区公众对悲剧感到震惊

breadth/bredθ/: n. 宽度；广度，广泛性

英文释义：the quality of including a lot of different people, things, or ideas

近义词：width

搭配短语：the breadth of the river

例句：Her breadth of reading surprised me. 她的阅读广度让我感到惊讶。

audacity/ɔː'dæsəti/: n. 大胆，放肆

英文释义：courage or confidence of a kind that other people find shocking or rude

例句：Your Majesty, she had the audacity to poison me! 陛下，她大胆地毒害了我！

例句：He had the audacity to blame me for his mistake! 他大胆地责怪我的错误！

Justice Department: 司法部

prosecution /prə'sɪ'kjuːʃ(ə)n/: n. 起诉

a sprawling investigation: 一场大规模的调查

sprawling/'sprɔːlɪŋ/: adj. 杂乱无序展开的；延伸范围大的

词性拓展：sprawl (v. 蔓延)

sprawl 英文释义：spreading in an untidy way

sprawling 英文释义：“Sprawling” is good for describing things that extend across a large area.

例句：His handwriting is sprawling. 他的笔迹庞大。

搭配短语：a sprawling campus 一个庞大的校园

Authorities say the parents of some of the nation's wealthiest and most privileged students **sought to** buy spots for their children at top universities, not only cheating the system but also **potentially** cheating other hardworking students out of a chance at a college education.

有关当局说，美国最富有最优越的一些学生的父母企图为他们的孩子在顶尖大学里“购买”一席之地，这不仅是钻制度的空子，还可能是在剥夺其他努力学习的学生接受大学教育的机会。

privileged：adj. 有特权的

相关词汇：privilege：n. 特权

seek to：力求

seek 过去式/过去分词：sought

potentially：adv. 潜在地

In many of the cases, prosecutors said, the students were not aware that their parents were **doctoring** their test scores and **lying** to get them into school. Federal prosecutors did not charge any students or universities with **wrongdoing**.

检察官说，在其中很多案件中，学生并没有意识到自己的父母是通过篡改考试成绩和欺诈使自己入学的。联邦检察官没有指控任何学生或大学有不法行为。

doctor/'dɔːktər/：v. 篡改；伪造

词性拓展：doctor (n. 医生；博士)

英文释义：to change a document in order to deceive people

例句：He had doctored the evidence.

lie：说谎

lie 进行时：lying

wrongdoing/'rɒŋduːɪŋ/：n. 不法行为；欺骗行径

英文释义：illegal or dishonest behaviour

相关词汇：wrong (adj. 错误的)

相关词汇：doing (n. 行为)

例句：The company denies any wrongdoing. 该公司否认有任何不当行为。

"The parents are the **prime movers** of this fraud," Andrew E. Lelling, U.S. **attorney** for the **district** of Massachusetts, said Tuesday during a news **conference**. Lelling said that those parents used their wealth to create a separate and unfair admissions process for their children.

在周二的新闻发布会上，马萨诸塞州联邦检察官安德鲁·莱林说：“家长是这起欺诈案的主谋。”莱林表示，这些父母利用他们的财富为子女另辟出一条不正当的入学道路。

prime mover: n. 主谋，主要规划人

英文释义：a person or thing that starts something and has great influence in the way it develops

相关词汇：prime (adj. 主要的)

相关词汇：mover (n. 搬家工人；提议人)

mover 近义词：proposer; seconder

例句：She is the prime mover of the event.

attorney/ə'tɜːrni/: n. 律师（尤指代表当事人出庭者）

词义辨析：attorney 和 lawyer

指“律师”时，attorney 和 lawyer 是包含与被包含的关系——所有的 attorney 都可以做 lawyer，但并非所有的 lawyer 都能做 attorney 的工作。在美国，上过法律学校的人都可以说是 lawyer，但做 attorney 不仅要法律学校毕业，而且还要通过一项考试，这类考试叫做 bar exams，律师考试，通过之后才可以出庭为别人辩护，把律师作为职业来从事。

district：n. 地区

conference：n. 会议

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“这次案件的真正受害者是那些勤奋努力的学生”，他们在录取过程中，被“资质相差甚远的学生和通过行贿将孩子送进大学的家长”挤出了录取名单，莱林说。

be displaced: 被取代

displace: v. 取代；使背井离乡

buy (one's) way in/into (sth.): 买通

英文释义：to pay money in order to gain access to a group or place

例句：He bought his way into the university with his family connections.

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