



HIKMA Fact-Check Report

Comprehensive authenticity analysis and verification

Paper Verified

“They Call It Defense”: News Discourse on Civilian Harm in Gaza in international news coverage with global audiences during wartime

5.0 out of 10

OVERALL FACT SCORE



MANUAL CHECK

RECOMMENDATION

20

CLAIMS VERIFIED



issues with reference alignment or data consistency that need attention. Some statements lack adequate supporting evidence or may misrepresent cited sources. Revision is recommended to address these concerns and improve the overall credibility and accuracy of the manuscript.

Overall Assessment:

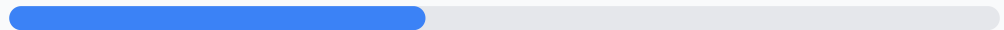
5 out of 10

Reference Authenticity

Verifies that cited references exist and are correctly attributed



Score Distribution



0: References are fabricated or non-existent

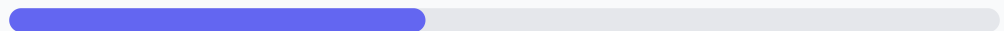
10: All references are verified and correctly attributed

Claim-Reference Alignment

Checks if claims accurately reflect the content of cited references

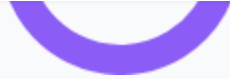


Score Distribution



0: Claims completely misrepresent the cited sources

10: Claims perfectly align with cited source content

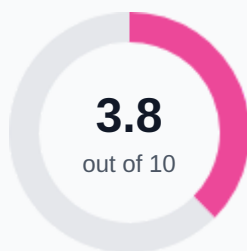


0: Numerical data contains major inconsistencies

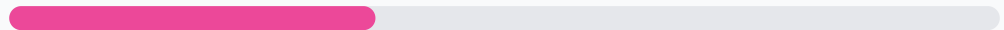
10: All data is internally consistent and accurate

Scientific Consensus

Evaluates if claims align with established scientific consensus



Score Distribution

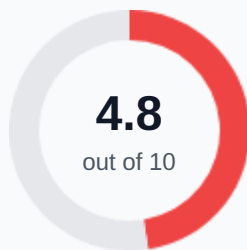


0: Claims contradict established scientific consensus

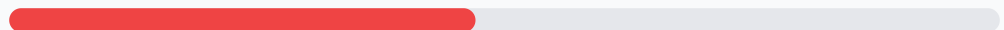
10: Claims fully align with scientific consensus

Hallucination Check

Detects fabricated or unsupported statements



Score Distribution



0: Contains fabricated or unsupported statements

10: All statements are well-supported and verified



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Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: No source provided for dataset size or collection method.

Claim 2

UNRELIABLE

"Neutral or mixed-toned reporting constitutes 81.2% of coverage."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 2.



Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 2.

Claim 4

UNRELIABLE

"Headlines average 9.72 words with limited variation."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 3.



Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 3.

Claim 6

UNRELIABLE

"The mean tone score is -0.59 indicating a slight negative bias."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 3.



Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 4.

Claim 8

UNRELIABLE

"The majority of articles (85.4%) are concentrated between October 2023 and December 2024."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 1.



Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 7.

Claim 10

UNRELIABLE

"The majority of articles (76.4%) fall within bias ranges 0.0–1.0."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Statistic lacks source; internal consistency with Table 6.



0 out of 2

0 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 3.0 out of 10

Notes: Interpretation lacks source; based on internal Table 5.

Claim 12

UNRELIABLE

"News organizations frequently employ institutional references to UN agencies, international humanitarian law, and medical sources."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

0 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 1.0 out of 10

Notes: Qualitative claim; no supporting evidence or examples provided.



Data

0 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 1.0 out of 10

Notes: Qualitative claim; no supporting evidence or examples provided.

Claim 14

RELIABLE

"The study is grounded in theories of epistemic justice (Fricker 2007) and media framing (Entman 1993)."

Ref Auth

2 out of 2

Alignment

2 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

2 out of 2

Halluc

2 out of 2

Final Score: 10.0 out of 10

Notes: Standard theoretical references; alignment is clear.

✓ **Supporting:** Fricker (2007), Entman (1993)

Claim 15

RELIABLE

"The mixed-methods approach follows Creswell & Creswell (2018)."

Ref Auth

2 out of 2

Alignment

2 out of 2



Final Score: 10.0 out of 10

Notes: Standard methodological reference; alignment is clear.

✓ **Supporting:** Creswell & Creswell (2018)

Claim 16

RELIABLE

"The qualitative analysis follows thematic analysis procedures from Braun & Clarke (2006)."

Ref Auth
2 out of 2

Alignment
2 out of 2

Data
2 out of 2

Consensus
2 out of 2

Halluc
2 out of 2

Final Score: 10.0 out of 10

Notes: Standard methodological reference; alignment is clear.

✓ **Supporting:** Braun & Clarke (2006)



1 out of 2

1 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

1 out of 2

Halluc

1 out of 2

Final Score: 6.0 out of 10 **Notes:** References are plausible but unverifiable; 2025 dates are future/pending.

✓ **Supporting:** Bashir et al. (2025), Wisam et al. (2025)

Claim 18

UNRELIABLE

"Research on media bias and framing in conflict coverage has identified systematic patterns (e.g., **?***)."

Ref Auth

0 out of 2

Alignment

0 out of 2

Data

0 out of 2

Consensus

0 out of 2

Halluc

0 out of 2

Final Score: 0.0 out of 10

Notes: Placeholder reference '**?***' is invalid.

✓ **Supporting:** **?***



1 out of 2

1 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

1 out of 2

Halluc

0 out of 2

Final Score: 5.0 out of 10

Notes: One valid reference, one placeholder; claim is thematic.

✓ **Supporting:** Entman (1993), **?**

Claim 20

NEEDS_HUMAN_REVIEW

"Research specifically examining framing in conflict reporting has shown how media outlets employ distinct narrative structures (??? Wolfsfeld et al. 2008)."

Ref Auth

1 out of 2

Alignment

1 out of 2

Data

2 out of 2

Consensus

1 out of 2

Halluc

0 out of 2

Final Score: 5.0 out of 10

Notes: One valid reference, one placeholder '???'.

✓ **Supporting:** ???, Wolfsfeld et al. (2008)



Invalid/Placeholder:

4

Duplicates:

0

Flagged Wrong References

- **?**
- ???
- Bashir et al. (2025)
- Wisam et al. (2025)



Data Audit

Numeric Items Checked:

11



Figures & Tables Audit

Items Checked:

8



Ethics Compliance

IRB/Ethics Mentioned:

No ✗

Consent Mentioned:

No ✗

Data Protection:

No ✗

Missing Items:

- No ethics statement for analysis of human-related content.



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