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#### **Minimum Wages: Leaving a bad taste**

#### 最低工资：留下了坏印象

Higher minimum wages may force bad restaurants out of business.

愈高的最低工资可能使糟糕的餐馆倒闭。

With Republicans in charge in Washington, the **federal** minimum wage is unlikely to **alter** soon.

由于共和党在华盛顿执政，**联邦**最低工资就不可能很快**更改**了。

But debate over the impact of local pay floors is as hot as ever.

但对当地最低工资的影响的争论和以往一样火热。

Little wonder: 18 states and 22 cities and counties raised their minimum wages at the start of 2017, according to the National Employment Law Project, a campaign group.

难怪，根据国家就业法项目，即一个运动组织，18 个州和 22 个城市和乡镇在 2017 年初调高了他们的最低工资。

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Left-wing activists have for years pushed politicians to **guarantee** minimum pay of \$15 an hour, more than twice the federal minimum of \$7.25(读的是 7 dollars 25), which last went up in 2009(这个写成 winter 是没有好好关注语法, 也没有注意可能连读! ).

左翼活动分子多年来一直敦促政治家**保证**最低工资为每小时 15 美元, 这是联邦最低限额每小时 7.25 美元的两倍多, 联邦在 2009 上升了。

A new working paper by Dara Lee Luca of Mathematica Policy Research and Michael Luca of Harvard Business School looks at the impact of higher minimum wages from a new angle.

数学政策研究公司的 Dara Lee Luca 与哈佛商学院的 Michael Luca 一起做的一个新的工作报告从新的角度的影响看待调高的最低工资。

Traditionally, scholars have focused on whether or not minimum wages reduce employment.

传统上, 学者们关注的是最低工资是否减少就业。

But the Lucas asked something else: does it force firms out of business?

但是 Lucas 问了另外一个问题: 它是否迫使企业破产?

In particular, they looked at the restaurant industry—about half of minimum-wage workers **toil** over food—in the San Francisco Bay Area, which contains 15 of the 41 cities and counties that have changed their minimum wages since 2012.

特别是, 他们关注了餐馆业—大约一半的最低工资工人在旧金山湾地区**辛辛苦苦**维持生计, 其中包含自 2012 起, 已改变了他们的最低工资的 41 个城市和乡镇中的 15 个。

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