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The three reports I have referred to for the assignment are:

- 1) <https://www.livescience.com/pentagon-ufo-report-coming.html>
- 2) <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/03/us/politics/ufos-sighting-alien-spacecraft-pentagon.html>
- 3) <https://www.indiatoday.in/science/story/us-intel-report-ufo-aliens-1811111-2021-06-05>

### A) Comparing headlines:

The headline for the livescience report is merely a statement where the reporter just states a fact about the report the Pentagon is going to publish.

The headline the New York times article uses is creating a suspense of amongst the readers. It states that the US has found no evidence of alien technology in flying objects. However the headline creates a suspense when it states in a unique way that there no reason to believe that lack of evidence implies absense of alien technology in flying objects.

The India today article is again uses a suspense-based headline. But the reason why it is different from the New York times headline is the fact that it uses a sentence which is 'incomplete'. It uses ellipses after 'but' and forces the reader to read the article to know what is followed after the but.

### B) Comparing leads:

The lead written by livescience report can be classified based on two categories. Based on elements of news, it can be classified as a 'What' Lead as it answers the question 'What is being produced by Pentagon after a months-long investigation'. Also, based on variety of presentation, the lead can be classified as a summary lead as it summarises the article.

The New York times article also uses a summary lead.

The India Today article uses a 'Descriptive Picture' lead. Also, it can be classified as a miscellaneous freak lead as it uses a novel approach and catches the reader's attention by stating 'whoever they are, they are still out there'.

### C) Comparing Body:

The body of the India Today article revolves around the uncertainty of the factual correctness of the existence of the UFOs. It mentions that no evidence has been found that the unusual sightings are linked to Aliens, but further into the article it reassures that the matter would be dealt with in a serious manner, as it is directly linked to a potential national security risk of an adversary flying novel technology over a military base or another sensitive site, or the prospect of a Russian or Chinese development exceeding current US capabilities.

The body of New York Times article is more inclined towards the various theories related to the sources of these unidentified flying objects. It states that the only conclusion in the classified report is that it did not originate from any American military or other advanced U.S. government technology, however it builds up suspense by stating that an unclassified version, expected to be released to the Congress by June 25th, will present few other firm conclusion.

The body of the livescience report primarily focuses on the Pentagon report which is about to be released and also on the fact that it is important to classify anything which enters the airspace which is not supposed to be there is a national security. It produces quotes from the people who believe so. It also states that not everything from the report can be made public.

#### D) Comparing Conclusions:

The livescience article concludes by giving insights about what the committee has requested regarding the outline of the report and what it aims to achieve through this process. It also uses quotes which throw more light on the same.

The India today article concludes through the use of quotes trying to elaborate on the stigma the topic has created on Capitol Hill. It also mentions about a task force the Pentagon has announced. The conclusion of the New York Times article talks about a video that shows a whitish oval object described as a giant Tic Tac, about the size of a commercial plane, encountered by two Navy fighter jets, who also claimed to have had an interaction with the object, off the coast of San Diego in 2004. The article concludes by stating that the Pentagon report studies that incident, including the video that accompanied the interaction & that the provenance of the object as per officials is still unknown.

#### E) Photographs and captions:

The livescience article uses a photograph which was taken by a government employee where he photographed a UFO. It also has a video taken by US Navy jets. The New York Times report has a video which shows an encounter between a Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet and an unknown object. It was released by the Defense Department's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program. The India today article also uses a video, but it was provided by the Department of Defence.