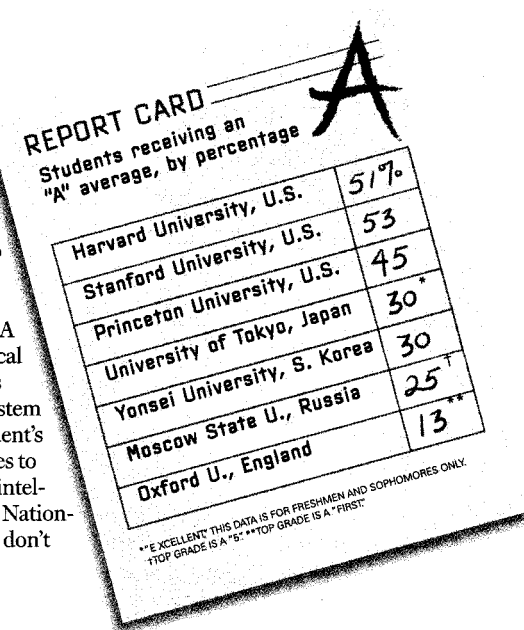


Tekst 1

G R A D E S

'A' Is for ...

ANYTHING GOES? FOR MORE than a decade, Ivy League colleges have been handing out superior grades for less than stellar performances. That's partly America's cult of self-esteem, where criticism is deemed harmful to a student's fragile ego. But mostly it's a response to stressed-out pupils determined to win admission to top Wall Street firms and law schools. So what's the report card on grade inflation? "A failure of honesty," Harvey Mansfield, a political philosophy professor at Harvard, calls it. This spring, he introduced a two-tiered grading system of his own: the "inflated" grade goes on a student's transcript, while a second "realistic" grade goes to the student privately. "Grade inflation is anti-intellectual," says Bradford Wilson, director of the National Association of Scholars. "If the Ivy Leagues don't care about excellence, who will?"



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| Harvard University, U.S. | 51% |
| Stanford University, U.S. | 53 |
| Princeton University, U.S. | 45 |
| University of Tokyo, Japan | 30* |
| Yonsei University, S. Korea | 30 |
| Moscow State U., Russia | 25† |
| Oxford U., England | 13** |

**EXCELLENT THIS DATA IS FOR FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES ONLY.
†TOP GRADE IS A "B". **TOP GRADE IS A "FIRST"

Newsweek

Let op: beantwoord een open vraag altijd in het Nederlands, behalve als het anders is aangegeven. Als je in het Engels antwoordt, levert dat 0 punten op.

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The heading ('A' Is for ...) is followed by "Anything goes?".

- 1p 1 ■ What does this question suggest, judging from the article?
- A American universities can no longer compete with universities abroad.
 - B Students should be honest about their real level of achievement.
 - C Top students at American universities are not given a chance to stand out.
 - D Universities should award students grades in accordance with their achievements.