Remember that infamous Russian “dossier,” the unverified document that BuzzFeed unceremoniously dumped into the public square earlier this year? You might recall it as making a series of incredibly salacious and completely unproven accusations against the sitting president of the United States. Well, it turns out that it was a piece of partisan opposition research, bought and paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee, both of which then denied having anything to do with it after the fact.

Is the snippet generally positive, neutral, or negative towards members of the Democratic party?

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Bias by Word Choice and Tone

Donald Trump needed to give the speech of his life. He did that, and much more. He laid out an inspiring American Manifesto for our troubled times. And he did it his way. Not surprisingly, from start to finish, it is muscular and bold, leavened only by appeals to racial harmony and pledges of compassion for all.

Donald Trump is not a candidate the American people would turn to in normal times. He’s too inexperienced, too eccentric, too volatile, too risky. Voting Trump is burning down the house to collect the insurance money — you don’t do it unless things are really, really bad.

* Which one is pro-trump and which one is negative towards trump?
* Is the snippet generally positive, neutral, or negative towards members of the Republican party?

Bias by selection of sources

After the debate Republicans were quick to pounce on Biden's poise, calling it inappropriate and disrespectful -- even "unhinged."

"You almost can’t blame Joe Biden for being so unhinged. It must be frustrating to debate when you have a record that is so hard to defend and not a single tangible plan for the second term besides tax hikes," a statement from the Republican National Committee said in drawing attention to notable tweets about Biden's mirth.

Shortly afterward, the party put out a video montage of Biden grinning and laughing.

Former Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer, for example, tweeted, "The contrast between cool Ryan and overbearing Biden really hurts Biden. Biden is too hot - not effective."

Even members of the media pounced.

"Biden's smile is out of control," NBC News' David Gregory tweeted.

And Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics, added: "SNL will have to devote entire show just to Biden's facial expressions."

But Democrats quickly shot down the criticism, casting it as evidence of Republican desperation.

"Twenty-nine days out and they have been peddling this crap, and they don't even have the guts to put their tax plan out. They deserve to be laughed at," Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley said. "Biden knew the person he was up against is a very immature person who is not ready for this job."

And Obama campaign manager Jim Messina defended Biden, saying he's simply a "happy warrior" for the middle class.

It remains to be seen whether that aspect of Biden's performance will help him, hurt him or be of no concern to voters.

But Jenny Beth Martin of the Tea Party Patriots argued it was worse than just an off-hand smile.

"Our vice president has shown he is an abusive political bully who belittles, mocks, ridicules and laughs at his opponent, the moderator, the viewers and anyone who questions this administration's lack of leadership," Martin said. "Solutions require respect. These skills the vice president, and this administration, clearly lack."

Democratic strategist Joe Trippi, a Fox News contributor, said he thought Biden delivered a strong performance overall, but it was "diminished" by the "smirking."

“I don’t know about the likeability of that smirking … I found it condescending and overdone," Trippi said.

* Did the author use more sources to support one view over other?
* What is the relation between the number of conservative and liberal quotes/statements?
  + Liberal > Conservative
  + Conservative > Liberal
  + Conservative and Liberal sources are used almost equally

Bias by Ideals:

Mary Cheney: Liz Cheney Is On 'Wrong Side Of History' With Anti-Gay Marriage Stance

Cards Against Humanity Is Trying To Sabotage Trump’s Border Wall Construction

University of Chicago to freshmen: We do not support ‘trigger warnings,’ ‘safe spaces’

Let’s face it: The NRA is an organization that aids and abets terrorists. And yes, these shootings are acts of terror by domestic terrorists. Stephen Paddock was not a “lone wolf”; he was a terrorist. – against gun

Paul Ryan and Todd Akin Partnered On Radical ‘Personhood’ Bill Outlawing Abortion And Many Birth Control Pills

Hillary On Abortion: ‘Deep-Seated Cultural Codes, Religious Beliefs And Structural Biases Have To Be Changed’

BROKEN PROMISE: Trump, GOP Congress Give Planned Parenthood $500 Million In Taxpayer Funds

ObamaCare could lead to loss of nearly 2.3 million US jobs, report says

No One Wants the Latest Trumpcare Bill — Except Right-Wing Billionaires

Does Obamacare allow healthcare for all?

Obamacare – also known as the Affordable Care Act, or the ACA – is a law enacted to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health insurance. It does this by offering consumers discounts (known as tax credits) on government-sponsored health insurance plans, and by expanding the Medicaid assistance program to include more people who don't have it in their budgets to pay for health care.

Which ideal is the article trying to promote?

* Liberal
* Conservative
* None

Bias by spin:

Putin Personally Managed Hacks, Had ‘Vendetta’ Against Hillary

Democrats' new Russia memo is an anti-Trump political attack

Big debate? Nah… It’s still a Trump world and the other candidates are just living in it

The author claims a fact here/ gives their opinion

Bias by Omission:

Reactions to Las Vegas Shooting:

Many politicians, members of the media, and other public figures are offering condolences as well as opinions in the wake of the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history that left at least 58 dead and 500 others injured in Las Vegas Sunday night. Many people on the Left are calling for stricter gun legislation and for Congress to act quickly in response to the shooting. Conversely, many on the Right are saying that the event should not be politicized until all information has been acquired and the dust has settled.

This Is Precisely The Right Time To Talk About Gun.

* Is this reporting the event as it is?
* Is this trying to normalize/redirect the actual event?
* Can this be categorized as any bias?
  + Bias by Spin

Las Vegas Massacre: Hillary Clinton, Newsweek Jump ahead of the Facts

* Is this reporting the event as it is?
* Is this trying to normalize/redirect the actual event?
  + Yes, so Bias by redirect/selection/omission

Trump hits back at Hillary:

President Trump on Wednesday blamed his predecessors – and previous political rival Hillary Clinton – for North Korea's nuclear weapons program. This came a day after Hillary criticized his UN speech.

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What is the intent of the article with respect to the event?

* Normalize the event
* Highlight some other related event
* Exaggerate the event
* Report it as it is

Q7. Actual Document classification task with (very biased, somewhat biased)

Q8. Actual Document classification task with (Left Biased, Right Biased etc)

Articles with a slant towards Democratic Party are most likely to show favor for:

1. Government services (food stamps, social security, Medicare, student-loans, unemployment benefits, healthcare, education, etc.)
2. Federal laws to protect consumers and the environment
3. **Federal laws protecting equal rights**
4. **Tax increases on the wealthy**
5. Government regulation of corporations
6. **Keeping abortion legal**
7. **Decreasing military spending and intervention**
8. A belief that the role of government is to provide for its people, to end suffering and contribute to human prosperity
9. A belief that government should prevent wealth from concentrating in the hands of a few
10. **A belief that all humans have a right to healthcare, housing, clean water, a living wage**
11. A belief that all people deserve help when they have fallen on hard times
12. An embrace of empathy, compassion, and tolerance as guiding values
13. A belief in the importance of multiculturalism and representation of diverse cultures and races in media, positions of political power, and corporations
14. A rejection of social and economic inequality
15. **Bans on hate speech, i.e., a belief that words can be violent**
16. **A belief in “live and let live,”** i.e, that the government should not intervene just because someone is acting in ways someone else does not approve of, provided they have harmed no one else
17. A belief that corporations, if left unregulated, may do harm to workers, society and the environment in the pursuit of profit
18. A belief in identity politics, i.e., that some groups of people suffer disproportionately greater amounts in society due to identity characteristics, including race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion
19. A believe in systemic oppression and a need for the government to step in and rectify the wrongs it has committed (such as Native American genocide, Jim Crow-era laws)

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Sources with a Right media bias rating are most likely to show favor for:

* Decreasing government spending, except for defense spending
* Using military force
* Decreasing taxes
* Outlawing abortion
* Rejection of entitlements and public funding for private needs (like healthcare)
* Aversion to rapid change; belief that tradition and prevailing norms were developed for a reason and contain wisdom that has been handed down
* Preserving the philosophy and rules enshrined in the U.S. Constitution
* Preserving cultural norms, often as outlined in the Bible, through the use of state laws
* Traditional family values
* Preserving the rights of gun owners
* Balanced government budgets and fiscal conservatism

I haven't even mentioned Trump's nepotism — installing his daughter and son-in-law as high-ranking advisers, with portfolios they are in no way qualified to handle — or his inability to staff the executive branch with the best-and-brightest types who customarily serve. The Trump administration is not only transgressive, it is also mediocre.