

Group 42 Progress Report: Left and Right Leaning Bias Detection in Media Headlines

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4 Team Contract

The team contract outlines the expectations of the team for the duration of the project. Submission of this project proposal implies that all members listed in the author section has read and agreed to the following contract.

4.1 Team Purpose

Our purpose is to apply the content and knowledge we learned during the SFWRENG 4NL3: Natural Language Processing class towards our project, classifying if a given news headline can indicate if the article is more right or left leaning.

4.2 Team Goals

- Complete all deliverables on time and to a high degree of quality.
- Maintain equal participation and contribution from all members
- Develop skills in collaboration, problem-solving, and accountability.
- Create an interesting project based on the course content we learn in class.

4.3 Communication Norms

Primary platform: Discord

Response expectation: Reply to discord messages within 24 hours.

Decision-Making: Strive for consensus when possible; else, majority vote will be used.

4.4 Ground Rules and Expectations

- Be respectful of all ideas and opinions.
- Come prepared for meetings.
- Complete/submit assigned work on time.
- It is up to the individual assigned to the task to inform the rest of the team if the task cannot be completed on time.
- All team members are expected to attend tutorial time [Wednesday, 4:30-5:20 PM], and to inform the team beforehand if they cannot make it.

4.5 Conflict Resolution

We recognize that conflicts may arise, particularly around workload distribution. To handle these situations:

1. Direct Conversation: The concerned member(s) will address the issue privately and respectfully with the person involved.
2. Group Discussion: If the problem continues, the whole team will discuss it openly and constructively, focusing on solutions (e.g., redistributing tasks, adjusting timelines).
3. Clear Expectations: If a team member repeatedly does not contribute, responsibilities will be formally reassigned, and the lack of contribution will be documented.
4. Escalation: If the issue remains unresolved, the team will notify the course instructor/TA with a written summary of the situation.