Their analysis relies on data from Yelp, a restaurant-review app favoured by **millennial**s.

他们分析数据源于受**千禧一代**喜爱的餐厅点评 APP Yelp。

The Lucas found that a restaurant has, on average, a one-in-250 chance of closing in any given month.

Lucas 发现，平均而言，一家餐馆有 250 分之一可能性会在任何一个月倒闭。

Whether or not the odds change when the minimum wage rises seems to depend on the quality of the eatery—or at least, on its Yelp **rating**.

当最低工资上涨时是否可能发生变化似乎取决于餐馆的质量—至少取决于在 Yelp 的**评级**。

Restaurants with a **coveted** five-star score are barely affected; but less impressive joints are suddenly more likely to close.

拥有**令人垂涎的**五星成绩的餐馆几乎没有受到影响；但不那么令人印象深刻的联合餐馆突更可能然关闭。

Restaurants with a middling rating are about 14% more likely to shut down when the minimum wage goes up by a dollar. (The authors also show that rating is **distinct** from price—in other words, a **glorious** but cheap takeaway has less to worry about than sellers of **pricey** but tasteless fare).

当最低工资上涨一美元时，中等等级的餐馆大约有 14%的可能倒闭。（作者还表示，评级与价格**不同**，换言之，一种**极好的**而廉价的外卖比**昂贵的**而无味的卖家更不用担心）。

The result can be spun **multiple（非常好用的写作形容词）** ways.

这个结果可以有**多种（的）**理解。

If those scholars who say that overall restaurant employment is **unaffected** by higher minimum wages are right, the implication of the new paper is that pay floors somehow force up the quality of restaurants.

如果那些认为餐馆总体就业**不受**愈高最低工资**影响**的学者正确无误，新研究就意味着保底工资水平会在某种程度上迫使餐馆提高质量。

So long as one minimum-wage worker is much like another, a laid-off waiter will be able to find a new job somewhere serving better grub.

只要一个最低工资的工人和另一个工人差不多，一个下岗的服务员就能在别处找到一份更好的工作。

If those scholars are wrong, however, then the new paper supports what **sceptics（=skeptics 非常好用的写作词）** have said all along: that higher minimum wages, by threatening the viability of some firms, dent employment opportunities for **the low-skilled**.

然而，如果这些学者是错误的，那么新的文件就支持了**持怀疑态度的人**一直在说的：调高的最低工资，通过威胁一些公司的生存能力，削弱了**低技能**就业机会**的人**。

That should be **food for thought（固定搭配）** .

那这应该是**令人深思的事（固定搭配）**。