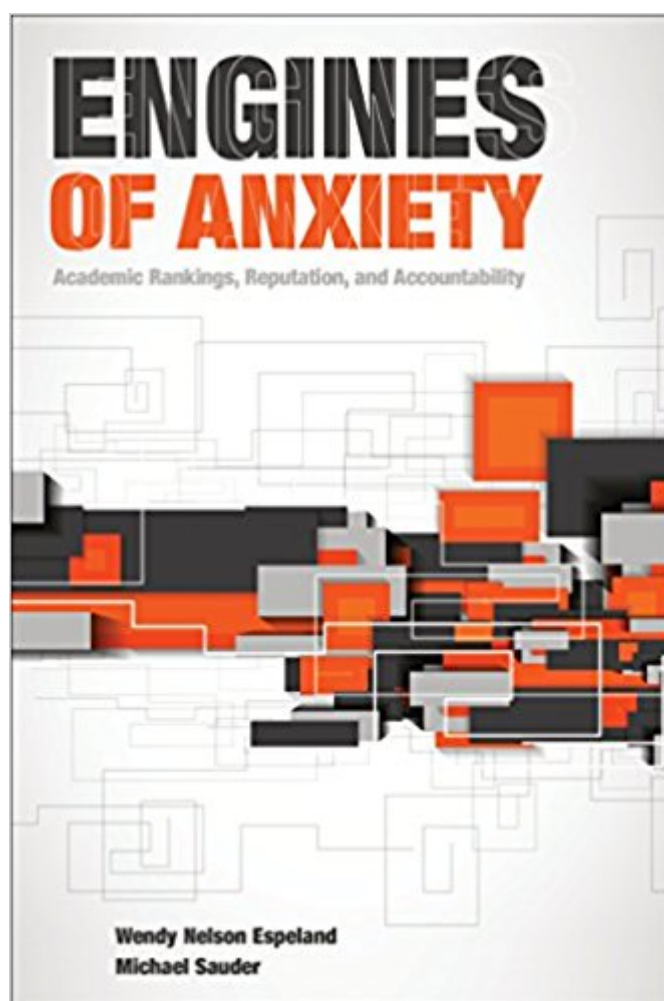


The book was found

Engines Of Anxiety: Academic Rankings, Reputation, And Accountability



Synopsis

Students and the public routinely consult various published college rankings to assess the quality of colleges and universities and easily compare different schools. However, many institutions have responded to the rankings in ways that benefit neither the schools nor their students. In *Engines of Anxiety*, sociologists Wendy Espeland and Michael Sauder delve deep into the mechanisms of law school rankings, which have become a top priority within legal education. Based on a wealth of observational data and over 200 in-depth interviews with law students, university deans, and other administrators, they show how the scramble for high rankings has affected the missions and practices of many law schools. *Engines of Anxiety* tracks how rankings, such as those published annually by the U.S. News & World Report, permeate every aspect of legal education, beginning with the admissions process. The authors find that prospective law students not only rely heavily on such rankings to evaluate school quality, but also internalize rankings as expressions of their own abilities and flaws. For example, they often view rejections from "first-tier" schools as a sign of personal failure. The rankings also affect the decisions of admissions officers, who try to balance admitting diverse classes with preserving the school's ranking, which is dependent on factors such as the median LSAT score of the entering class. Espeland and Sauder find that law schools face pressure to admit applicants with high test scores over lower-scoring candidates who possess other favorable credentials. *Engines of Anxiety* also reveals how rankings have influenced law schools' career service departments. Because graduates' job placements play a major role in the rankings, many institutions have shifted their career-services resources toward tracking placements, and away from counseling and network-building. In turn, law firms regularly use school rankings to recruit and screen job candidates, perpetuating a cycle in which highly ranked schools enjoy increasing prestige. As a result, the rankings create and reinforce a rigid hierarchy that penalizes lower-tier schools that do not conform to the restrictive standards used in the rankings. The authors show that as law schools compete to improve their rankings, their programs become more homogenized and less accessible to non-traditional students. The ranking system is considered a valuable resource for learning about more than 200 law schools. Yet, *Engines of Anxiety* shows that the drive to increase a school's rankings has negative consequences for students, educators, and administrators and has implications for all educational programs that are quantified in similar ways.

Book Information

Paperback: 240 pages

Publisher: Russell Sage Foundation; 1 edition (May 9, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 087154427X

ISBN-13: 978-0871544278

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.9 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #110,720 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #22 in Books > Law > Media & the Law #141 in Books > Textbooks > Education > Educational Philosophy #307 in Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Education Theory > Philosophy & Social Aspects

Customer Reviews

Wendy Nelson Espeland is professor of sociology at Northwestern University. Michael Sauder is associate professor of sociology at the University of Iowa.

for office use.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Engines of Anxiety: Academic Rankings, Reputation, and Accountability Anxiety: Anxiety Cure Secrets: 10 Proven Ways To Reduce Anxiety & Stress Rapidly (BONUS- 30minute Anxiety Coaching Session- Anxiety Cure, Become Free, 10 simple ways) Separation Anxiety: A Parent's Guide for Dealing with a Child's Separation Anxiety ~ (Separation Anxiety Disorder | Separation Anxiety in Children or Toddlers) CBT Worksheets for Teenage Social Anxiety: A CBT workbook to help you record your progress using CBT for social anxiety. This workbook is full of ... CBT therapy and CBT books on social anxiety. Allied Aircraft Piston Engines of World War II: History and Development of Frontline Aircraft Piston Engines Produced by Great Britain and the united (Premiere Series Books) Mortal Engines (Mortal Engines #1) Decisiones: A look inside the legal battle between Salsa music legends Willie Colon and Ruben Blades, and an Iraq War Veteran caught in the middle, fighting for his honor and reputation. Reputation Management: The Key to Successful Public Relations and Corporate Communication The Future of Reputation: Gossip, Rumor, and Privacy on the Internet Reno's Big Gamble: Image and Reputation in the Biggest Little City Dangerous Books For Girls: The Bad Reputation of Romance Novels, Explained 500 SEO Tips: Essential Strategies To Bulldoze Through Google's Rankings, Increase Traffic and Go Viral Fantasy Football Tips: 201 Ways to Win Through Player Rankings, Cheat Sheets and Better Drafting

Amazing MN: State Rankings & Unusual Information The 15 Minute Guide to YouTube SEO (2017):
How to Set-Up Your YouTube Videos for Faster Page One Rankings Wordpress SEO 2017:
Optimize your Wordpress Site for Better Rankings! (Webmaster Series) (Volume 4) Make Money
Online for Beginners (SEO) (Online Marketing) (Online Business) (Entrepreneurship): Learn how to
generate more sales with your rankings! (For Beginners Book Series 1) Draft Engine Fantasy
Football 2017: Winning Rankings For Every Scoring System The Mindfulness and Acceptance
Workbook for Anxiety: A Guide to Breaking Free from Anxiety, Phobias, and Worry Using
Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Stage Fright and Performance Anxiety: An Essential Guide
to Staying Calm and Focused Under Pressure - (How to Overcome Stage Fright and Performance
Anxiety)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)