

# S3 File: Raw Dataset with Documentation

**Study Title:** Media Coverage Differentials and Democratic Decline

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## Dataset Structure and Variables

**Primary Dataset:** `media_coverage_data.csv`

**Observations:** 170 (34 weeks × 5 outlet categories)

**Variables:** 18

**Time Period:** January 20, 2025 - September 14, 2025

### Variable Definitions

Variable	Type	Description	Range/Values
<code>Week</code>	Integer	Study week (1-34)	1-34
<code>Date_Start</code>	Date	Week starting date (Monday)	2025-01-20 to 2025-09-08
<code>Date_End</code>	Date	Week ending date (Sunday)	2025-01-26 to 2025-09-14
<code>Outlet_Category</code>	Factor	Media outlet category	See categories below
<code>Headlines_Total</code>	Integer	Total headlines per week	4-48
<code>Headlines_A</code>	Integer	Constitutional/Legal violations	0-20
<code>Headlines_B</code>	Integer	Authoritarian actions	0-18
<code>Headlines_C</code>	Integer	Corruption/Ethics violations	0-12
<code>Headlines_D</code>	Integer	Anti-democratic rhetoric	0-15
<code>Weight_Credibility</code>	Numeric	Outlet credibility weight	0.67-1.93
<code>Weight_Reach</code>	Numeric	Outlet reach weight	0.52-2.14
<code>Weight_Composite</code>	Numeric	Final composite weight	0.67-1.93
<code>Weighted_Headlines</code>	Numeric	Weight-adjusted headline count	2.68-92.64
<code>Peak_Week</code>	Logical	Peak coverage week indicator	TRUE/FALSE
<code>Holiday_Week</code>	Logical	Holiday week indicator	TRUE/FALSE
<code>Constitutional_Pct</code>	Numeric	% headlines in Category A	12.5-48.3
<code>Sources_Count</code>	Integer	Number of individual outlets contributing	7-12
<code>Validation_Flag</code>	Logical	Cross-validation completed	TRUE/FALSE

Outlet Categories

Tier1\_Domestic (n=10 outlets)

- New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, USA Today
- Associated Press, Reuters US, CNN, NBC News, ABC News, CBS News

Conservative (n=8 outlets)

- Fox News, New York Post, Washington Examiner, Daily Wire
- Breitbart, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Salem Media, Boston Herald

Liberal (n=7 outlets)

- MSNBC, Vox, Slate, HuffPost, The Nation, Mother Jones, ProPublica

Local\_Regional (n=12 outlets)

- Chicago Tribune, LA Times, Dallas Morning News, Miami Herald
- Hartford Courant, Portland Oregonian, Salt Lake Tribune
- Nexstar Media, Tegna Inc., The Hill, Axios, Politico

International (n=8 outlets)

- BBC, Guardian, Financial Times, The Economist, Reuters International
- CBC, Globe & Mail, Deutsche Welle

Sample Data Rows

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Week	Date_Start	Date_End	Outlet_Category	Headlines_Total	Headlines_A	Headlines_B	Headlines_C	Headline
1	2025-01-20	2025-01-26	Tier1_Domestic	22,7,8,4,3,1.75,38.50	FALSE	31.8,10	TRUE	
1	2025-01-20	2025-01-26	Conservative	12,2,3,5,2,0.67,8.04	FALSE	16.7,8	TRUE	
1	2025-01-20	2025-01-26	Liberal	31,14,9,4,4,1.42,44.02	FALSE	45.2,7	TRUE	
1	2025-01-20	2025-01-26	Local_Regional	14,3,5,3,3,1.18,16.52	FALSE	21.4,12	TRUE	
1	2025-01-20	2025-01-26						