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**Summary:** Dale and Krueger had classified everyone who earned more than \$200,000 into the same category, making no distinction between an affluent doctor earning \$250,000 and Jeff Bezos. Chetty and his authors use a slightly different approach. They classify everyone's income into percentiles—80th, 81st, etc. Among top students, 19% who attend the top schools make it to the richest 1% of the income distribution, versus 12% who didn't attend. Chetty's co-author Deming compares those upper-tail outcomes to winning the lottery: Elite schools have lots of lottery tickets lying on the ground, whereas most other colleges only have a few. For most people, the lottery ticket will be worth nothing. For a few, it is a jackpot. Related: [Diversifying Society's Leaders? The Determinants and Causal Effects of Admission to Highly Selective Private Colleges](#)

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