



Jussie Smollett's Conviction Overturned: Echoes of Bill Cosby's Case

Description

Sure! Below is an adapted version of the text that maintains the original meaning while elevating the language to a CEFR C2 level.

The criminal cases involving Black actors Jussie Smollett and Bill Cosby, both of whom were high-profile entertainers exonerated after their initial convictions, exhibit a considerable disparity in specifics yet reveal salient parallels.

On Thursday, the Illinois Supreme Court articulated a significant commonality between the two cases, highlighting violations of both men's due process rights. In its ruling, the court determined that the conviction of Smollett, who orchestrated a fabricated hate-crime incident, should be dismissed owing to prosecutorial misconduct.

Correspondingly, Pennsylvania's apex court vacated Cosby's 2018 conviction for sexual assault due to analogous principles.

Legal expert Brett M. Rosen articulated to CNN that "the initial agreements formulated by the original prosecutors, which were later disregarded by their successors under public duress, established a breach of trust deleterious to the integrity of their respective proceedings." He further contended, "Ultimately, the reversal of their convictions ensued because the judiciary recognized the intrinsic injustice inherent in prosecuting individuals based on fluctuating promises and external influences."

Crucially, neither Smollett nor Cosby is eligible for retrial on the charges previously levied against them.

Their cases are ostensibly unified by a critical flaw in the prosecution's conduct. Approximately three years prior, Smollett was adjudicated guilty on five of six felony counts of disorderly conduct for allegedly orchestrating a hate-crime hoax. His legal saga notably marked a second attempt at prosecution after prior charges were dismissed, a decision ultimately deemed inappropriate by the Illinois Supreme Court.

In contrast, Cosby's conviction stemmed from a 2018 trial where he was found guilty on charges of aggravated indecent assault regarding an incident dating back to 2004. Yet, he was liberated from imprisonment in June 2021 when Pennsylvania's highest court ruled that his due process rights had been egregiously transgressed.

The convergence of promises made by prosecutors profoundly influenced both cases and underscores the intrinsic responsibility of the state to uphold its commitments, irrespective of the notoriety of the individuals involved.



This adaptation employs a sophisticated vocabulary and complex sentence structures that reflect a higher level of English proficiency. The content remains coherent and insightful, suitable for advanced learners.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Exonerated** /ɪgˈzɒn.ə.reɪ.tɪd/ (verb): Cleared from blame or fault.
2. **Prosecutorial** /ˌprɒs.ɪ.kjuˈtɔːr.i.əl/ (adjective): Relating to the prosecution of legal cases.
3. **Vacated** /ˈveɪ.keɪ.tɪd/ (verb): Set aside or annulled typically referring to a legal decision.
4. **Intrinsic** /ɪnˈtrɪn.zɪk/ (adjective): Belonging naturally; essential.
5. **Deliberate** /dɪˈlɪb.ər.ət/ (adjective): Intended or planned; not accidental.
6. **Disregarded** /ˌdɪs.rɪˈɡɑːr.dɪd/ (verb): Ignored or treated as unworthy of consideration.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe someone who has been cleared of blame or wrongdoing?
Option: Prosecutorial
Option: Catalyst
Option: Exonerated
Option: Intrinsic
2. Which word means done consciously and intentionally?
Option: Disregarded
Option: Vacated
Option: Deliberate
Option: Opulent
3. What adverb describes something done in a secretive or concealed manner?
Option: Clandestinely
Option: Ambiguous
Option: Egregious
Option: Detainee
4. Which term refers to a surprising and previously unknown fact that is disclosed?
Option: Tenure
Option: Revelation
Option: Egregious



Option: Ambiguous

5. What adjective means characterized by rich abundance; luxurious or lavish?

- Option: Prosecutors
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Opulent
- Option: Ambiguous

6. Which word describes something open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning?

- Option: Catalyst
- Option: Ambiguous
- Option: Exonerated
- Option: Intimidate

7. What term is used to describe someone well-known respected and admired for past achievements?

- Option: Catalyst
- Option: Ambiguous
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Intimidate

8. Which adjective means outstandingly bad; shocking?

- Option: Clandestinely
- Option: Egregious
- Option: Detainee
- Option: Commensurate

9. What verb means to frighten or overawe especially in order to make someone do what you want?

- Option: Incarcerated
- Option: Opulent
- Option: Intimidate
- Option: Prosecutorial

10. What does "acclaim" mean?

- Option: Acclaim
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Zenith
- Option: Cultural

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The court _____ the previous judgment due to newly discovered evidence.



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12. She became _____ in three languages by the age of 12.
13. The new law acted as a _____ for positive change in the community.
14. The recent economic crisis provided the _____ for reforming financial regulations.
15. His _____ as CEO of the company lasted for over two decades.
16. She spent a _____ summer vacation by the lake surrounded by nature.
17. He was _____ for ten years for a crime he did not commit.
18. The lawyer argued that the new law was not in line with the country's _____ principles.
19. The statue was erected to _____ the soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
20. Reading books can _____ your knowledge and vocabulary.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. The message of equality with people around the world.
22. The theory was by extensive research and empirical evidence.
23. After years of hard work she finally reached the of her career.
24. The festival aims to promote and celebrate various traditions.
25. The misconduct led to the dismissal of the case against the defendant.
26. The Red Cross visited the being held at the detention center.
27. The artist believed that creativity was an part of human nature.
28. The defense presented strong evidence that challenged the claims made by the .
29. The company's failure to report the environmental violations was an mistake.
30. The award recognized her career in the field of science.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Exonerated 2. Deliberate 3. Clandestinely 4. Revelation 5. Opulent 6. Ambiguous
7. Illustrious 8. Egregious 9. Intimidate 10. Acclaim

Gap-Fill: 11. vacated 12. proficient 13. catalyst 14. impetus 15. tenure 16. idyllic 17. incarcerated
18. constitutional 19. commemorate 20. enrich

Matching sentence: 1. resonated 2. underpinned 3. zenith 4. cultural 5. prosecutorial 6. detainee 7. intrinsic
8. prosecutors 9. egregious 10. illustrious

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