# 0414 | Why the WeWork fiasco makes for compelling TV

为什么 WeWork 的惨败能拍成扣人心弦的剧集 "WeCrashed" turns a **corporate** tale into a popcultural event 《初创玩家》把一家公司的兴衰史变成一起流行文化事件



SURFING BETWEEN team-building exercises. Tequila shots in meetings and *pot on* private jets. Barefoot **strolls** around New York. Adam Neumann's **quirks** have been familiar to readers of newspapers' business pages since 2019, when WeWork, the workspace provider with tech aspirations that he co-founded, reached a private valuation of \$47bn, only to **crumble** after an **abortive** initial public offering (IPO). The story of WeWork and its **flamboyant** boss have now reached a wider audience thanks to "WeCrashed", a new series which will **stream** on Apple TV+ from March 18th.

在团建活动的间隙冲浪,在开会时喝龙舌兰酒,在私人飞机上抽大麻,在纽约光着脚晃荡。自2019以来,报纸商业版面的读者已经很熟悉亚当.诺伊曼(Adam Neumann)的各种怪异行为了。那一年,他联合创办的一心想成为科技公司的工作空间供应商WeWork在私人市场的估值达到470亿美元,却在IPO失败后轰然倒塌。3月18日,Apple TV +上线了新剧集《初创玩家》,WeWork 和它这位浮夸老板的故事将因此更加广为人知。

Popular culture, whose creators lean left, **revels** in **skewering** the **perceived** greed of capitalism, also through the **prism** of real-life business figures. The **villains** change with the times. In the 1990s it was the **buy-out barons** ("Barbarians at the Gate"). After the financial crisis of 2007-09 it was the investment bankers (notably on stage with "The Lehman Trilogy") and other financiers (on the silver screen with "The Big Short"). As big tech grew too big for some tastes, the **spotlight** turned to its **misanthropic** billionaire bosses ("Steve Jobs", "The Social Network").

由偏左翼人士创造的流行文化热衷于尖锐讥讽"资本主义的贪婪",而这本身也是透过真实的商界人物这一棱镜所获的观感。这些反派人物与时俱进地改头换面。上世纪90年代他们是收购大亨(参见《门口的野蛮人》一书)。在2007至 2009 年的金融危机之后,他们变成了投资银行家(尤其是话剧《雷曼兄弟三部曲》里的人物)和其他金融家(电影《大空头》里的角色)。随着大型科技公司规模越来越大而引起了一些反感,聚光灯又转向了性情乖僻的亿万富翁大老板(电影《史蒂夫.乔布斯》和《社交网络》)。

The latest **cohort** of capitalist anti heroes and heroines to receive popcultural treatment includes the darlings of Silicon Valley's startup scene ." The Dropout ", a series streaming on Hulu and Disney +, **recounts** the rise and fall of Elizabeth Holmes and her **fraudulent** blood - testing firm . Showtime's "Super Pumped" **dissects** the life of Travis Kalanick, Uber's brilliant but **abrasive** co - founder ." WeCrashed" belongs to this **genre** .

最新一批接受流行文化注目礼的资本主义反英雄包括硅谷创业界的宠儿。在 Hulu 和 Disney + 上播放的美剧《辍学生》(The Dropout)讲述了伊丽莎白.福尔摩斯(Elizabeth Holmes)和她那欺世盗名的验血公司的兴衰。 Showtime 播出的《热血野心》(Super Pumped)剖析了优步才华横溢但生硬粗鲁的联合创始人特拉维斯·卡兰尼克(Travis Kalanick)的人生。《初创玩家》也属于这一类题材。

Mr Neumann and his <code>new - agey</code> wife , Rebekah (" fear is a choice '), are made for TV . Most chief executives have big egos but few can match the <code>sheer</code> scale of the couple's <code>narcissism</code> ( or good looks ). Mr Neumann , who grew up in an Israeli kibbutz , once claimed that the <code>elusive</code> Middle East peace treaty would be signed at a WeWork <code>venue</code> . His company's IPO <code>prospectus</code> promised not merely to offer convenient co - working space but , apparently without <code>irony</code> , to " <code>elevate</code> the world's consciousness'. <code>Portrayed</code> masterfully by Jared Leto and Anne Hathaway , the on - screen Neumanns are , like many startup founders only more so , both <code>intoxicating</code> and painful to watch . It is suddenly easy to understand why so many investors felt at once <code>besotted</code> and uncomfortable around them .

诺伊曼和他新世纪范儿的妻子丽贝卡 (Rebekah) (她曾对丈夫说"恐惧是一种选择")简直就是为电视而生。大多数高管都自视甚高,但很少有人能与诺伊曼夫妇的自恋程度相提并论(外貌也比不上)。在以色列集体农场长大的诺伊曼曾声称,迟迟难以达成的中东和平条约将在 WeWork 的某个办公场地签署。他公司的招股说明书不仅承诺提供便捷的共享办公空间,还一本正经地声称要"提升世界的意识"。电视剧里的诺伊曼夫妇被贾里德·莱托(Jared Leto )和安妮·海瑟薇(Anne Hathaway)演绎得惟妙惟肖,即令人着迷又难以直视——就和许多创业公司的创始人一样,只不过程度更甚。突然间你很容易就理解为什么这么多投资者在他们身边会感到既痴迷又不安。

Mr Neumann's **knack** for distorting reality — most notably by dressing up a *lossmaking* offce - **rental** firm as a successful tech giant - is a **trait** common to many successful founders . It is not the whole story , however ." WeCrashed " also depicts how the reality of Silicon Valley distorted him and his firm . In one scene Son Masayoshi , the **messianic** boss of SoftBank , a *free - spending* Japanese tech - investment group that poured billions into WeWork , tells Mr Neumann ," You' re not crazy enough ." A string of other **prominent** venture capitalists likewise encouraged the company to *aim for* the stars . So it did .

诺伊曼扭曲现实的本事是许多成功创始人的共同特征,他在这方面最出名的就是把一家亏损的办公室租赁公司包装成一个成功的科技巨头。然而,这并不是这部电视剧的全部内容。《初创玩家》还描绘了硅谷的现实如何扭曲了诺伊曼和他的公司。有这样一幕,一向大肆挥霍、往 WeWork 砸了十几亿的日本科技投资集团软银救世主般的老板孙正义对诺伊曼说,"你还不够疯"。多个知名风投

Colourful characters aside, WeWork's rise and fall makes for compelling TV because it follows the dramatic **arc** of a Greek tragedy: a **protagonist grossly** overestimates his abilities; his **hubris** is punished; order is restored. Except in this case, the punishment is **meted** out not by **mercurial** gods but by Mr Neumann's increasingly impatient VC backers and the public markets, whose **scrutiny** of his firm's value - torching business model undid the IPO. As such," WeCrashed" also traces the arc of capitalism's capacity for self - correction.

抛开多姿多彩的人物不谈,WeWork 的兴衰故事本就是很好的电视剧素材,因为它的情节是沿着希腊悲剧的戏剧性弧线展开的:主角严重高估了自己的能力,他的狂妄自大受到了惩罚,秩序得到恢复。只不过在现实中,施以惩罚的不是喜怒无常的神,而是诺伊曼那些越来越不耐烦的风险投资者和公开市场,他们对这家公司自毁价值的商业模式的盘查令 IPO 计划告吹。因此,《初创玩家》同时也勾勒出了资本主义自我纠正能力的弧线。■

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# **Notes**

• fiasco /fɪˈæskəʊ/

n. 彻底失败, 惨败

近义词:

[n.] collapse

习惯用语:

The meeting was a fiasco from start to finish. 会议自始至终都失败了。

• compel /kəm'pel/

vt. 强迫, 使不得不

### 近义辨析:

compel: 指在法律、权力、力量或行动等的驱使下被迫而为。

force: 指用个人意志、权力、权威或暴力等, 迫使他人改变看法或做本不愿做的事。

constrain: 侧重施加约束力或有约束作用的影响,也指环境对人强加的影响迫使人去做某事,尤指受良心、情感等内在力量驱使去做某事。

oblige: 指由于生理上或道德上的需要,促使某人做某事,也指有权威的人或机构迫使某人做某事,还可指在特定情况下被迫作出的反应。

### 习惯用语:

feel compelled 被迫的 compel from 迫使 be compelled to 不得不 His playing compels respect, if not enthusiasm.
如果不是狂热的话,他的表演就是强迫他人予以敬重。
His courage and skill compel our admiration.
他的勇气和技巧使我们都很钦佩。

# • corporate /'kɔːp(ə)rət/

adj. 社团的, 法人的

### 习惯用语:

corporate image 企业形象;公司形象 corporate finance 公司金融;公司理财;公司融资 corporate management 公司管理部门;公司主管人员 corporate capital 公司资本 body corporate 法人团体 corporate organization 法人组织 corporate citizenship 企业公民;公司公民;公司公民意识

The owner opened a corporate checking account at the bank. 公司老板在银行开了一个法人账户。

#### • stroll /strอบ/

n. 闲逛;漫步;巡回演出vi. 闲逛;散步;巡回演出

vt. 闲逛; 散步

### 近义辨析:

walk: 最常用词,中性词,指除跑、跳之外所有移步的动作。

stride: 着重步子大而且节奏有力,流露出匆忙、烦恼、得意等情绪。

stroll: 多指走走停停,步子缓慢,悠闲自得,漫无目的。 strut: 指大摇大摆地走,含过分自信或自高自大意味。

pace: 指踱步, 走步。

# 习惯用语:

stroll through 踱进; 漫步; stroll about 游逛,散步 stroll along 沿着……散步 take a stroll 散步

Mignt I suggest a stroll after lunch? 午饭后是不是可以去散步?

### • crumble /'krʌmb(ə)l/

vt. & vi. (把...)弄碎, (使)碎成细屑 vi. 衰落, 崩溃

apple crumble 烤苹果奶酥 crumble to dust 化为乌有;垮掉 state crumbles 政府倒台

He crumbled the bread in his fingers.

他用手指把面包捻碎。

Our hopes crumbled when the business went bankrupt.

商行破产了, 我们的希望也破灭了。

# • quirk /kwa:k/

n. 怪癖; 急转; 借口

### 习惯用语:

quirk up 扭曲; (为表示惊讶、欣喜等)扬(眉),翘(嘴唇);

All men have their own quirks and twists.

人人都有他们自己的怪癖和奇想。

One of his quirks is that he refuses to travel by train.

他的怪癖之一是不愿乘火车旅行。

# • abortive /o'tz:cd'e

adj. 落空的,失败的; <废>流产的, 小产的; (未成熟就)提前发生的

n. <药>堕胎药; <医>流产, 小产

adv. 落空地,失败地

n. 落空,失败

### 习惯用语:

We had to abandon our abortive attempts.

我们的尝试没有成功,不得不放弃。

# • flamboyant /flæm'bɒɪənt/

adj. (人或物)显眼的, 浮夸的, 炫耀的

# 习惯用语:

His clothes were rather flamboyant for such a serious occasion. 他的衣着在这种严肃场合太浮夸了。

### • **stream** /stri:m/

n. 溪流;流动;光线;潮流

vi. 流; 涌进; 飘扬 vt. 流出; 涌出; 使飘动

### 习惯用语:

main stream 干流; 主干流

data stream 数据流 a stream of 一连串

revenue stream 收入来源;收益流

stream line 流水线

Episodes of " All is Well" have been streamed more than 390m times. 《都挺好》累计播放过量已超过3.9亿次。

revel /'rev(ə)l/

vi. 狂欢;陶醉

n. 狂欢;闹饮;喜庆狂欢活动

习惯用语:

revel in 得意于,纵情于;着迷

She seems to revel in annoying her parents.

她似乎以惹父母生气为乐。

Christmas revels with feasting and dancing were common in England.

圣诞节的狂欢歌舞在英国是很常见的。

• **skewer** /'skju:ə/

n. 烤肉叉子; 串肉扦; 针 vt. 刺穿; 串住; **讽刺, 讥讽** 

习惯用语:

chicken skewer 鸡肉串

A hit TV series in China skewers cranky old parents. 中国的一部热播电视剧讽刺了脾气暴躁的老父母。

• **perceive** /pə'si:v/

vt. 察觉,感觉;理解;认知 vi. 感到,感知;认识到

习惯用语:

perceive as 视为;当作

We perceive him wish to make progress.

我们看得出他是要求进步的。

• prism /'priz(ə)m/

n. [数]棱柱; [物]棱镜

习惯用语:

triple prism 三棱镜

The prism broke the light into all the colors of the rainbow. 棱镜把光分解成虹的各种色彩。

• villain /'vɪlən/

n. 恶棍; 反派角色

### 习惯用语:

the villain of the piece 反面角色;首恶 playing villains 打小人 The Villains 土匪;年

Some villains robbed the widow of the savings. 有几个歹徒将寡妇的积蓄劫走了。 The impression of villains was inescapable. 留下恶棍的印象是不可避免的。

• buyout /'bai\_aut/

n. 全部买下(市上产品)

### 习惯用语:

leveraged buyout [经]融资收买;融资买入

At \$34bn the deal is one of the biggest ever buy-outs involving private equity. 这笔价值340亿美元的交易是迄今规模最大的私人股本收购交易之一。

• baron /'bær(ə)n/

n. 男爵; 大亨; 巨头

### 习惯用语:

robber barons 强盗贵族;强盗大亨 drug baron 毒枭 robber baron 强盗贵族,强盗式资本家

Are you a friend of Baron Wendleton's? 你是温尔顿男爵的朋友吗? The oil baron was killed by an assassin. 这位石油大亨被刺客杀害了。

spotlight /'spotlart/

n. 聚光灯(的光); 公众注意的中心 vt. 聚光照明; 使公众注意, 使突出醒目

### 习惯用语:

in the spotlight 处于公众注意的中心;出风头

The spotlight followed her round the stage. 聚光灯的光圈随着她在舞台上转。 This week the spotlight is on the world of fashion. 本周引人瞩目的是时装界。

misanthropic /mɪs(ə)n'θrɒpɪk/

adj. 厌恶人类的,憎恶(或蔑视)世人的

# 习惯用语:

Misanthropic Symphony 厌世交响曲

The clientele tend to be misanthropic. 这里的客人有点独来独往。

• cohort /ˈkəʊhɔːt/

n. 一群;步兵大队;支持者;同生群

# 习惯用语:

cohort study 队列研究; 世代研究; 定群研究; 断代研究; 同期群研究

Dress simply, pursue nature but not flubdub. Mind the fashion of your age cohorts; be polite according to different occasion.

衣着朴素,追求自然而不是引人注意。留意与自己同等人的时尚,根据不同的场合,做到斯文有礼。

• recount /rɪˈkaʊnt/

vt. 详细叙述某事; 讲述某事; 重新计算

n. 重数, 重新计算选票

### 习惯用语:

recount technique 叙事技巧

They recounted umpteen tales of unfair treatment. 他们讲述了许许多多不公平待遇的故事。

• **fraudulent** /ˈfrɔːdjʊl(ə)nt/

adj. 欺骗的,不诚实的adv. 欺骗地

近义词:

[adj.] dishonest, dishonorable

反义词:

[n.] honest, honorable

### 习惯用语:

fraudulent trading 欺诈交易 fraudulent act [法] 欺骗行为; 诈骗行为 fraudulent codeword 伪造文书

The investigation has laid bare their fraudulent scheme. 这个调查把他们的骗局暴露无遗。

• dissect /daɪ'sekt/

vt. 解剖(动物等); 仔细分析或研究

To dissect and observe the suprarenal gland, to draw materials from the organ in whole, then suprarenal gland tissue slices under the light microscope with methods of HE. 解剖观察肾上腺、整体取材、常规HE染色、光学显微镜观察肾上腺组织学结构。

### • abrasive /əˈbreɪsɪv/

adj. 摩擦的; 磨损的; 有磨蚀作用的; 使人厌烦的;粗鲁的

n. (研)磨料;磨蚀剂; <地质>磨蚀岩屑

近义词:

[adj.] rough, unsmooth

### 习惯用语:

abrasive wear 磨损;磨料磨损;磨蚀 abrasive belt 磨带 abrasive paper 砂纸

An abrasive material is unsuitable for cleaning baths. 有磨蚀作用的材料不适合擦浴缸。

### • genre /ˈʒɒŋrə/

n. 类型;流派;风俗画

adj. 风俗画的;以日常情景为主题的

### 习惯用语:

genre painting 风俗画 (以日常生活为题材之写实画); 浮世绘

Even American Pie, which comes from a genre that is notoriously misogynist... 既使像是<美国派>这种被女性厌恶著称的类型......

### • sheer /ʃɪə/

adj. 完全的; 十足的; 陡峭的; 垂直的; 极薄的, 轻的, 透明的 adv. 垂直地, 陡峭地 vi. 避开, 突然转向

# 习惯用语:

sheer nonsense 一派胡言

It is sheer madness to do it. 做这种事实在愚不可及。 His speedy promotion is from sheer ability. 他全凭才干而被迅速提拔。

### • narcissism /'na:sisiz(ə)m/

n. 自恋, 自我陶醉

### 近义词:

[n.] egoism, self-interest, self-concern, self-centeredness

narcissism self-love 自恋 body narcissism 身体自恋

In costumes more extravagant than any Gaultier concert frocks, he revealed an actor's narcissism, neediness, daring.

角色浓艳戏服下,他抖出了一个演员的自恋、需索和毋视世俗。

• elusive /ɪˈl(j)uːsɪv/

adj. 难以捉摸的;难以找到的;不易记住的

### 习惯用语:

elusive factor 难以捉摸的因素

Data Are Elusive on the Homeless.

无家可归的资料是难以定义的。

Interpol have searched all the corners of the earth for the elusive hijackers.

国际刑警组织已在世界各地搜查在逃的飞机劫持者。

- venue /'venju:/
- n. 聚集地点;会场;(尤指)体育比赛场所; <律>犯罪地点;审判地; <主美>争论中所持的立场

# 习惯用语:

outdoor venue 户外场地 performance venue 表演场地 Olympic venue 奥运场馆 venue management 场地管理 judging venue 评审地点

The Grand Hotel, venue of this week's talks, is packed out. 作为本周会谈场址的格兰德大饭店已经客满。

- prospectus /prə'spektəs/
- n. 章程,简章,简介

### 习惯用语:

prospectuses n. 说明书(prospectus的复数);招股说明书;售股章程 organization prospectus 机构简介 school prospectus 学院课程手册; 学校概览

An order form was included with the prospectus. 订单附在说明书上。

- irony /'aɪrənɪ/
- n. 反语, 冷嘲; 具有讽刺意味的事, 嘲弄

situational irony 情境反讽

Socratic irony 苏格拉底式反讽

dramatic irony (戏剧中人物未察觉但是观众可以领会的) 戏剧性讽示 (等于tragic irony)

By a cruel irony of fate, the wealthy man died heirless.

命运捉弄人真是残酷,这位富翁身后无嗣。

• elevate /'eliveit/

vt. 举起; 提升; 振奋情绪等; 提升...的职位

# 近义辨析:

lift: 指用人力或机械力把某物升到较高的位置。

hoist: 多指用绳索、滑轮等机械把重物升起。

raise: 较正式用词,常可与lift换用,但强调把某物举起或抬起到应有的高度。常用比喻。elevate: 较正式用词,指位置、高度的升高,多作比喻用,指职位、品德等的提高。

heave: 指需花大力气或借外力才能举起或抬起重物。

boost: 原义指从后面或下面推起或提高, 现常用于指提高价格、振作精神等抽象概念。

### 习惯用语:

elevate to 提高至; 提升至; elevating device 升降装置

He used a couple of bolsters to elevate his head.

他用两个垫枕垫头。

Good reading elevates the mind.

阅读好书可使思想高尚。

• portray /po:'treɪ/

vt. 画像;描述;扮演

近义词:

[v.] represent, interpret, act, play

# 习惯用语:

portray in (在书、戏剧、电影或绘画中) 把 (某人) 描绘、刻画成 depicture portray 刻画

Popular tradition portrays Richard III as a hunchback.

流行的传说把理查三世描绘成驼子。

Lawrence portrays feminists as shrill, humourless, and desexed.

劳伦斯把女权主义者刻画成尖声喊叫、毫无幽默感和女性魅力的人。

• intoxicating /ɪn'tɒksɪ,keɪtɪŋ/

adj. 醉人的;令人陶醉的;使兴奋的;(指酒类)蒸馏的(非发酵的)

# 习惯用语:

inside intoxicating 沉迷之中 Intoxicating lipstick 醉人的口红 On summer evenings the flowers gave forth an almost intoxicating scent. 夏日的傍晚,鲜花散发出醉人的芳香。

### • **besotted** /bi'sotid/

adj. 愚蠢的,糊涂的

习惯用语:

besotted love 糊涂的爱

Her youth and beauty besotted him. 她的年轻美貌迷住了他。

### • knack /næk/

n. 诀窍;本领;熟练技术;巧妙手法

习惯用语:

pull knack 门路 knack way 门路 knack know-how 诀窍

There is a knack in tying ropes together. 把绳子绑在一起有点技巧。 He has a knack of saying funny things. 他有说俏皮话的本事。

• rental /'rent(ə)l/

n. 租赁;租金收入,租金 adj. 租赁的;收取租金的

习惯用语:

rental housing 租赁房屋 car rental 汽车出租

He wanted to amortize his fixed rental cost by stretching the operating hours. 他想用延长营业时间来分摊固定的租金。

• trait /treɪt/

n. 人的个性, 显著的特点, 特征

# 近义辨析:

quality: 最普通用词,既可指有形或无形的特性,又可指个性或共性的特征。feature: 指事物突出引人注目的特点。多用来说明人的容貌特征或地理特征。characteristic: 指某人或某物天生有别于他人或他物的内部特质或外表特征。

peculiarity: 指人或事物独具的或奇怪的特点,常带感情色彩。

trait: 多指人的性格、心情的特征,尤指先天秉赋的持久的行为模式或性格特征。

attribute: 通常指人主观赋予某事物的属性,可指典型事物。 character: 多指一类人或事物所具有的独特的典型的特征。

### 习惯用语:

personality trait 人格特质,个性品质 common trait 共同特质 behavioral trait 行为特性

His generosity is one of his good traits. 慷慨大方是他的好品质之一。 How many of these traits are genetically inherited? 这些特征有多少是遗传的?

messianic /mesiˈænik/

adj. 救世主的;以救世主自居的,救星似的

### 习惯用语:

Show Judah's gradual understanding of the Nathan Oracle's messianic expectation in pertinent prophectical texts, and the prophetical longing's ultimate fulfillment "in the fullness of time". 今天希望为题目设定一个范围,方便大家温习,并不是说现在说的就是考试题目。

• **prominent** /'prominent/

adj. 突起的, 凸出的; 显著的; 突出的; 杰出的, 著名的, 卓越的

### 习惯用语:

prominent feature 突出特征 prominent character 主要特性

He was dismissed for publicly insulting prominent politicians. 他在大庭广众之下辱骂政坛显贵,结果被撤职了。

• arc /a:k/

n. 弧(度);弧形物;天穹;弧光(全称electric arc)

adj. 圆弧的;反三角函数的 vt. 走弧线;形成电弧

# 习惯用语:

circular arc 圆弧 arc length 弧长

arc welder 电焊机;焊工

The rainbow forms an arc in the sky. 彩虹在天空中呈一个弧形。

protagonist /prəˈtæg(ə)nɪst/

n. (戏剧的)主角;(故事的)主人公;现实事件(尤指冲突和争端的)主要参与者,主要人物;领导者;倡导者;拥护者

protagonist detail 主角演员 main protagonist 主人公

She was herself a vehement protagonist of sexual equality. 她本人就热心提倡男女平等。

The negative protagonists in the play inspire hate in me. 该剧中的反面角色激起我心中的仇恨。

# • grossly /'grəusli/

adv. 十足地; 严重地; 非常; 极其; 下流地; 大略

# 习惯用语:

intentional or grossly negligent act 故意的或严重疏忽的行为 grossly negligent 重大疏忽 grossly unfair 非常地不合理

The punishment was grossly disproportionate to the crime. 这种惩罚与罪行极不相称。

## • **hubris** /'hju:brɪs/

n. 骄傲自大,自恃

近义词:

[n.] arrogance

### 习惯用语:

hubris humility 傲慢 inside-out hubris 自内而外的狂妄

There is no safety in unlimited technological hubris. 在技术方面自以为是会很危险。

# • mete /mi:t/

vt. <正,文>(对某人)施以,给予(处罚等)

### 习惯用语:

mete out 给予

metes and bounds (事物的) 公认范围, 界限; (房地产的) 四至, 界线

Severe penalties were meted out to the offenders.

违例者受到了严惩。

Schools should not mete out physical punishment to children.

学校不应该体罚学生。

### • mercurial /mɜːˈkjʊərɪəl/

adj. (指人)反复无常的;水银的,含水银的

近义词:

[adj.] changeable

# 习惯用语:

mercurial column 水银柱 mercurial thermometer [仪] 水银温度计 mercurial barometer [气象] 水银气压计 a mercurial nature反复无常的性格

What will their counsel be to the mercurial President? 他们会对特朗普这位善变的总统做出怎样的建议呢?

The man is as mercurial a character as you will ever encounter. 你从没见过像他这样善变的人。

### • **scrutiny** /'skru:tɪnɪ/

n. 监视;详细审查;细看;选票复查

# 习惯用语:

public scrutiny 群众监督 close scrutiny 密切监视; 仔细审查; media scrutiny 媒体严密关注

He resumed his scrutiny of the chess-board. 他的眼睛又回到棋盘上。 I welcome all scrutiny. I fear no questions. 我欢迎各方面的意见。我也不惧怕任何的问题。