# EU Controversial Update On Copyright Protection

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## Table: 阻碍妨碍

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| Verb) **hinder/hamper/obstruct/impede** sb from doing |
| [hinder sb from doing]  Hinder sb/sth (from sth/from doing sth) to make it difficult for sb to do sth or sth to happen 阻碍妨碍；阻挡  e.g. a political situation that hinders/hampers/impedes/obstructs/blocks economic growth 妨碍经济发展的政治局面  e.g. An injury was hindering him from playing his best. 受伤后他无法发挥出最高水平。 |
| hamper /ˈhæmpə/   * V-T If someone or something hampers you, they make it difficult for you to do what you are trying to do. 妨碍 e.g The bad weather **hampered/hindered** rescue operations.  恶劣的天气阻碍了救助行动。 * **N-COUNT A hamper is a basket containing food of various kinds, like fruit, snacks, desserts, that is given to people as a present/gift. （作为礼品的）盒装食物，袋装食物 e.g.** a Christmas hamper 圣诞礼品盒; ...a luxury food hamper.  …一个豪华的食物礼品篮。 e.g. a WongWong Hamper e.g. ...a picnic hamper.  …一个野炊篮子。 |
| /əbˈstrʌkt/ obstruct .   1. obstruct: to block a road, an entrance, a passage, etc. so that sb/sth cannot get through, see past, etc. 阻挡阻塞(道路，入口，通道)  **[挡住了(道路，入口，通道) obstruct the road/entrance/passage/ the driveway 车道]** e.g. You can't park here; you're **obstructing my driveway**. 挡住了我家的车道 e.g. First check that the accident victim doesn't have an obstructed airway. 首先要确保事故受伤者的气道通畅 2. V-T If someone or something **obstructs your view挡住sb’s的视线,** they are positioned between you and the thing you are trying to look at, stopping you from seeing it completely. 挡住sb’s的视线 e.g. The pillar **obstructed our view** of the stage. 柱子挡**住我们的视线**，我们看不见舞台 e.g. She positioned herself slightly so as not to **obstruct David's line of sight/view**. 挡住戴维的视线 3. **[obstruct/**] to **hinder/hamper/impede sb from doing** sth or making progress, especially when this is done **deliberately/intentionally （强调故意）**妨碍，阻挠，阻碍 e.g. They were charged with obstructing the police in the course of their duty. 他们被指控妨碍警察执行公务。 e.g. terrorists attempting to obstruct the peace process 企图阻碍和平进程的恐怖分子 e.g. The authorities are obstructing a United Nations investigation.  当局在阻挠一次联合国调查 |
| /ɪmˈpiːd/  impede, impediment /ɪmˈpɛdɪmənt/   * [ VN ] **[ often passive ]** ( formal ) to delay or stop the progress of sth 阻碍；阻止. SYN hinder , hamper    If you impede someone or something, you make their movement, development, or progress difficult. 阻碍  e.g. Debris and fallen rock are impeding the progress of the rescue workers.  瓦砾和落下的岩石正阻碍着救援人员的进程  e.g. Work on the building was impeded by severe weather. 楼房的施工因天气恶劣而停了下来.  ## impediment /ɪmˈpɛdɪmənt/   * NCOUNT Something that is an impediment to a person or thing makes their movement, development, or progress difficult. 妨碍; 障碍物 **[ impediment = obstacles/barricade ]** e.g. The level of inflation is a serious **impediment/obstacle/barricade** to economic recovery. 通货膨胀是影响经济复苏的严重障碍 * N-COUNT Someone who has a speech impediment has a disability that makes speaking difficult. (言语) 障碍(天生的口吃) **speech impediment** e.g. John's slight **speech impediment** made it difficult for his mother to understand him. |
| N) obstacle, barricade, barrier, hurdle, impediment, block |
| /ˌbærɪˈkeɪd/  barricade  n. v.   * n. A barricade is a line of vehicles or other objects placed across a road or open space to stop people from getting past, for example, during street fighting or as a protest. 街垒; 路障 e.g. Large areas of the city have been closed off by barricades set up by the demonstrators.  e.g. The police broke **the barricades**冲破了街垒 the demonstrators had put up. * V-T If you barricade something such as a road or an entrance, you place a barricade or barrier across it, usually to stop someone from getting in. 在…设路障 E.g. The rioters **barricaded streets/driveway** with piles of blazing tyres.  闹事者用成堆燃烧着的轮胎挡住了街道 e.g. They barricaded all the doors and windows. 他们用障碍物堵住了所有的门窗。 * **PHRASAL VERBS 动词短语 [barricade yourself in/inside a place]** to build a barricade in front of you in order to prevent anyone from coming in 躲在(房间)里 e.g. She had **barricaded himself in his room**. 他把自己关在房间里。 |
| barrier /ˈbærɪə/   * N-COUNT A barrier is something such **as a rule, law, or policy** that makes it difficult or impossible for something to happen or be achieved. (特指 **法律/规章制度**)障碍 e.g. Duties and taxes are the most obvious **barrier** to free trade.  关税及其他各种税是自由贸易最明显的障碍。 * N-COUNT A barrier is a problem that prevents two people or groups from agreeing, communicating, or working with each other. 障碍; 隔阂 e.g. There is no reason why love shouldn't cross **the age barrier**.  爱情没有理由不应跨越年龄障碍e.g. She had been waiting for Simon to **break down the barrier** between them. 破除他们之间的隔阂 * N-COUNT A barrier is something such as a fence or wall that is put in place to prevent people from moving easily from one area to another. 栅栏; 围墙; 屏风 e.g. The demonstrators broke through heavy **police barriers 警方的重重关卡**. * N-COUNT A barrier is an object or layer that physically prevents something from moving from one place to another. 屏障 e.g. A severe storm destroyed a **natural barrier between the house and the lake 房屋和湖泊之间的天然屏障。** * N-SING You can refer to a particular number or amount as a barrier when you think it is significant, because it is difficult or unusual to go above it. (数量) 大关 e.g. They are fearful that unemployment will soon **break the barrier of three million.**  失业人数不久将突破300万大关 |
| hurdle /ˈhɜːdəl/   * N-COUNT A hurdle is a problem, difficulty, or part of a process that may prevent/hinder/hamper/obstruct you from achieving something; hurdle = obstacle障碍; 难关困难 * e.g. The next hurdle will be getting her parents' agreement about her engagement下一个难关是征得她父母的同意 * N-COUNT-COLL Hurdles is a race in which people have to jump over a number of obstacles that are also called hurdles. You can use hurdles to refer to one or more races. (供人或马在赛跑中跨越的）栏架，跨栏 **[a hurdle race; the 400 m hurdles 300米跨栏赛 ; clear a hurdle: 跨过栏架 ] e.g.** His horse fell at the final hurdle. 他骑的马在最后一个跨栏倒下了   e.g. Davis won **the 400 metre hurdles** in a new Olympic time of 49.3 sec. * V-T/V-I If you hurdle, you jump over something while you are running. (奔跑中) 跨越 **[hurdle over a fence 跳过一处栅栏]** e.g. He crossed the lawn and **hurdled over the short fence** 越过/跨越低矮的栅栏 e.g. He **hurdled two barriers** to dodge reporters. **跳过/跨越了两个障碍物** 以躲避记者 |
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| obstacle /ˈɒbstəkəl  N-COUNT An obstacle is an object that makes it difficult for you to go where you want to go, because it **blocks/obstructs your way**. 障碍物.  **[ 挡住了(道路，入口，通道) obstruct the road/entrance/passage/ the driveway 车道]**  e.g. Most competition cars will only **roll over** if they hit an obstacle.  多数赛车在撞到障碍物时都会翻车。 |

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| /waɪnd/  wind ( wound wound /waʊnd/  )  v.  1. [ adv./prep. ] ( of a road, river, etc. 路、河等 ) to have many bends and twists 蜿蜒；曲折而行；迂回  e.g. The path wound down to the beach. 这条小路弯弯曲曲通向海滩。  e.g. The river winds /waɪnd/  its way between two meadows. 这条河蜿蜒流经两个牧场之间。  2. [ VN , adv./prep. ] wind: to wrap or twist sth around itself or sth else 卷缠；缠绕；绕成团  e.g. He **wound the wool into a ball.** 他把毛线缠绕成一团。  e.g. **Wind the bandage** around your finger. 用绷带把你的手指包扎起来。  3. [wind sth up] to make a clock or other piece of machinery work by turning a knob , handle, etc. several times 给（钟表, 老式留声机等）上发条；通过转动把手等操作  **[给表上发条: wind the clock up; 摇上车窗: wind the window up ]**  e.g. He had forgotten to **wind his watch up** 给表上发条。  e.g. It was one of those old-fashioned gramophones that winds up. 那是一台上弦的老式留声机  e.g. He started **winding the window up** but I grabbed the door and opened it.  他开始摇上车窗  4. ~ (sth) forward/back to operate a tape, film, etc. so that it moves nearer to its ending or starting position 卷绕，倒（磁带、胶卷等）  e.g. He wound the tape back to the beginning. 他把磁带倒到了开头。  ## /waɪnd/  wind up   * PHRASAL VERB When you wind up an activity, you finish it or stop doing it. 完成; 停止 (活动) e.g. The president is about to **wind up his visit to Somalia.**  总统即将**结束**对索马里的访问。   e.g. About a week and a half ago we told you how the European Union had hit Google with another fine for **hindering competition 妨碍竞争.** Well technology companies including Google could **wind up** owing more money to the EU under its new copyright rules.   * PHRASAL VERB When you wind up something such as the window of a car, you make it move upwards by turning a handle. 摇上 (车窗等) **[给表上发条: wind the clock up; 摇上车窗: wind the window up ]** e.g. He started **winding the window up** but I grabbed the door and opened it.  他开始摇上车窗 |
| **避免惹麻烦: stay out of trouble** |

When it comes to books, songs, art and movies, a copyright gives a person or a business legal permission to make copies of the work or publish and sell it. Media companies and artists have said the EU needs to update its copyright protections for the internet age and make sure the copyright holders are fairly paid for their content.

But critics of the EU rules say they’re too **vague** 含糊and they could lead technology companies to block too much content in an effort to **stay out of trouble 避免惹麻烦**. European officials say it could take two years to implement the rules.

The EU **is poised to** **deliver a major blow against (对xxx进行严重打击)** big tech with new **draconian measures** that could place an enormous responsibility on tech platforms when it comes to taking down copyrighted material. 在撤除受版权保护的材料时，这些措施可能会给科技平台施予重大责任。

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| **蓄势待发，准备好要做xxx : Be poised for sth; [pɔɪzd]; Be poised to do sth;** |
| **避免惹麻烦: stay out of trouble** |
| **对xxx进行严重打击: deliver a major blow against sb/sth** |
| draconian /dreɪˈkəʊnɪən, drə-/  **[draconian law, punishment, measures, etc. 法律、惩罚, 措施等]**  ADJ**draconian laws or measures** are extremely harsh and severe. 严酷的 (法令或措施)  e.g. ...indications that there would be no **draconian measures 严厉的措施** to lower U.S. health care costs. |
| **[at the forefront of xxx tech; at the forefront of sb’s mind/attention]**   * N-SING If you are at the forefront of a campaign or other activity, you have a leading and influential position in it. (运动、活动的) 前沿   e.g. They have been at the forefront of the campaign for political change.  他们一直处于政治变革运动的前沿  e.g. Women have always been at the forefront of the Green movement. 妇女总是在环境保护运动的最前列  e.g. The new product took the company to the forefront of the computer software field. 该新产品使这家公司跻身计算机软件业的前列   * N-SING If something is **at the forefront of people's minds or attention**, they think about it a lot because it is particularly important to them. xxx**是某人(思考、关心，关注的) 重心**   e.g. The pension issue is always **at the forefront of his mind** in the spring of 1985.  养老金问题是他思考的重心 e.g. The court case was constantly **at the forefront of my mind** (= I thought about it all the time) . 这个诉讼案件一直萦系在我的心 |

And this isn’t the first time that the EU has been **at the forefront of** regulating big tech (**在xxx的前沿)** whether it’s data protection, anti-trust violations, tax violations, on all those the EU has led the charge on **cracking down/suppressing on tech companies制裁科技公司 = impose sanctions on .** ...and this is illegal under EU anti-trust rules.根据欧盟的反垄断规定，这是非法的。

But critics are arguing that these new regulations/**provisions规定** are not just **a blow 打击** to big tech but also to internet freedom by potentially **chilling the average user’s ability** to create and post content. **//chill sb. = to frighten sb 使恐惧；恐吓；吓唬**

The rule aims to protect copyrighted content on the internet. Sounds good **in theory/theoretically 理论上** but various parts of the directive are proving to be **controversial/contentious**争议**.** One of those components would make online platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and ReadIt all **liable for 为xxx承担责任copyright infringement 版权侵权** on their platforms.

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| chill sb. = to frighten sb 使恐惧；恐吓；吓唬 |
| controversial/contentious争议  e.g. This is a **controversial** treaty.  e.g. I’m a **contentious** person. |
| be liable for 为xxx承担责任 |
| copyright infringement 版权侵权 |
| /prəˈvɪʒn/ **provide => provision**   * [ U ] [ C usually sing. ] the act of supplying sb with sth that they need or want; sth that is supplied 提供；供给；给养；供应品   e.g. The government is responsible for **the provision of health care**. 政府负责 提供医疗服务。  e.g. There is no provision for anyone to sit down here. 这里没有可坐的地方。  e.g. The provision of specialist teachers is being increased. 当局正在增加设置专门师资。   * **[made provisions for xxx = make preparations for xxx]**preparations that you make for sth that might or will happen in the future （为将来做的）准备 e.g. He had already **made provisions for**(= planned for the financial future of) his wife and children before the accident. 意外事故发生之前，他已为妻子、儿女做好了经济安排。   e.g. You should **make provisions for** things going wrong. 你要采取措施，以防不测。   * **( provisions ) [ pl. 复数]** supplies of food and drink, especially for a long journey 饮食供应；（尤指旅途中的）粮食 N-UNCOUNT If you make provision for someone, you support them financially and make sure that they have the things that they need. 供给   e.g. Special **provision** should be made for children.  应该给孩子们特别的供给   * [ C ]  A provision in a law or an agreement is an arrangement which is included in it; a condition or an arrangement in a legal document（法律文件的）规定，条款   e.g. He backed a **provision** 规定 that would allow judges to delay granting a divorce decree in some cases.  他支持允许法官在有些情况下推迟离婚判决的规定。  e.g. Under the **provisions** 规定 of the lease, the tenant is responsible for repairs. 按契约规定，房客负责房屋维修 |
| formidable challenges 艰巨的挑战  e.g. This is enormous task/project with **formidable challenges** |
| **memes [miːm] 表情包 = a package of emojis** |
| in practice (真正)实施起来 |
| **## point out xxx**   * PHRASAL VERB If you point out an object or place, you make people look at it or show them where it is. **指<东西>给sb.看** e.g. They kept standing up to take pictures and **point things out** to each other.  相互**指<些东西>给对方看**。 e.g. “Where is the hotel?” OK, let me **point it out** to you. 我**指<东西>给你看** * PHRASAL VERB If you **point out a fact or mistake**, you tell someone about it or draw their attention to it. 指出 (事实、错误) e.g. Supporters of the new law **point out** that **memes [miːm] 表情包/emoji** are actually protected because a **meme** is a **parody** which the directive still permits.因为表情包是在指令依然允许范围内的一**种拙劣模仿**   **## single sb. out**  PHRASAL VERB If you **single someone out from a group**, you choose them and give them special attention or treatment. 选出; 挑出  e.g. His immediate superior has **singled him out** for a special mention.  他的顶头上司专门提到他。 |

Now this **provision（法律文件的）规定，条款/rule/regulation** is extremely vague 含糊 so no one knows exactly what it will look like **in practice (真正)实施起来.** But what it’s suggesting is that online platforms use content recognition technologies to examine every single piece of content that’s uploaded to their sites. That is an enormous task with **formidable challenges 艰巨的挑战.**

For YouTube alone, that means filtering the more than 500 hours of new video uploaded to the site every minute and it’s not just video. Even **memes [miːm] 表情包/emoji** could potentially get these sites into legal trouble since the images used in **memes [miːm] 表情包/emoji** are often sourced from copyrighted content.Supporters of the new law **point out** that **memes [miːm] 表情包/emoji** are actually protected because a **meme** is a **parody** which the directive still permits.因为表情包是在指令依然允许范围内的一**种拙劣模仿**。

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| ## /ˈpærədi/   parody, parodies  ~ (of sth)  1. **[a parody of sth ]:** is a piece of writing, music, acting, etc. that **deliberately** copies the style of sb/sth in order to be amusing 滑稽模仿作品（文章、音乐作品或表演的滑稽仿作等）  e.g. a parody of a horror film 一部恐怖电影的仿作  2. [ C ] ( disapproving ) something that is such a bad or unfair example of sth that it seems ridiculous 拙劣的模仿；荒诞不经的事 SYN travesty  e.g. The trial was a parody of justice. 那次审判是对正义的嘲弄。  3. v. [ VN ] to copy the style of sb/sth in an exaggerated way, especially in order to make people laugh 滑稽地模仿；夸张地演义  ## prodigy /ˈprɒdədʒi/  **[a musical prodigy 音乐奇才; a math prodigy]**  n. a young person who is unusually intelligent or skilful for their age**天才儿童；神童** |

But critics argue that it’s unlikely that these automated content filters are going to be able to tell the difference between a **copyright infringement 版权侵权** case and a **parody case 拙劣的模仿事例** which could mean that a lot of content used legally may **get caught in the crossfire 受到两面夹击**.

And that’s not just **theoretical**, it happens all the time. In 2016 **ironically** enough, YouTube’s content filter mistakenly took down/deleted a speech made by the EU Trade Commissioner and that video was even uploaded by a member of the European parliament. So the goal of this **provision 规定**is to make sure that the original copyright holders are paid their fair share. But for a law that **is meant to** 旨在做<xxx事情>/有意要做<xxx事情>shift some power away from big tech, it might actually **end up/wind up** helping them 以xxx方式结束.

That’s because right now building an automated content filter requires a lot of capital. Capital that only big tech companies might have access to. Google alone has spent more than $100 million for YouTube’s current content ID filter. A filter that still **mislabels**贴错标签 videos all the time. For those platforms that don’t have $100 million to spend, the consequences of the rule change are unclear, but what is clear is that companies like Google already **have an upper hand in this space 在xxx领域占据了上风**。

So we don’t know how exactly this will all **play out** 最后到底会发生什么 but what we do know is that this has the potential to change the internet as we know it around the world, not just in Europe.

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| 受到两面夹击: get caught in the crossfire |
| 旨在做<xxx事情>/有意要做<xxx事情>: be meant to do sth = want and plan to do |
| have an upper hand in this space. 在xxx领域占据了上风。 |
| play out   = V to finish 完成  let's play the game out if we aren't too late |

# EU Orders Google to Pay New Fine

For the third time in two years, the European Union is ordering Google to pay more than $1 billion for **breaking EU rules**/break rules. The first time had to do with shopping. In 2017, the EU **accused Google of** using its own search engine to **steer/direct shoppers to** its own shopping platform instead of those of its competitors. **引导**消费者去往自己的购物平台

Search for almost anything you could buy online and right at the top Google will first offer you a box with a selection of that product, say jeans. If you go further and click on it, Google **directs/steers you to** its own Google shopping page. The European Commission argues that by promoting its own business and **banishing/get rid of** other such websites to around the fourth page of search results.

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| * accuse sb of, accusation, accuser, accused * charge sb with * Indict sb for, indicter, indictee * The plaintiff, defendant   \*A plaintiff is a person who brings a legal case against someone in a court of law. 原告  \*A defendant is a person who has been accused of breaking the law and is being tried in court. 被告 |
| **剥夺了sb做xxx的机会 deny sb a chance to do sth** |
| ## banish /ˈbænɪʃ/  V-T If someone or something **is banished from a place or area of activity**, they are sent away from it and prevented from entering it. 驱逐  e.g. John **was banished/ousted** from England.  约翰被逐出英国。  e.g. I was banished to the small bedroom upstairs.  我被赶到楼上的小卧室。  V-T If you **banish something unpleasant = eliminate sth = get rid of sth消除**  e.g. ...a public investment programme intended to **banish/get rid of** the recession. 一项旨在 消除经济衰退 的公共投资计划。 |
| ## oust  V-T If someone is ousted from a position of power, job, or place, they are forced to leave it. 罢黜; 把…撤职; 驱逐  e.g. The leaders have been ousted from power by nationalists.  那些领导人已被民族主义者赶下了台。  e.g. The Republicans may oust him in November.  共和党人可能在11月罢免他 |
| ## deport, deportation  If a government deports someone, usually someone who is not a citizen of that country, it sends them out of the country because they have committed a crime or because it believes they do not have the right to be there. 把…驱逐出境. **[a deportation order 驱逐出境令]**  e.g. ...a government decision earlier this month to deport all illegal immigrants.  …本月早些时候政府一项驱逐所有非法移民的决定。  e.g. Several of **the asylum seekers** now face deportation. 寻求避难的人中有几个将遭递解出境 |
| * **不过如今: Now though** * **自从那以后：Since then** |
| **表示尊重，但并不赞同: respectfully disagree with sth** |

What Google is doing, it really **denying anyone else a chance to** **剥夺了sb做xxx的机会**compete and denying consumers with what it calls a genuine choice. The EU said that was unfair and fined the company $2.7 billion a record at the time. Google said it disagreed and that it tried to show ads in ways that helped buyers and sellers but then another fine came last summer.

The EU said Google was **breaking/breach the law/a provision**. Google disagreed saying Android had created more choices for everyone not less. The technology company has not paid these fines yet. It’s **appealing** them through the court system. 它正通过法庭程序进行申诉。

**Now though不过如今,** it has a third one to address the one Google was ordered to pay Wednesday. It’s worth $1.7 billion, again it’s about **hindering/hamper/obstructing/impeding competition** 阻碍竞争。 The European Union says Google prevented its competitors from advertising on certain websites. This went on for 10 years between 2006 and 2016 and after European lawyers **objected to** it in 2016, Google stopped doing it. **Since then,** Google says its made a quote "wide range of changes in order to address the Commissions concerns."

The company says more changes are ahead based on what it calls feedback from Europe and as far as the latest fine goes, Google says it **respectfully disagrees with it. 表示尊重，但并不赞同。**

But with American companies like Google, Apple and Facebook being so **dominant** around the world, Europe’s been closely watching them and sometimes actively **confronting them** over competition, privacy and tax issues. 与sb产生争执。So all of this is only part of the tension between U.S. internet and tech companies and international governments.

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| monopolize /**məˈnɒpəˌlaɪz/  [垄断市场: monopolize the market ]**  V-T If you say that someone monopolizes something, you mean that they have a very large share of it and prevent other people from having a share. 垄断  e.g. They are controlling so much cocoa that they are virtually **monopolizing the market 垄断市场**。   * **( 渗透；穿透)打入(新加坡)市场 penetrate the Singapore market** * **penetrate a new market in Singapore** * **stock market volatility/swing 波动/不稳定** |
| N-UNCOUNT 垄断 monopolization **[mə,nɔpəlai'zeiʃən, -li'z-]**  e.g. ...**the monopolization of a market** by a single supplier.  …单一供货商对一个市场的垄断。  V-T If something or someone monopolizes you, they demand a lot of your time and attention, so that there is very little time left for anything or anyone else. 独占  e.g. He would monopolize her totally, to the exclusion of her brothers and sisters.  他要完全独占她，甚至排斥她的兄弟和姐妹。 |
| monopoly /məˈnɒpəlɪ/   * N-VAR If a company, person, or state has a monopoly on something such as an industry, they have complete control over it, so that it is impossible for others to become involved in it. 垄断 e.g. ...Russian moves to end a state monopoly on land ownership.  …俄罗斯人提议结束国家对土地所有权的垄断。 * N-COUNT A monopoly is a company which is the only one providing a particular product or service. 垄断企业 e.g. ...a state-owned monopoly.  …一个国有垄断企业 * N-SING If you say that someone does not have a monopoly on something, you mean that they are not the only person who has that thing. 独有 e.g. Women do not have a monopoly on feelings of betrayal. 背叛感并非是女人独有的。 |
| [ VN ] confront   1. ( of problems or a difficult situation 问题或困境 ) to appear and need to be dealt with by sb 使…无法回避；降临于 e.g. the (sluggish) economic problems **confronting the country** 这个国家所面临的经济问题 e.g. The government found itself confronted by massive opposition. 政府发现自己遭到了强烈的反对 2. to deal with a problem or difficult situation 处理，解决, 克服（问题或困境） SYN face up to   e.g. She knew that she had to **confront her acrophobia.** 她心里明白自己必须克服恐高。//**acrophobia : abnormal fear or dread of being at a great height 恐高症**   1. [confront sb.] to face sb so that they cannot avoid seeing and hearing you, especially in an unfriendly or dangerous situation与（某人）面对面对峙对抗 e.g. This was the first time he had **confronted a terrorist.** 这是他第一次面对一个恐怖分子   e.g. But with American companies like Google, Apple and Facebook being so **dominant** around the world, Europe’s been closely watching them and sometimes actively **confronting them** over competition, privacy and tax issues.  V.S**.[ a face-off between protesters and police; a standoff between US and CHINA ]**   1. ~ sb with sb/sth: to make sb face or deal with an unpleasant or difficult person or situation 使面对，使面临，使对付（令人不快或难处的人、场合）   e.g. He confronted her with a choice between her career or their relationship. 他要她在事业和他们两人关系之间作出抉择。 |

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