Blog Report Generation App

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Goal

- Automate article collection
- Parse key facts + generate insights from article to aid with blog writing

Intelligence Report - Selected Articles 2025-08-29 to 2025-08-29.pdf

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Combine into collective pdf report to be distributed

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Report Example

Departments of Justice and Homeland Security Partnering on Cross-Agency Trade Fraud Task Force

Article Information

Source Link: https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-and-homeland-security-part

nering-cross-agency-trade-fraud-task-force

Relevance Score: 85/100

Publication Date: August 29, 2025 Dollar Amount: Not specified

Practice Areas: False Claims Act, Government contractor fraud, Regulatory compliance and

enforcement defense, Whistleblower cases

Whistleblower Elements: Yes - Encourages use of qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act

Relevance score: 9

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Justice, in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security, has launched a Trade Fraud Task Force aimed at combating trade fraud by importers and other entities evading tariffs and duties. This initiative is part of the broader 'America First Trade Policy' and seeks to enhance enforcement actions against parties undermining U.S. economic interests.

The establishment of the Trade Fraud Task Force signifies a robust governmental effort to protect American industries from unfair trade practices. By leveraging cross-agency expertise, the Task Force aims to strengthen enforcement under the False Claims Act and other legal frameworks, providing new opportunities for whistleblowers and enhancing compliance across industries.

2. CASE ANALYSIS

A. Parties Involved

- 1. Department of Justice
- 2. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- 4. Homeland Security Investigations

B. Alleged Misconduct

Importers and other entities are engaging in trade fraud by evading tariffs and duties, smuggling prohibited goods, and violating intellectual property rights, thereby harming American manufacturers and workers.

C. Legal Framework

The Task Force will utilize the Tariff Act of 1930, the False Claims Act, and Title 18's trade fraud and conspiracy provisions to pursue enforcement actions.

3. MARKET INTELLIGENCE & EXTERNAL RESEARCH

A. Research Summary

Our real-time research reveals that the DOJ's creation of a cross-agency Trade Fraud Task Force represents a continuation of a broader enforcement trend toward interagency collaboration, particularly visible in other specialized DOJ strike forces (e.g., Disruptive Technology Strike Force, Procurement Collusion Strike Force) launched within the past 18 months. Recent DOJ data also underscores a marked escalation in penalty severity and use of data analytics in fraud investigation. Meanwhile, SEC and CFTC leaders publicly reaffirm steady enforcement amid regulatory shifts. These developments indicate a trajectory of sophisticated, collaborative enforcement targeting trade, procurement, and financial misconduct, raising alarm across affected sectors.

B. Key Insights

1. Enforcement Trends

- Increasing inter-agency coordination: New DOJ task forces (Trade Fraud, Disruptive Tech, Procurement Collusion) show growing cross-branch collaboration
- b. Escalation in monetary recoveries and complexity of cases: 2024 Fraud Section recoveries up 300% to \$2.306 billion; average fraud per individual charged rose 25% to \$35 million
- c. Persistent enforcement commitment amid regulatory change: SEC and CFTC leaders reaffirm core enforcement despite administration shifts

2. Predictions

- a. strategic_implication: Expect expansion of Trade Fraud Task Force actions into more sectors (e.g., textiles, electronics) and global supply-chain investigations
- strategic_implication: Heightened whistleblower referrals in trade sectors; companies should invest in audit and voluntary disclosure programs
- c. strategie_implication: Insurance and compliance markets may offer specialized coverage and advisory services for import-duty and trade compliance risk

3. Strategic Implications

- a. (Trade Fraud Task Force press release industry warning on audit and self-disclosure)
- b. (DOJ Fraud Section year-on-year enforcement data indicating continued aggressive posture)

C. Comparable Cases

1. Disruptive Technology Strike Force (2024-2025)

- a. Similarity: Multi-agency enforcement (DOJ + Commerce) targeting trade-related fraud and illicit exportation
- Key Differences: Focuses on export control and trade secrets acquired by foreign adversaries, rather than customs duty evasion
- Penalty Outcome: Charges unsealed against 34 defendants across 24 cases; ongoing prosecutions
- d. Industry Reaction: Heightened compliance attention in tech and defense sectors

2. Procurement Collusion Strike Force (through March 31 2025)

- a. Similarity: Interagency task force model combining DOJ Antitrust, FBI, DHS, multiple U.S. Attorneys
- b. Key Differences: Targets procurement collusion rather than customs/trade fraud
- e. Penalty Outcome: 175+ investigations opened; 75+ convictions; over \$65 million in fines and restitution; 42 000+ trained agents
- d. Industry Reaction: Agencies and contractors increasing training and red-flag awareness

3. COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement Task Force (2024 Report)

- a. Similarity: Cross-agency enforcement coordinating DOJ and multiple agencies using data analytics
- b. Key Differences: Focused on pandemic-relief fraud, not trade or customs
- e. Penalty Outcome: 3 500+ defendants charged; \$1.4 billion seized/forfeited; 400+ civil settlements; indictments across multiple strike forces
- d. Industry Reaction: Heightened scrutiny of grant/funding programs and internal fraud controls

D. Regulatory Intelligence

1. Agency Guidance

- a. DOJ Fraud Section 2024 Year in Review, emphasizing data analytics and inter-agency coordination:
- SEC and CFTC leaders affirming continued core enforcement despite policy shifts:

2. Congressional Activity

a. Protecting American Industry and Labor from International Trade Crimes Act establishing DOJ trade crime task force with \$20 million funding:

3. Industry Responses

- a. Tech and defense firms ramping compliance amid Disruptive Technology Strike Force actions:
- Government contractors increasing bid-rigging awareness training in response to Procurement Collusion Strike Force;

E. Market Impact

- 1. Stock Responses
- 2. Insurance Risk

3. Compliance Market

- a. Firms across trade-exposed sectors increasing audits and self-disclosures after Task Force announcement:
- Companies adopting enhanced import compliance programs after disruptive tech enforcement surge;

Process Overview

Gather news from various sources

DOJ press releases

SEC Whistleblower Office

CFTC Whistleblower Office

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Analyze with App





- 1. Summarize facts
- 2. Draw insights
- 3. Connect back to whistleblower practice
- 4. Ensure facts are relevant, tone is precise
- 5. Generate report & outline

Create blog

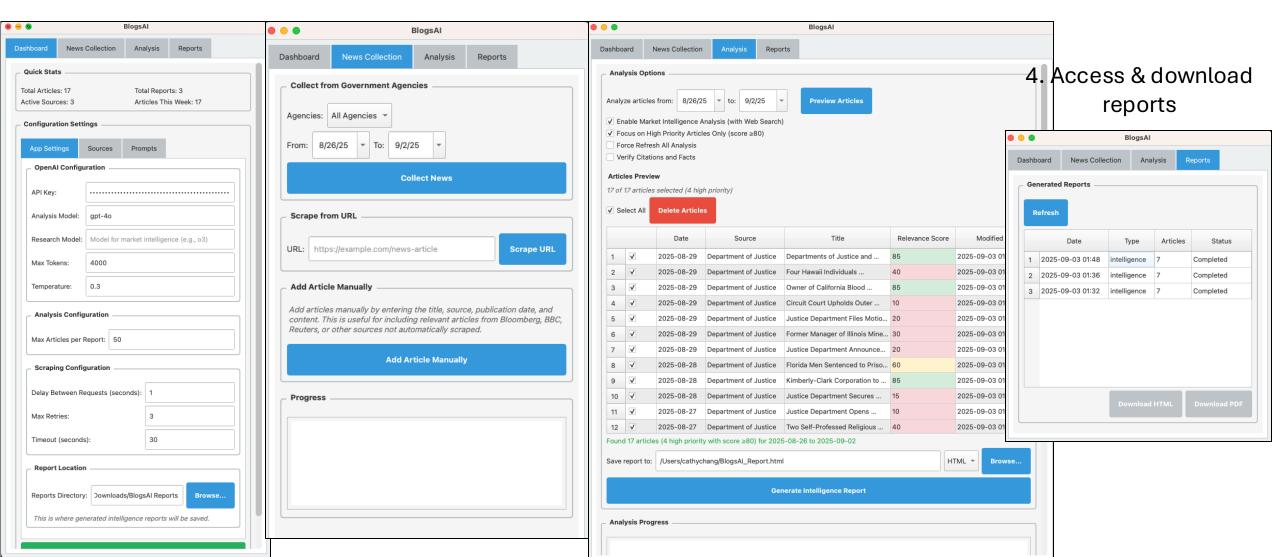




App Overview

- 1. Configure app & prompts
- 2. Collect articles from various sources

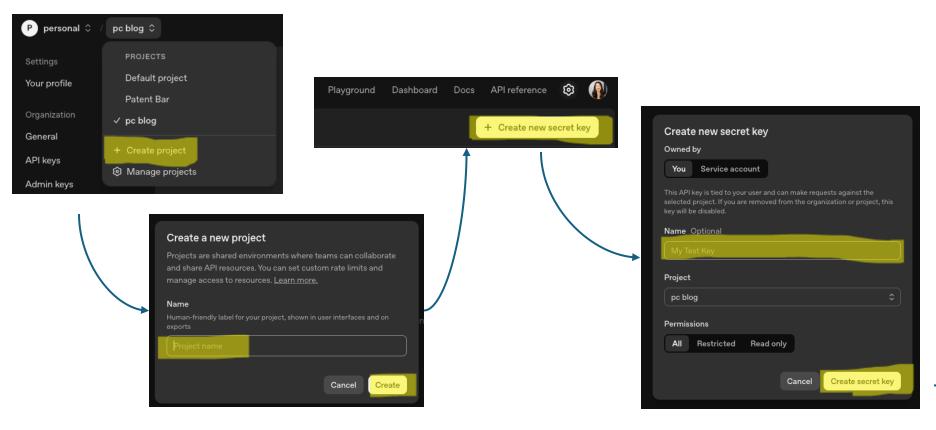
3. Generate report based on select articles

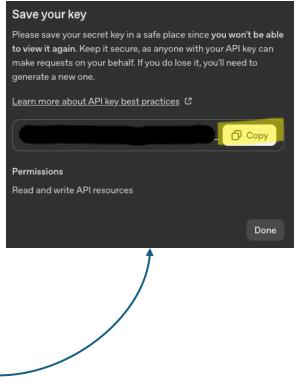


Walkthrough

1. Initial Setup – obtain API key

- 1. Register for OpenAl firm account here
- 2. Create a project
- 3. Obtain API key by navigating <u>here</u> and following the steps to create a new secret key
- 4. Copy key to input into the app settings later





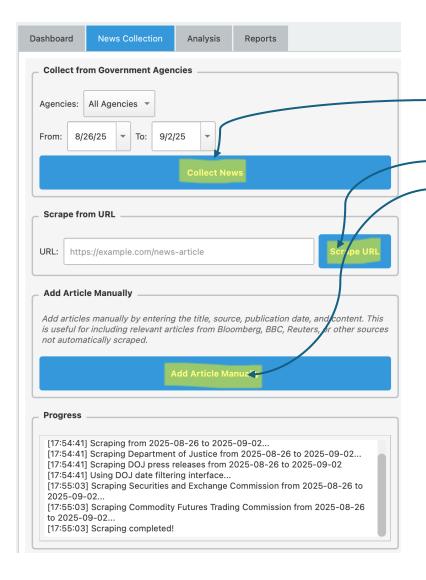
2. Go through app setup dialogue

- 1. Select a different directory for steps 1 & 2 if you'd like to store your app configuration files or generated reports in a different directory.
- 2. Input your API key obtained from OpenAI into the app
- 3. Complete setup. Settings can be revised at any point in the Dashboard.



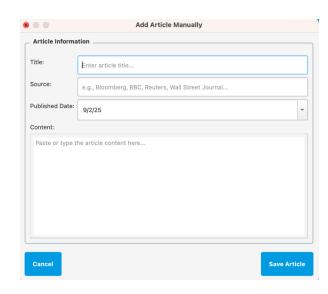


3. Collect Articles

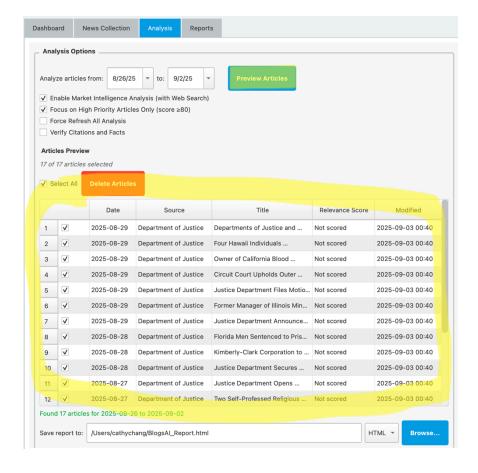


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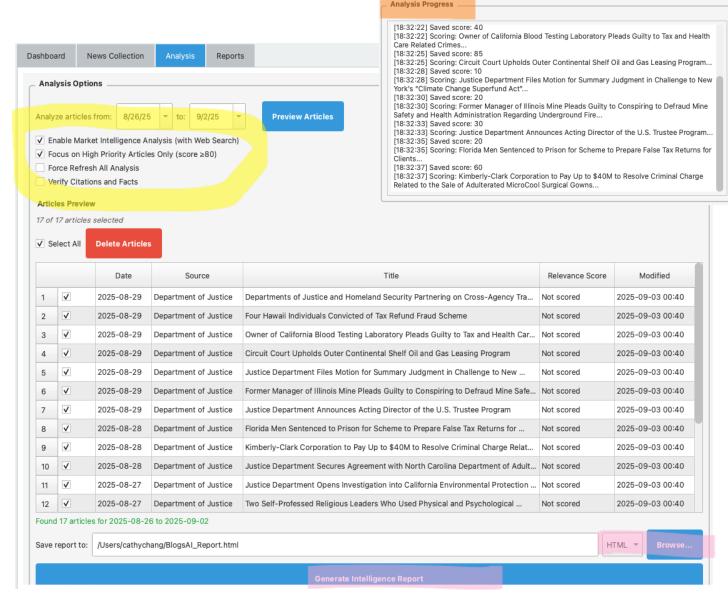
- Built-in scraper (DOJ, SEC, CFTC)
- 2. Inputting an article link
- -3. Adding article manually (useful if article is only accessible behind a paywall)



Articles collected will show up in the analysis tab when you filter for the article published date.



4. Generate Report



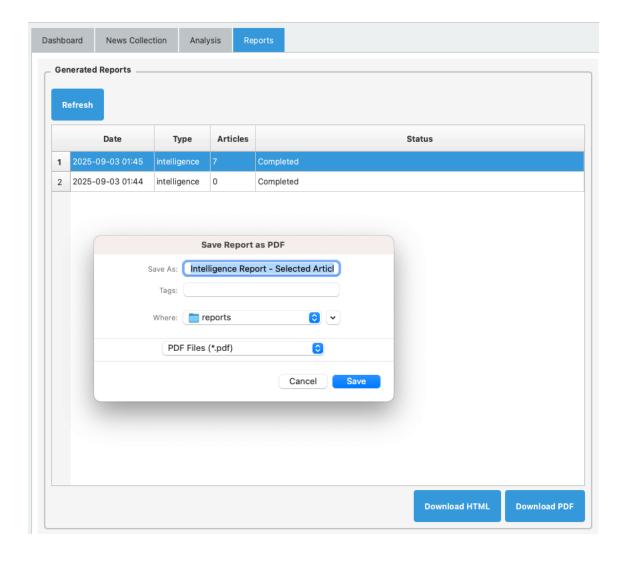
Setting options walkthrough

- Market intelligence analysis:
 - Instead of just extracting key facts, system will do extra research on key insights, how the market reacted, and other similar cases.
- High priority articles only:
 - To be token efficient, the system first scores how relevant the article is to whistleblower practice (prompt for scoring can be found and altered in dashboard → relevance_scorer.txt). If this box is unchecked, system will do an indepth analysis on all articles rather a select few high priority ones.
- Force refresh all analysis:
 - Under normal circumstances, if a relevance score already exists or analysis already exists, system will just use that cache. However, the results may be stale. Checking this option will ensure system refreshes the analysis by calling openai again.
- Verify citation and facts:
 - Prompts for verifying facts and citations can be found and altered in dashboard → prompts → citation_verifier.txt and citation_corrector.txt.
 This is helpful for filtering out hallucinated content.

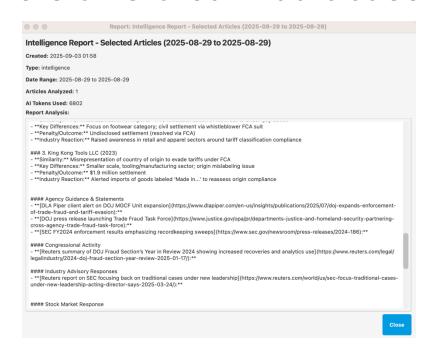
Generate report (file format options are html/pdf). This process usually takes ~2-5 minutes depending on how many articles it's analyzing. Progress is shown on the

analysis progress logging.

Access previous reports



- Click on report and download as pdf
- Double click to get markdown version stored in database



Other Notes

openAl error may mean there aren't enough credits – go to openai billing to recharge

