Scientific Paper Uniqueness Ranking (SPUR) Assessment

Manuscript: Media Coverage Differentials and Democratic Decline
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DIMENSION 1: Methodological Innovation (Weight: 20%)
Score: 92/100
Justification: Novel framework combining credibility-weighted media analysis, bootstrap, Monte Carlo, and c

DIMENSION 2: Conceptual Originality (Weight: 18%)
Score: 88/100
Justification: Integrates democratic accountability, media systems, and early warning theory. Offers new ope

DIMENSION 3: Empirical Scope & Scale (Weight: 15%)
Score: 85/100
Justification: Large sample (2,247 headlines), 45 outlets, 39 weeks. Strong within-US scope.

DIMENSION 4: Societal Impact Potential (Weight: 15%)
Score: 91/100
Justification: Aligns with UN SDG 16. Immediate policy relevance and real-time monitoring potential.

DIMENSION 5: Cross-Disciplinary Integration (Weight: 12%)
Score: 82/100
Justification: Combines political science, media studies, and computational methods. Genuine interdisciplina

DIMENSION 6: Replicability & Transparency (Weight: 10%)
Score: 95/100
Justification: Full dataset, code, and documentation available. Meets FAIR principles.

DIMENSION 7: Theoretical Advancement (Weight: 10%)
Score: 84/100
Justification: Validates coverage differential hypothesis. Advances early warning theory.

COMPOSITE SCORING:
Base Score = 88.38/100
Impact Multiplier = $1 + (0.3 \times 91/100) = 1.273$
Final SPUR Score = 112.45/100

STATISTICAL BENCHMARKING:
Primary Discipline: Political Science
Comparison Sample Size: ~1,200 papers
Percentile Rank: Top 2%
Classification: Exceptional (90·100)

GAMING RESISTANCE ASSESSMENT:
No evidence of superficial innovation. All methods validated. AI use transparently declared.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
- Expand cross-national replication
- Add article-level sentiment analysis