

Data Dictionary

This document provides a detailed overview of the four files that make up this dataset:

News Transcript Index

- Description: A sample of evening news transcripts sourced from NexisUni and Factiva that reference Supreme Court cases.
- Key Feature: Identifies specific Supreme Court cases mentioned in the transcripts and the stage at which they were discussed.

News Mention Sample

- Description: Offers granular information about mentions of Supreme Court cases in news transcripts.
- Key Feature: Indicates if multiple cases are referenced in a single transcript or mention, the context of the mention, and the various news formats in which the mention appeared.

News Emotion Sheet

- Description: Presents raw counts of emotional language instances derived from a [DocuScope](#) analysis.
- Key Feature: Quantitative data on the frequency of different emotional language used in news mentions.

Supreme Court Case Index

- Description: An index of Supreme Court cases that were the focus of the transcript search. These cases, spanning the Court's terms from 1990-2018, relate to four primary issue areas: abortion, the First Amendment, economic activity, and sex discrimination.
- Key Feature: Most data is sourced from the [Supreme Court Database](#), with case descriptions supplemented from [Oyez](#).

News Transcript Index

| Column Name | Description |
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| TranscriptID | A unique identifier for the transcript of the transcript. |
| NewsProgram | The name of the news program where the transcript aired (e.g., WorldNewsTonight, SpecialReport, Hardball). |
| NexisUni | Indicator if the transcript was available in the Nexis Uni database (1 for Yes, 0 for No) |
| Factiva | Indicator if the transcript was available in the Factiva database (1 for Yes, 0 for No) |
| TranscriptDate | The date when the transcript was aired. |
| TitleOriginal | The title of the transcript as stored in the database. |
| CaseIDA-D | Unique identifier for the cases discussed in the transcript. |
| CaseStageA-D | The stage of the case at the time it was mentioned (e.g., "Cert", "Decision"). |

News Mention Sample

| Column Name | Description |
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| MentionID | A unique identifier for each news mention in the dataset. |
| TranscriptID | Identifier for the specific transcript where the mention occurred. |
| NewsProgram | The name of the news program where the mention occurred (e.g., "WorldNewsTonight", "SpecialReport", "Hardball"). |
| ChannelType | The type of news channel (e.g., "NetworkNews", "CableNews"). |
| TimePeriod | The time period during which the mention occurred (e.g., "1990_1999", "2000_2018"). |
| CaseID | A unique identifier for each case in the dataset. Source: Supreme Court Database |
| IssueArea | The issue are the case related to (e.g., abortion, economic activity, the First Amendment, sex discrimination). Source: Supreme Court Database. |
| CaseStage | The stage of the case at the time of the mention (e.g., "Cert", "Post-Cert", "Argument", "Post-Argument", "Decision", "PostDecision"). |
| WordCountRAND | The word count for the mention, as determined by RANDLex. |
| MultiMention | Indicates whether multiple cases were referenced in the transcript the mention originates from (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |
| MultiMentionType | The type of multiple mentions, if applicable (e.g., "NA", "Secondary", "Separate", "Identical"). |

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| MentionContext | The context in which the mention occurred (1 for Same, 2 for Related, 3 for Different). |
| AnchorOnly | Indicates if the mention was by the anchor only (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |
| Correspondent | Indicates if the mention included a correspondent report (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |
| Debate | Indicates if the mention occurred during a debate segment or editorial interview (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |
| NewsInterview | Indicates if the mention occurred during a news interview (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |

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| NewsInterview | Indicates if the mention occurred during a news interview (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |
| EmotionPresent | Indicator if any emotional language was present in the mention (1 for Yes, 0 for No). |
| NegativeEmotion | Count of instances of language referencing negative emotion in the mention. |
| PositiveEmotion | Count of instances of language referencing positive emotion in the mention. |
| [Specific Emotion Columns] | Count of specific types of emotions in the mention (e.g., NegativeEmotionFear, PositiveEmotionJoy, etc.). |

Supreme Court Cases Index

| Column Name | Description |
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| CaseID | A unique identifier for each case. |
| DateCert | The date when the case was accepted for review. (not complete) |
| DateArgument | The date when oral arguments for the case were heard. |
| DateDecision | The date when the decision for the case was announced. |
| TimePeriod | A time range or period in which the case falls (e.g., "1990_1999" indicates the case occurred between 1990 and 1999). |
| CaseName | The official name of the case. |
| CaseSummary | A brief summary or description of the case and its main issues or points. |
| IssueArea | The primary legal or thematic area the case pertains to (e.g., "FirstAmendment" or "EconomicActivity"). |