**Propaganda Techniques Detection**

As part of a Mega Project led by scientists at Qatar Computing Research Institute which aims at developing an application that would limit the fake news in articles, we want to detect propagandistic techniques employed in news articles which are randomly selected and presented to you. In order to do that, we will provide you with a flowchart of the most common techniques that are employed in articles with a definition of each technique. All you need to do is follow the steps given in the flowchart, and pinpoint which technique was employed in a specific sentence. Should you find this difficult, please refer to the examples provided hereafter, or watch the instructional video attached with this task.

**Steps:**

In order to annotate and detect propagandistic techniques, please follow the following steps:

**Exercise:**

Name calling

* Manchin says Democrats acted like **babies** at the SOTU

* Democrat West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin says his colleagues’ refusal to stand or applaud during President Donald Trump’s State of the Union **speech was disrespectful and a signal that the party is more concerned with obstruction than it is with progress.**

Demonizing the Enemy

Loaded Language

* In a glaring sign of just how **stupid and petty** things have become  in Washington these days, Manchin was invited on Fox News Tuesday morning to discuss how he was one of the only Democrats in the chamber for the State of the Union speech not looking as **though Trump killed his grandma**.

Loaded Language

* As Manchin noted, many Democrats bolted as soon as Trump’s speech ended in an apparent effort to signal **they can’t even stomach being in the same room as the president.**

Exaggeration

You may consider this as an exercise of detecting the techniques.

**Rules & Tips**

* To do the annotation, you must be a fluent speaker of English language.
* Some sentences might be tricky, so make sure you spot the correct technique.
* Make sure you differentiate between propagandistic techniques.
* Try to distant yourself from the content of the news articles and avoid being bias.
* Your emotions have nothing to do with the articles, as you are requested to spot propagandistic techniques.

**With your help, we should be able to create a better version of annotations that detect propagandistic techniques.**