

CASOS Tweet labeling Tutorial

In this task you will be shown pairs of tweets. These pairs are made up of either a quote tweet and its target tweet or a reply tweet and its target tweet.

Here is what a **quote** pair looks like:



← Quote Tweet (above target)

← Target Tweet (within box)

Here is what a **reply** pair looks like:



← Target Tweet (in this case a sentence with a link to a news source)

← Reply Tweet (below target)

For each pair of tweets the task requires you to judge which of the following is occurring:

1. The quote/reply is **denying** what is being said in the target tweet.
2. The quote/reply is **supporting** what is being said in the target tweet.
3. The quote/reply is **asking** or **querying** for additional information to determine whether what is being said in the target tweet is true or false.
4. The quote/reply is **commenting** on something that is either not related to the target tweet or is related to the target tweet but is not directly denying or supporting what is being said in the target tweet.

It should also be noted that many of the tweet pairs deal with politically and emotionally contentious topics. Your task is **not to** determine whether a tweet is true or false, or if a response is wrong or right. Your task is **only** to determine the relationship between the two tweets in each pair.

For some pairs of tweets, it is easy to determine which of the 4 labels to choose. For other pairs, it can be difficult. Please take the time to make a careful judgement.

Following are six examples:

Example 1:

Ron Wyden @RonWyden · Mar 27

The @NRA acknowledged in a letter to me on March 19 that it maintains accounts with foreign donations that could fund political activities intended to sway the American political debate and influence campaigns.

Grandville @GrandvilleShow

Replying to @RonWyden @NRA

That's a blatant lie that you just stated there senator. They did not say that in their letter at all, they said that all foreign donations that they receive are used for non-political purposes. It's right there in the letter that you just posted!

9:32 AM - 28 Mar 2018

Supports it


Denies it

Queries for additional information

Other type of comment

Explanation 1: In this tweet pair, the reply (bottom tweet) is directly stating that the target tweet (top tweet) is lying. The correct choice is “Denies it”.

Example 2:

 **Glenn Greenwald** @ggreenwald · 4h

Yes, it's true, as this tweet proclaims, that "Normal procedure" would have John Yoo in irons at The Hague." That's also true for Dick Cheney, David Addington, Paul Wolfowitz, David Frum, and arguably John Brennan. How come that didn't happen? Seems like an important question.

Charles P. Pierce @CharlesPPierce

"Normal procedure" would have John Yoo in irons at The Hague. [twitter.com/cmarinucci/sta...](#)

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Supports it
Denies it
Queries for additional information
Other type of comment

Explanation 2: In this tweet pair, the quote (top tweet) is saying that what the target tweet (in the box) says is true. The correct choice is "Supports it".

Example 3:

 **Claude Taylor** @TrueFactsStated

Follow

Is this a thing that really happened?

 **James Jordan** @The_JamesJordan

Hoping all my friends in Hong Kong are safe.... And all who have been effected by the terrifying typhoon

0:19 This pilot needs a medal or something. True hero saving everyone

8:32 PM - 19 Sep 2018

80 Retweets 207 Likes

119 80 207

Supports it
Denies it
Queries for additional information
Other type of comment

Explanation 3: In this tweet pair, the quote (top tweet) is asking whether what the target tweet (in the box) says happened really happened. The correct choice is "Queries for additional information".

Example 4:



The Guardian

@guardian · Apr 7

'First luxury space hotel' plans to offer zero gravity living – for \$792,000 a night



'First luxury space hotel' plans to offer zero gravity living – for \$7...
Self-described 'serial entrepreneur' behind the Aurora Station says it is selling the astronaut experience and plans to open in 2021
theguardian.com

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Nathan Fox

@IFoxzy

Follow

Replying to @guardian

So at the rate that I'm earning money I should be able to afford this as I'm lying on my death bed.

11:48 AM · 7 Apr 2018 from Chorley, England

Supports it
Denies it
Queries for additional information
Other type of comment

Explanation 4: In this tweet pair, the reply (bottom tweet) is making a statement regarding the content of the target tweet (top tweet) but is not directly supporting or denying the content of the target tweet. The correct choice is “Other type of comment”.

Example 5:



Scott Mortrude

@samortrude

Follow



And your proof of this bullshit would be what, NRA?

HuffPost



@HuffPost

"Gun-hating billionaires and Hollywood elites are manipulating and exploiting children," the gun group said of the Saturday march. [huffp.st/398PoJb](https://huffpost.com/398PoJb)

12:04 PM - 25 Mar 2018

1 Like



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Supports it

Denies it

Queries for additional information

Other type of comment

Explanation 6: In this tweet pair, the quote (top tweet) is making a statement regarding the content of the news report in the target tweet (in the box). The quote is not calling into question the veracity of the news report (whether the NRA made the statement or not), it is calling into question the veracity of the statement that the NRA made. The correct choice is therefore "Other type of comment". This is an example of the difficulty of determining the relationship between tweets when the target is a news source. If the target is a news source, then care should be taken to decide if the quote/reply is questioning whether what was reported happened or if the quote/reply is accepting the report and questioning the statements of those in the report (as in this example).