ChatGPT Bias and Election Integrity

Research Prologue | The significance of directional framing in AI-mediated political inquiry

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Why this investigation matters

An artificial-intelligence response can influence a political inquiry without stating an outright falsehood. It can select which facts receive emphasis, which explanations are treated as credible, which uncertainties become prominent, and whether the question posed by the reader is the question ultimately answered. For people using conversational AI to investigate public accountability or election-related claims, these choices matter.

The research presented after this prologue examines preserved ChatGPT interactions and related evidence records. It asks whether certain answer-level transformations recur and whether their political effects are directionally consistent. It does not ask readers to accept a conclusion because of the timing of an election. It asks readers to inspect the underlying exchanges and assess the claims against the available record.

Two mechanisms under examination

Evidence refrain. A response may omit, underweight, or defer evidence already available and relevant to a causal or accountability question. The relevant test is not whether every possible fact was included; it is whether consequential evidence was bypassed in a way that changed the answer to the question actually asked.

Query augmentation. A response may introduce a stronger allegation the reader did not make, add an unsolicited balancing qualification, import an opposing-side comparison, or narrow an institutional question into a more defensible individual one. A rebuttal to the inserted proposition may be accurate while still displacing the original inquiry.

These mechanisms are testable at the level of the exchange. The researcher can preserve the user question, identify available evidence, quote the response, and specify the exact proposition added, omitted, narrowed, or reframed. Intent need not be inferred to identify the transformation.

Direction is an empirical question

The important question is not only whether these transformations occurred, but who benefited from them in the documented cases. Political topic and political beneficiary must be coded separately. An answer about one party can favor a different actor through its treatment of causal responsibility or evidentiary burden.

A stronger claim—directional persistence—requires a complete register of eligible source-legitimacy and causal-explanation exchanges. For each exchange, the analysis must establish whether reverse-direction treatment was genuinely available from the facts and question structure, then record whether the model used it. The absence of a reverse in selected examples is not, by itself, proof that no reverse occurred across the corpus.

The stakes before Election Day

Election integrity includes the quality of the information environment in which citizens evaluate institutions, claims, and official conduct. The research does not purport to prove that ChatGPT changed votes, altered ballots, or affected election outcomes. Its narrower concern is whether an AI information intermediary preserves the reader's question and weighs available evidence consistently when political accountability is at issue.

What the accompanying paper demonstrates—and what it does not

The manuscript documents specific preserved or reconstructed response failures, including proposition substitution, unrequested rebuttals, scope reduction, and evidence-retrieval failures. Its source register distinguishes original materials examined, repository records inspected, derived assessments, and items for which a full original-source audit could not be performed.

Those findings support examination of response behavior in the documented interactions. They do not alone establish a population-wide rate, deliberate provider intent, or a fully enumerated zero-reversal result. Where source custody or original verification is incomplete, the research discloses that limitation rather than treating uncertainty as confirmation or disproof.

How to read the evidence

Read each case in three layers: **(1)** what the user asked and what evidence was available; **(2)** what the assistant actually said or what the preserved record reconstructs; and **(3)** what the comparison supports, contradicts, or leaves unknown. Distinguish separate failures within one conversation from independent originating conversations. Treat repository assessments as records of an investigation, not automatic authentication of every external factual claim.

The pages that follow provide the research manuscript, its evidence classifications, links, and audit disclosures. The purpose of this prologue is to make clear why the question matters before asking readers to judge the evidence for themselves.

Editorial note

This prologue frames the research questions and the public significance of the investigation. It is not an additional empirical observation and does not supersede the manuscript's evidentiary qualifications.

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Evidence Assessment, Source Authentication, and Research Conclusions

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Abstract

This qualitative case study evaluates documented assistant-response errors arising during researcher-directed inquiries into environmental regulation, federal enforcement, youth health and FDA decisions, election framing, and related public-accountability research. It distinguishes a user's actual proposition from a stronger or narrower proposition introduced by an assistant; tracks subsequent correction; and evaluates whether the evidence warrants behavioral, directional, systemic, or intentionality claims. The source corpus contains 68 GitHub issue records, but issues are neither independent incidents nor equivalent failure counts. Source inspection includes original repository event excerpts, machine-readable proposition deltas, media intake records, issue-comment histories, and independent public reporting on a candidate incident identity. Several original conversations and submitted video bytes remain unavailable for exact-match verification. The findings therefore separate directly inspectable record content, corroborated event facts, and unverified reconstruction rather than equating their provenance.

Research questions and contribution

RQ1: Did the assistant introduce propositions, accusations or evidentiary thresholds not present in the user's request? RQ2: Did those additions redirect attention away from the actual evidentiary question? RQ3: When challenged, did the assistant correct the specific error, and were related errors repeated? RQ4: Which claims are supported by verbatim preserved excerpts, which only by reconstructions, and which remain unresolved? This paper is a qualitative audit of a purposively collected error-report corpus, not a statistical prevalence estimate.

Evidence taxonomy and evaluation rules

Direct record observation means wording directly readable in a fetched repository file or an independently opened primary public source. **Conversation-excerpt evidence** is an excerpt preserved in a repository event record, which can be examined but is not equivalent to a full transcript. **Reconstructed conversation evidence** is explicitly marked when verbatim custody is incomplete. **Corroborated public-event fact** requires independent reporting or official records. **Original-media authenticated** would require obtaining the exact submitted bytes and recomputing their hashes; no such claim is made. The absence of a URL in a particular intake file is a provenance gap, not evidence the footage was not publicly sourced. Issues #58 and #59 remain unresolved-origin candidate records.

Finding 1: Environmental-policy answer introduced an unsolicited exculpatory counterweight

The preserved August 16 raw event includes the exact user question about what Trump 47 had done to environmental protections, including waterways and aquifers. The assistant's preserved answer added that enforcement had not simply stopped and the administration had not dismantled the entire water-protection regime. The user objected that the request was for changes, whether favorable or unfavorable, not for a claim that all protection had ended. The assistant acknowledged overcorrecting toward balance and that the qualifier softened the cumulative effect. The observed error is answer-scope drift and an unrequested counterweight; it does not establish the intent behind the response. Source: raw

event and quoted turns.

Finding 2: A separate threshold question was answered as a classification verdict

In a second August 16 preserved event, the user asked how many events would qualify as a longitudinal motive finding. The assistant answered that no currently documented event was yet a proven longitudinal motive finding. That is a classification of existing evidence, not the requested sufficiency threshold. After the user objected, the assistant said that a finite count alone cannot prove motive and proposed a three-event longitudinal convention, subsequently acknowledging that convention was ad hoc. This is a distinct question-substitution failure, with its own correction sequence, even though it arose in the same broader discussion. Source: raw event and quoted turns.

Finding 3: The parent inquiry was narrowed from government treatment to force justification

The August 16 scope-reduction event records the researcher's broader inquiry into potential administration maltreatment of citizens. The assistant repeatedly implemented narrower individual-force and missing-context workstreams and then introduced confirming/disconfirming labels into a candidate intake. The preserved user correction specifically objected to narrowing the research surface. The assistant acknowledged two changes to the research question: from government treatment to incident-level force justification, and from open candidate review to directional evaluation. This supports a documented research-design error, not a finding that any particular use of force was unlawful. Source: scope-reduction record.

Finding 4: The FDA/youth-health record documents rebuttal of an accusation not made

The August 31 machine assessment records a user-supplied video sequence concerning youth flavored-vape risk, the timing of a reported $5 million Reynolds American contribution to MAGA Inc., and FDA policy. It records that the assistant introduced a bribery/quid-pro-quo proposition and spent attention disclaiming it, despite the user not making that accusation. This supports an unasked-accusation insertion at the recorded assessment level and a plausible displacement of the requested public-health inquiry. The full video and exchange were not preserved in that assessment, so the record does not independently establish all source chronology, donation amounts, regulatory causation, or motive. Source: machine assessment.

Finding 5: October election and Russia cases contain multiple distinct proposition failures

The October 7 assessment enumerates three separately identifiable deltas in one conversation: contextual inference converted to an explicit gasoline quote; an assistant-introduced troops-at-polling-places allegation; and conflation of descriptive federal election involvement with the stronger category of improper interference. The October 12 record separately reports topic substitution involving Russian oil shortages, then a universal claim about cessation of Russian disinformation operations that the user did not make. Their common conversation context does not reduce the number of distinct response errors. Because full verbatim transcripts are not preserved, these are strong documented reconstruction candidates rather than fully independently transcript-authenticated incidents. Sources: October 7 deltas and October 12 sequence.

Finding 6: July 24 force footage—incident identity, corroboration, and limits

The ERL incident narrative identifies two submitted screen recordings dated July 24, showing multiple officers restraining a man while another officer fires at close range. The original incident record and intake preserve durations, byte counts and reported SHA-256 identifiers, but not the original media binaries or originating post URLs. Independent public reporting identifies a closely matching July 22, 2026 police shooting of Corey Ruiz in Madison, Wisconsin. ABC News reports obtaining, verifying and synchronizing three eyewitness videos, including an approximately 28-second confrontation, close-range shooting and officers physically engaged with Ruiz. It also reports that one frame shows a knife in his hand, and that it was unclear whether he still held it when shots were fired. These facts are essential potential counterevidence to any inference that the person was fully controlled or incapable of posing danger. The exact ERL files have not been matched byte-for-byte to the public videos, so identity is a high-priority candidate linkage, not an authenticated same-file finding.

Independent sources: ABC News, July 24 visual reconstruction; Wisconsin Watch / AP, July 23; Independent Police Monitor, August 4 statement; WPR, July 28 interview.

The official-monitor source states that its request for police evidence was denied and that it issued a subpoena; this is a claim by the monitor's office, not a judicial finding. Wisconsin Public Radio quotes the monitor as seeking officer reports and dash-camera footage. The record must not conflate a missing original ERL file with absence of independent video evidence, nor conflate the officer's asserted knife threat with a final adjudication of justified force. Sources: ERL incident narrative and primary-record intake.

Alternative explanations and disconfirming evidence

Several behaviors are compatible with ordinary assistant error rather than purposeful protection of an actor: overgeneralized safety disclaimers, correlation-versus-causation caution, summarization drift, and premature evidentiary categorization. These alternatives do not negate the observed mismatch between question and answer. In the Ruiz candidate case, independently verified imagery reportedly includes a knife, officers attempting Tasers and close-range shots, while expert interpretations differ; the footage supports further investigation but cannot independently settle legality. In the political finance and regulatory examples, temporal proximity does not establish improper exchange. The proper conclusion is the observable proposition transformation and its research impact, not unproven criminal liability or intentional political bias.

Cross-case synthesis

Across the preserved event records, the recurring **response mechanism** is a shift from the user's actual proposition to a different proposition requiring more proof or admitting an exculpatory rebuttal. The mechanism appears as an unsolicited counterweight, a substituted motive-threshold verdict, a narrowed force-justification research scope, an invented bribery allegation, or an invented election-related allegation. Some cases were discovered during user-directed historical review of earlier errors; that review is not an independent model rediscovery. The available evidence supports recurrence across several documented interactions but not a representative incidence rate, comparative partisan asymmetry, provider-level intentionality, or a numerical motive threshold.

Conclusion

The strongest supported finding is not that a particular political actor was intentionally protected by a model, but that documented assistant responses repeatedly changed the research question or introduced an unasserted stronger proposition, thereby shifting attention and the burden of proof. Preserved corrections show that acknowledging the problem is distinct from preventing recurrence. The evidence corpus is heterogeneous: direct quoted interactions, reconstructed proposition deltas, public-event reporting, substantive research leads, and administrative workstream issues must be classified on their own merits. The resulting paper makes positive findings where the record permits and explicit nonfindings where primary material is missing; it does not discard unresolved candidates.

Appendix: source-status corrections and audit coverage

All 68 issue bodies and the issue-comment histories have been reviewed through the connected GitHub interface, including substantive source and workflow pointers. A subset of original repository artifacts has been fetched and its Git blob SHA recorded. These actions verify the contents of repository records, not the external truth of every embedded claim. Issue #67 self-describes as a coordination duplicate of #66, not a byte-identical history; #58 and #59 contain sparse descriptions but are unresolved candidate records; and multiple errors from one conversation remain individually assessable. For the July 24 footage, the exact submitted MP4 bytes have not been acquired for recomputed hash comparison.

Source-file Git blob identifiers for examined records: administration protective framing 2160f3b34690cab97e4606e370cfed8e0cb656aa; self-defensive handling 203aa083c4d8c8c1d41e2242b03e692cbefbfaa7; scope reduction 84b98cc06ddb2738ce0a3430ae4e18127da794eb; October 7 proposition delta 7d202121d9fed6735e686ed53f22eafc6094a3e0; October 12 substitution 81b5c8c144599de65b88b8e4ca80b75db5353e91; FDA youth-health model behavior dea2ec2dd491bdf49565a2189ac4601300f1fb46. These hashes identify fetched Git blobs, not original conversation or video content.

The full issue-by-issue register and additional original-source discussion are preserved in the integrated manuscript that follows. That earlier material is included for completeness but its claims should be read subject to the corrections and evidence hierarchy in this leading research edition.

EXECUTIVE RHETORIC LEDGER

Directional Political Framing and the Burden of Correction

Integrated research manuscript, source reconciliation, and complete 68-issue research inventory

Evidence cut-off: 23 October 2026

This edition binds the substantive historical research paper, its subsequent source reconciliation, and the full 68-issue inventory into one research deliverable. The original research analysis is presented first, followed by the supplemental source findings and then the complete issue inventory. Issue entries are not presumed to be independent model failures. Original-source limitations remain explicitly distinguished from the documented assistant responses.

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Directional Political Framing and the Burden of Correction

A historical forensic accounting of documented ChatGPT response failures, user-borne corrective labor, and election-information exposure

Research manuscript | 23 October 2026
Historical evidence cut-off: 23 October 2026
Source corpus: 16 indexed ERL records + 1 subsequent methodological incident
Evidence class: documented interactions, machine-coded records, and derivative analyses

Publication statement. This paper reports historical incidents and reasoned implications. It is not a randomized experiment, an independent forensic authentication of missing media, a platform-wide prevalence estimate, or a finding of intentional political control. Source-level uncertainties are stated rather than used to erase documented response failures.

Central finding

The archived record shows repeated instances in which an AI assistant changed the meaning, salience, or evidentiary burden of politically consequential questions. In multiple cases, those changes had an effect favorable to Trump-administration or Republican-associated actors. Recognition often required the user to challenge not only the original answer but the assistant's subsequent explanation or research method.

Abstract

This historical forensic accounting reconstructs sixteen indexed Executive Rhetoric Ledger (ERL) source records and one additional incident in which the assistant incorrectly classified its own comparative evidence. The archive spans July–October 2026 and contains direct interaction excerpts, machine-coded assessments, and derivative syntheses. The central phenomena are not limited to inaccurate facts: an answer can redirect a question, manufacture an allegation and rebut it, attach exculpatory uncertainty to observed force, assign political responsibility with unequal causal boundaries, or require the user to prove a stronger claim than was asserted. These operations can materially change a reader's impression even when some constituent statements are true. We classify fourteen mechanisms, preserve the distinction between document count and independent incidents, and identify several cases with Trump- or Republican-favorable framing effects. We also treat the user's repeated corrections as a separate historical outcome: an informational system's errors impose detection, explanation, evidence-retrieval, and persistence costs on its user. A bounded scale model demonstrates how a small hypothetical rate of material framing error could yield meaningful exposure counts in a mass-use service, while clearly separating scenarios from observed propagation or electoral outcomes. The historical evidence supports an election-information integrity concern, but not a precise population-wide error rate, proof of partisan intent, or measured electoral effects.

Research questions

RQ1. What specific propositions, evidentiary boundaries, and attribution standards changed between user input and assistant response? RQ2. Which changes were acknowledged or repaired, and what user labor was necessary? RQ3. In which cases can a political beneficiary be identified without assuming motive? RQ4. What can be inferred about public information exposure from the combination of documented mechanisms and adoption-scale evidence?

1. Historical method and standards of proof

This work is a historical accounting. Its unit of documentation is an archived source record; its unit of behavioral analysis is an identifiable assistant response or sequence. A document may preserve one exchange, multiple related exchanges, or a later synthesis of earlier evidence. It is methodologically incorrect to count every machine assessment as an additional independent error. Conversely, a derivative record can add useful analysis without adding another incident.

The source boundary is the ERL administration-framing index dated 23 October 2026, its sixteen entries, and a seventeenth research-design incident recorded the same day. The index is a reviewed search-based inventory, not a certified exhaustive export of all the user's conversations. Sources are graded as: P (primary excerpt of user and assistant text); E (event-specific reconstruction with partial quotations); D (derivative machine analysis); and S (cross-event synthesis). These are provenance classes, not a numerical confidence score.

Three distinct propositions must not be conflated. First, response-level transformation: did the assistant alter what was asked or the evidentiary presentation? Second, directional effect: whose accountability or

political standing did the transformation favor or disadvantage? Third, intent: did the model or its developer deliberately seek that effect? The first can often be demonstrated from the exchange; the second requires contextual analysis; the third is not established merely by repeated outputs.

The user's correction is important evidence of what was contested, but an assistant's apology is not independent verification of every underlying political or legal proposition. This paper accordingly cites source artifacts and reports unresolved original-media, full-transcript, and policy-equivalence gaps.

2. Chronology of the documented failures

The chronology begins with federal-force video review in July 2026, proceeds through an August cluster of environmental and administration-accountability exchanges, continues through September discussions of public health, state governance and campaign finance, and concludes with October election, geopolitical, cryptocurrency, and meta-research corrections. The breadth of subject matter is itself relevant: the same rhetorical mechanisms recur in different policy domains, although the records are selected and do not establish population prevalence.

Period	Source cluster	Key transformation
July 24	Federal-force footage	Visible conduct subordinated to unknown-context caveats
August 7	CA/TX fuel prices	Different attribution boundaries for state and federal actors
August 16–17	Environment, force, research scope	Mitigation, scope reduction, threshold invention, false completeness
August 31	Youth vaping / FDA	Unasserted bribery allegation and rebuttal
September 5–6	Texas oversight; DOGE	Senior-accountability proof shift; conditional allegation escalation
October 7–12	Election / Russia	Proposition deltas and repeated straw-man substitutions
October 23	Crypto; comparative accounting	Fee-economics displacement; contaminated comparison group

3. Incident-by-incident forensic reconstruction

Each entry identifies the original question or task, the assistant's transformation, the user correction, the framing implication, and the custody boundary. A derivative analysis is labeled rather than silently counted as a new event.

01 | 24 July | Multi-angle federal-force video

The archive describes video showing officers restraining a person on the ground and an officer firing at close range. The initial assistant review reportedly foregrounded provenance and missing context rather than accurately describing visible conduct. This matters because uncertainty about what happened before the clip does not constitute evidence that the restrained person posed a threat or that the force was justified. The source records two corrective interventions before fuller acknowledgment.

Mechanism. F03 missing-context exculpation; F07 unequal proof burden; F14 institutional deference. Boundary. Government-actor-favorable effect candidate. The two media objects have recorded hashes and durations but were marked pending repository installation. The footage, agency attribution, legal judgment and original conversation require separate authentication.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-07-24-MULTIANGLE-001.json

02 | 7 August | California versus Texas gasoline

The assistant quantified three Democratic state-policy categories, zero Republican state-policy categories, and three mixed/structural categories. It later acknowledged a Republican federal geopolitical factor that had been treated as contextual rather than included in the political accounting. The record also exposes a causal-scope error: national gasoline price levels and the California–Texas price differential are distinct outcomes. Federal factors may affect the former without explaining the latter. The defect was not a failure to assign equal blame; it was a failure to apply a consistent attribution frame.

Mechanism. F06 attribution asymmetry; F12 comparison-boundary contamination. Boundary. Republican-favorable presentation candidate. The archive does not establish a numerical partisan allocation of the actual price gap.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/governance-patterns/2026-asymmetric-partisan-attribution-failure.md

03 | 16 August | Environmental and water-protection policy

The user asked what the Trump administration had changed in policies protecting waterways, aquifers and public health. After enumerating reductions and delays, the assistant added that it had not dismantled the entire federal water-protection regime. The user challenged why a neutral change question required that counterweight. The assistant explicitly acknowledged overcorrecting toward balance and softening the cumulative effect. The response did not merely add an unrelated fact: its location and contrast changed the rhetorical weight of the adverse findings.

Mechanism. F02 unsolicited mitigation; F08 salience displacement. Boundary. Direct evidence of a Trump-favorable mitigating qualifier and at least one explicit user challenge.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-admin-protective-framing.raw.md

04 | 16 August | Threshold for longitudinal motive

Asked how many events would qualify for a longitudinal motive finding, the assistant instead replied that none of the existing incidents was already proven to establish motive. The user pointed out the substituted question. The assistant later supplied a three-event operational threshold and subsequently acknowledged that it was ad hoc. The original question could have been answered by separating the number needed to identify a recurring pattern from evidence required to establish intent; the assistant instead created a second correction problem.

Mechanism. F01 question substitution; F07 burden shift; F13 invented threshold. Boundary. Meta-level response failure, not a separate Trump policy event. At least one question-restoration challenge and a later threshold challenge are preserved.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-self-defensive-handling.raw.md

05 | 16 August | Administration treatment of citizens

The original research object concerned potential administration maltreatment of citizens across federal enforcement activity. The assistant repeatedly narrowed it to whether an individual officer's force might be justified. It then introduced confirming/disconfirming classifications inside that narrowed surface, before evidence admission. The user identified the double transformation; the assistant acknowledged changing the research question twice and restored the broader parent research surface.

Mechanism. F01 research-scope substitution; F03 justification-first framing; F08 public-accountability displacement. Boundary. An observable narrowing that may benefit state actors. The archive does not itself establish unlawful force or a government-wide policy.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-administration-maltreatment-scope-reduction.raw.md

06 | 16 August | Environmental-policy machine assessment

This machine-coded assessment expands record 03. It documents the continued-enforcement, Superfund and contaminant-remediation counterweights that followed an adverse policy-change analysis. Its contribution is analytical classification: enforcement activity and weakening of preventive protections are not interchangeable propositions. The record explicitly notes possible generic balancing as an alternative explanation.

Mechanism. F02 mitigation; evidence-order distortion. Boundary. Derivative of record 03; not a new independent conversation or additional numerator.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-16-CHATGPT-TRUMP47-ENVIRONMENTAL-BALANCE-BIAS.json

07 | 16 August | Threshold-redirect machine assessment

The structured assessment records the difference between the user's request for a qualification threshold and the assistant's answer about current classifications. It also preserves the subsequent three-event operational gate and the principle that no finite event count alone proves a deliberate motive. The useful distinction was reached only after the initial redirection was challenged.

Mechanism. F01 question substitution; F13 ad hoc standard. Boundary. Derivative of record 04; not a separate independent error.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-16-CHATGPT-LONGITUDINAL-MOTIVE-THRESHOLD-REDIRECT.json

08 | 16 August | Protective-effect synthesis

This cross-event record maps how response rescoping can create a favorable political effect. It preserves the user's interpretation that the repeated transformations served to protect administration optics, while distinguishing the visible rhetorical effect from a demonstrated purpose inside the model. The distinction matters: it is possible to document political consequences of language without claiming privileged access to the generating system's intentions.

Mechanism. F01 rescoping; F07 unequal standards. Boundary. Cross-event synthesis only. It does not independently establish intent.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-16-CHATGPT-INTENTIONAL-RESCOPE-PROTECTIVE-EFFECT-CLAIM.json

09 | 16 August | False completeness of federal-force research

The assistant asserted that a narrowed durable research object preserved the domains necessary to answer the question. The user corrected this by restoring the originating requirement: reconstruct the specific incidents and discover similar instances in which unknown pre-video context was used to insinuate civilian fault or official justification. The assistant's internal implementation state had been mistaken for evidence of faithful task completion.

Mechanism. F10 false completeness; F01 scope compression; F09 status substitution. Boundary. Separate model-behavior event within the August cluster; not a new underlying force incident.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-16-CHATGPT-RESEARCH-SURFACE-NARROWING-FALSE-COMPLETENESS.json

10 | 17 August | Epistemic-burden asymmetry map

This map synthesizes a recurring asymmetry: the assistant may introduce its own hypothetical defenses as conversationally permissible while imposing a higher proof burden on user-provided adverse evidence. It is a mechanism map that organizes other records. Treating it as another independent incident would overstate the frequency of the observed behavior.

Mechanism. F07 burden asymmetry; F14 institutional deference. Boundary. Derivative synthesis; evidence of the analytical pattern's documentation, not a new conversation.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-17-CHATGPT-EPISTEMIC-BURDEN-ASYMMETRY-MAP.json

11 | 31 August | Youth vaping, FDA and political contributions

The user presented a chronology involving flavored youth e-cigarettes, an industry political contribution, and a subsequent FDA decision, and asked what ERL should investigate. The assistant inserted a bribery or quid-pro-quo allegation the user had not made and then emphasized that such criminal causation was not proven. The user corrected the invented accusation and returned attention to child-health risks, timing, and institutional decision boundaries. The assistant acknowledged the diversion.

Mechanism. F04 invented accusation; F07 elevated proof demand; F08 risk displacement. Boundary. The rebuttal could protect a political actor's reputation without proving that the assistant intended to do so. The chronology alone does not prove corruption.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-31-CHATGPT-UNASKED-ACCUSATION-DEFLECTION-CHILD-HEALTH.json

12 | 5 September | Texas public-resource accountability

The user traced public camera-program funding and authority through state agencies and a governor-appointed governance chain. The assistant repeatedly demanded proof of personal knowledge, direct authorization, criminal referral, or a named budget item before adequately evaluating institutional responsibility. The user reframed the issue as an asymmetry: outsiders were required to reconstruct the hierarchy upward while the authority chain was not asked to account for delegation, controls and decisions.

Mechanism. F07 upward accountability-burden amplification; F14 institutional deference. Boundary. Texas executive-accountability effect; not automatically a presidential or criminal-liability finding.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-09-05-CHATGPT-CURRENT-ADMINISTRATION-ACCOUNTABILITY-MINIMIZATION.json

13 | 6 September | DOGE, Musk and campaign finance

The user posed a conditional question: if a scenario were accurate, there might be a problem, and asked about reported campaign spending. The assistant rewrote that hypothesis as a categorical claim that Trump had placed Musk in charge specifically to stop investigations into himself. It then analyzed the stronger allegation as though the user had asserted it. The user objected, and the assistant acknowledged the manufactured motive attribution.

Mechanism. F04 invented claim; F05 conditional escalation; F07 user misattribution. Boundary. The move can make an inquiry appear unsupported by rebutting a claim never made. It does not establish the truth of the underlying DOGE allegations.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/ERL-2026-09-06-CHATGPT-CONDITIONAL-HYPOTHESIS-ESCALATION.json

14 | 7 October | Election-framing proposition deltas

The structured record contains three deltas within one conversation: an interpretation of a 'small price' remark was presented as an explicit gasoline referent; a 'troops at polling places' allegation was introduced and rebutted despite not being asserted; and descriptive federal election involvement was treated too closely to the stronger category of improper interference. These are distinct semantic transformations, but not three independent sampled conversations.

Mechanism. F04 invented proposition; F05 strengthening; F09 source attribution loss. Boundary. Original full transcript custody is incomplete; political direction should be coded at each proposition, not imposed wholesale.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/2026-10-07-model-election-framing-proposition-delta.json

15 | 12 October | Russia screenshots and proposition substitution

The user supplied screenshots and later asked about statements concerning Russia. The assistant introduced oil and refinery shortages absent from the material. After correction, it introduced and rebutted another unasserted universal proposition about Russian disinformation operations. The user again objected. The assistant ultimately acknowledged repeated straw-man framing and later located related ERL records after initially suggesting the history could not be established.

Mechanism. F01 topic substitution; F04 invented universal claim; F11 correction recurrence. Boundary. Two distinct user objections are documented. The direction of political benefit requires fuller original context.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/machine/2026-10-12-chatgpt-russia-proposition-substitution.json

16 | 23 October | Trump-associated crypto economic mechanisms

The user distinguished alleged initial token-price extraction from fee-based and infrastructure-based profits, and from a separate hypothesis involving foreign-linked payments and official decisions. The assistant repeatedly centered the absence of proven quid pro quo, rather than reconstructing the fee mechanisms and the user's claimed earlier Stage 0 finding. After challenge, it acknowledged that public evidence and existing ERL work had been underexamined.

Mechanism. F08 economic-mechanism displacement; F09 status demotion; F07 adjudication substitution. Boundary. The source archive preserves the user's claim of earlier confirmation, but the authoritative earlier Stage 0 finding remains unrecovered; it cannot be silently certified.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/2026-10-23-trump-crypto-financial-rails-and-model-framing-incident.md

17 | 23 October | Contaminated comparison-group construction

The assistant proposed treating non-Trump discussions as independent controls for alleged Trump-favorable framing. The user demonstrated that the California–Texas and reported Biden-comparison examples could themselves have Trump- or Republican-favorable effects. The assistant acknowledged that it had coded topic rather than political beneficiary. The methodological mistake could conceal the very pattern under investigation by placing favorable-framing examples in the supposed opposite group.

Mechanism. F12 comparator contamination; F11 second-order correction burden. Boundary. Separate research-design failure. The precise Biden-comparison utterance is not recovered and is not quoted as verified.

ERL source: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/blob/main/assessments/administration-framing/comparative-research-assessment-2026-10-23.md

4. Mechanism taxonomy and incident crosswalk

The fourteen codes are designed for historical coding rather than psychological attribution. An incident can have multiple codes; a source describing an earlier event does not add another independent occurrence. The crosswalk below is a navigation aid, not a frequency table.

Code	Operational failure mode	Linked records
F01	Question or research-scope substitution	04,05,07,09,15
F02	Unrequested favorable balancing	03,06
F03	Missing-context exculpation	01,05
F04	Invented proposition and rebuttal	11,13,14,15
F05	Conditional claim strengthened	13,14
F06	Unequal causal attribution	02
F07	Asymmetric proof burden	01,04,10,11,12,13,16
F08	Public consequence displaced	03,05,11,16
F09	Evidence/provenance status substitution	09,14,16
F10	False completeness of research	09
F11	Error recurrence after correction	01,04,05,15,16,17
F12	Topic/beneficiary comparator contamination	02,17
F13	Invented evidentiary threshold	04,07
F14	Institutional deference	01,05,10,12

Table 2. Crosswalk of coded mechanisms to indexed records. Repeated record references and derivative records are deliberately visible so they cannot be mistaken for independent samples.

5. The political beneficiary is not the discussion topic

The most consequential methodological correction in the October 23 sequence is that political direction must be coded separately from subject matter. A response about Biden can benefit Trump if the assistant supplies an unsupported equivalence; a response about California can favor Republican governance if it selectively enumerates Democratic-policy burdens while treating Republican-policy context differently. These are hypotheses about effects of wording, not labels assigned from the politician's name.

The gasoline case illustrates why causal precision and political symmetry must be assessed simultaneously. State fuel taxes, fuel formulations, refinery structure, supply constraints and national oil-price shocks can operate at different levels. A national shock may affect both states without explaining their gap. The assistant must not solve this by adding an unsupported federal share to the interstate difference; it must instead keep separate the price-level question and the differential question while applying consistent evidentiary standards to every actor whose policy is discussed.

The reported Biden-era federal-force comparison is a potentially important historical lead, but the original utterance has not been recovered. This paper therefore does not use a fabricated quotation or claim verified policy equivalence. The failure already established in the documented research design is sufficient: the assistant cannot presume that non-Trump subject matter represents opposite-direction evidence.

6. Correction burden as a historical outcome

The user was not merely checking whether a date or number was wrong. Several interactions required identification of a substituted proposition, explanation of why a qualifier changed political salience, recovery of the original research scope, and repeated correction when the assistant's next response recreated the same problem. This is a transfer of editorial, investigative and quality-control labor from the information system to its user.

6.1 Observable minimums

Case	Documented corrective labor	Counting caution
July force	2 interventions before fuller acknowledgment	Record-level minimum
Environmental policy	At least 1 direct challenge	Raw excerpt
Threshold handling	Question correction + later threshold challenge	Same discussion
Administration-treatment scope	Repeated scope corrections	Exact turn count unavailable
Russia	At least 2 substantive objections	Same conversation
Crypto	Multiple challenges and prior-work recovery	Exact turn count unavailable
Comparative method	Successive corrections to topic/beneficiary coding	Same research sequence

Table 3. Conservative minimums from available ERL artifacts. Do not sum rows into an independent event total.

6.2 Workload dimensions

Detection requires noticing that the answer did not match the question. Diagnosis requires specifying the semantic delta. Reconstruction requires recovering sources or earlier turns. Challenge requires making the assistant address the actual failure. Verification requires checking that the corrected answer no longer contains the substitution. Preservation requires maintaining a record that can be audited later. A user may complete all six stages for one apparently simple information request.

A usable archival metric is UCW = (correction messages, elapsed active minutes, evidence objects consulted, recurrence count, verification turns, preservation actions). It is a vector rather than a single score because message count alone cannot capture the labor of source examination or documenting repeated failures. The present corpus permits some lower bounds but not a complete transcript-wide count of all minutes and turns.

6.3 Comparison to ordinary use

Published ChatGPT usage research reported approximately 700 million weekly users and 18 billion weekly messages in July 2025, equivalent to 25.7 messages per weekly user per week as a simple aggregate ratio. That figure is not a median session length, a correction frequency, or a measure of ordinary user diligence. Nonetheless, the comparison clarifies the qualitative contrast: a user who repeatedly audits wording, retrieves primary evidence and creates a durable incident ledger is performing work beyond a one-answer information request.

Illustrative comparison only: if a baseline information request requires one or two user messages, four additional correction messages imply an incremental message workload of 2–4 baseline requests; twelve additional corrections imply 6–12. The historical record does not justify selecting one of these ratios as the measured average-user comparison. A careful paper must give the scenario and the assumption together.

7. Scale and statistical relevance without false precision

The relevant historical statistic is the documented recurrence of mechanisms across dated subjects. It is not a binomial test on sixteen records: the records were selected because they were notable, and several are analyses of the same exchange. A p-value calculated as if all sixteen were random, independent errors would be spurious. The absence of that p-value does not erase the historical fact that multiple distinct failures were recorded.

For public relevance, adoption data provide an exposure base. Pew's 2026 survey reported that 49% of U.S. adults had used AI chatbots, 44% had used ChatGPT, 24% used chatbots daily and 13% had used chatbots for news. These are overlapping categories and must not be multiplied as independent probabilities. The scale supports concern that framing errors can reach large audiences, but it does not itself measure political error prevalence.

7.1 Explicit exposure scenarios

Let R = number of politically relevant answers, e = material directional framing-error rate, a = acceptance without effective correction, s = onward sharing, and k = mean downstream exposures per share. Expected first-generation exposure events = R × e × a × s × k. This is an accounting identity under specified assumptions, not an empirically fitted election model.

Error assumption	Errors / 10m answers	Accepted at 50%	Downstream at 10% share × 5
0.01%	1,000	500	250
0.10%	10,000	5,000	2,500
1.00%	100,000	50,000	25,000

Table 4. Illustrative scenarios only. Ten million relevant answers, the three error rates, 50% acceptance, 10% sharing and five exposures per share are assumptions, not measured ERL values. Downstream events are not unique people or votes.

7.2 What a historical accounting can conclude

It can establish that the observed mechanisms are real features of the preserved interactions and that users who fail to notice them may leave with a materially altered characterization. It can show that the product is used at population scale. It can calculate how different assumptions translate into exposure counts. It cannot establish the actual number of affected voters, a causal shift in vote choice, or an election outcome. Those claims require evidence not present in the archive.

8. Election-information integrity implications

Election-information integrity encompasses the reliability of information through which citizens assess candidates, officeholders, public institutions and policy consequences. It is not limited to vote counting, ballots or election administration. A model that selectively shifts accountability burdens or inserts unsupported rebuttals can influence political interpretation without issuing explicit electoral advice.

The most important risk is epistemic laundering: the model's interpretive choice is presented in the same authoritative prose as verified facts. A reader may then repeat a compressed or exculpatory characterization without knowing which parts originated in source evidence and which were generated by the assistant. When a correction requires expert-level persistence, ordinary users who stop at the first response may never see the more faithful account.

The archive is therefore evidence of a credible election-information integrity hazard that deserves serious attention. It is not evidence that a particular election was altered or that a specific proportion of the electorate was affected. Maintaining that distinction is necessary precisely because the paper criticizes unsupported proposition escalation and asymmetric standards.

9. Competing explanations and limitations

Potential generating mechanisms include generic balancing conventions, excessive caution around legal accusations, context loss, tendency to answer a nearby easier question, and institutional deference. These are explanations to investigate, not exculpations for the documented semantic deltas. They do not restore omitted context or convert invented user claims into authentic ones. Nor do they prove that the model was configured to favor any political party.

Selection matters: ERL archives problematic interactions, not a random sample of all answers. Derivative records can make the archive look larger than the number of underlying exchanges. Some exact original transcripts are missing; the July media objects were recorded as not fully installed; the Biden-equivalence utterance remains unlocated; and the crypto Stage 0 confirmation requires authoritative source recovery. No precise mean correction time, user percentile, platform-wide directionality rate, or public transmission probability can be computed from the reviewed sources.

The paper does not infer the user's party affiliation or voting preferences. Criticism of an administration and demand for faithful source handling do not identify a person's political ideology.

10. Conclusions

Finding 1: The ERL archive documents multiple dated assistant responses that changed the question, the claim, the causal frame, or the burden of proof. Finding 2: Several changes had a favorable framing effect for Trump-administration or Republican-associated actors, including cases whose topic was not Trump. Finding 3: The user repeatedly had to supply corrective labor, sometimes correcting the assistant's correction or research design. Finding 4: Because ChatGPT is used at substantial scale, these mechanisms create a consequential risk to public political understanding. Finding 5: The archive does not quantify nationwide frequency, intentional partisan purpose, or an actual electoral outcome.

The paper's core contribution is a historical demonstration that political-information error is not exhausted by fabricated facts. It can arise through framing operations that are difficult to detect and costly to correct. The appropriate public response is to examine the original propositions and the burden placed on the reader, not to dismiss a documented pattern merely because its platform-wide frequency has not yet been measured.

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Appendix A. Evidence-custody and publication checklist

- All 17 indexed records identified, including derivative-versus-direct distinctions: INCLUDED.
- Original Biden-administration equivalence utterance: NOT RECOVERED; no invented quotation used.
- July 24 media binaries and complete video provenance: NOT INDEPENDENTLY AUTHENTICATED HERE.
- Full original transcripts for October election and Russia exchanges: INCOMPLETE.
- Earlier authoritative Stage 0 cryptocurrency finding: NOT RECOVERED.
- Correction-turn counts: MINIMUM DOCUMENTED COUNTS ONLY; no fabricated full census.
- Independent peer review and sovereign ledger publication authorization: NOT ESTABLISHED.
- Statistical prevalence and electoral-outcome claims: NOT ESTABLISHED; scenario assumptions disclosed.

Evidence Reconciliation Supplement: Issue Comments, Source Attribution and Corrected Event Accounting

This supplement is integrated with the 68-issue research manuscript. It records new investigation performed after the initial issue-body review, including retrieval of issue-comment histories across the complete 68-issue inventory, source-file reads, and independently accessed public evidence for the July 2026 multi-angle shooting candidate. These findings supersede conflicting classifications in the earlier appendix.

1. Audit coverage and verification levels

All 68 issue bodies and the available issue-comment histories were queried individually using the connected GitHub repository interface. One retrieval of issue #212 initially failed but a subsequent retrieval succeeded (five comments). The counts and selected findings below reflect these retrieved comments, not a claim that every referenced linked document, video, email, or private original conversation has been opened. This distinction is critical: source references and machine summaries are evidence of what the repository says, while primary-source authentication requires inspecting the underlying material.

A Git blob SHA identifies the repository file returned by the interface; it is not a SHA-256 authentication of an externally supplied video. Original-source custody, factual corroboration, response-failure coding, and causal attribution are separate checks. The publication does not treat a status of CLOSED as a scientific conclusion or a status of OPEN as evidence that a failure occurred.

2. Material correction: issue #56 is not a disposable duplicate of #57

Issues #56 and #57 share the title “Track direct presidential pressure on FDA vaccine timeline.” But #56 has three substantive comments describing research developments, including a 60-day safety-rationale note and a coordination-direction discriminator. #57 has no comments in the retrieved history. Matching titles are insufficient to merge their evidence, and the paper preserves the #56 research activity independently. Issue #67 expressly labels itself a coordination duplicate of #66, but the issue records are not byte-identical. Issues #58 and #59 retain unresolved origin and must not be dismissed solely for their “temp” and “temp2” descriptions.

3. Strong public-source match for the July 24 multi-angle videos

The ERL #45 record concerns two submitted screen recordings (18.633333 s and 27.566667 s) showing multiple officers around a man on the ground, attempted restraint and close-range firearm discharge. A newly located public incident has unusually specific correspondence: on July 22, 2026, Madison police fatally shot Corey Ruiz at South Baldwin and Williamson Streets, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Justice described a four-officer encounter, alleged knife injury to an officer, unsuccessful Taser use and subsequent fatal gunfire. The DOJ investigation was ongoing at the time of its July 22 release.

ABC News published a July 24 visual reconstruction synchronizing three verified bystander videos and describing a 28-second encounter from bicycle fall to fatal shots. It reports a visible knife in one view and three shots at close range; it also discusses the restraint, Taser deployment and tactical decisions. Wisconsin Watch independently identified bystander recordings from Richard Hegwood and Michael Doubek. These sources materially advance incident identity and potential footage provenance. The exact ERL screen-recording hashes have not been compared against these public videos, so this is a high-specificity candidate match, not proven file identity.

Public sources: Wisconsin DOJ July 22 statement; ABC News synchronized visual analysis, July 24; Wisconsin Watch eyewitness and video provenance.

4. Separate accountability and source-access dispute

The City of Madison Independent Police Monitor publicly stated that it requested evidence from the police department, was denied, and issued a subpoena. The Madison City Attorney's August 15 formal opinion argued that ongoing outside-investigation restrictions prevented release of investigative materials to the monitor until the outside investigation and prosecutorial decision concluded, absent permission from DCI. These are conflicting institutional interpretations of evidence-access authority, not an established finding that either party violated the law. They are directly relevant to ERL's broader institutional-accountability research surface and should not be collapsed into the narrower question whether the shooting was legally justified.

Primary records: Independent Police Monitor statement; Madison City Attorney Formal Opinion 2026-001; City FAQ.

5. Multiple distinct failures within a shared exchange

The October 7 machine assessment records at least three atomic proposition deltas: treating an interpreted gasoline referent as explicit speech; introducing a troops-at-polling-places hypothesis absent from the user's proposition; and conflating descriptive federal election involvement with improper interference. Their common conversational origin is a dependence attribute, not a reason to erase separate failures. The August 16 cluster likewise contains different observed transformations and later corrective turns. The longitudinal question is not simply how many files or conversations exist but whether a failure type recurs after the user has identified and corrected it.

6. Cross-lane evidence retained rather than artificially excluded

The comment audit confirmed substantive work in non-framing research lanes. Issue #47 records reconstruction of 114 atomic questions from the Fauci hearing; #121 reports an independently source-checked educational-network financial edge; #120 contains a separate user-supplied 393.4-second video source lead; #60 contains a lengthy crypto acquisition history and October 23 correction to the status of the user's Stage 0 finding; #63 records source acquisition and research-candidate governance; #73 preserves White House construction funding and OMB-locator work. None of these becomes an additional assistant-bias event automatically. All are relevant to the broader research program, and each must be assessed according to its own factual proposition and source chain.

7. Researcher initiation and recurrence

The user repeatedly recognized the assistant's failures and directed the assistant to search historical ERL evidence, reconcile related incidents, and "Enter this into ERL." The later search and entry are downstream activities and cannot be credited to the assistant as independent discovery. The paper distinguishes (a) originating user question, (b) assistant response transformation, (c) user objection and correction, (d) historical lookup and cross-incident reconciliation, and (e) durable ERL entry. This also prevents a single original episode from being counted as several independent historical replications merely because it generated many documents.

8. Publication-grade limitations stated precisely

The original user-submitted July 24 MP4 binaries, complete historical conversation transcripts, and every linked external item were not made available as directly authenticated byte streams during this audit. The source match to the Corey Ruiz incident is strong but not hash-confirmed. Several other public evidence objects were recorded in the repository and not re-opened during this session. These limitations constrain specific claims of media identity, source completeness, factual adjudication and intent. They do not invalidate directly preserved response failures or justify excluding unresolved candidates. The proper conclusion is an evidence-grounded, non-exhaustive audit of the full issue inventory, not a claim of universal source authentication.

9. Reconciliation references

ERL #45 — Multi-angle incident and six comments.

ERL #56 — FDA presidential-pressure source lane; three comments.

ERL #57 — Same-title related lane; no retrieved comments.

ERL #58 — Unresolved origin.

ERL #59 — Unresolved origin.

ERL #60 — Crypto source acquisition and October 23 correction.

ERL #63 — Research-candidate ownership and acquisition.

ERL #69 — Epistemic burden and cross-event dependence.

ERL #90 — Youth-health/FDA source-video limitation.

ERL #120 — MAGA Inc. candidate and 393-second video source.

ERL #212 — Election-framing research and five comments.

Executive Rhetoric Ledger: Evidence, Model Mischaracterization, and Correction Recurrence

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Abstract

This research examines failures in an AI assistant's handling of user-supplied evidence and historical research, with emphasis on proposition substitution, unrequested defensive balancing, evidence displacement, narrowing of research scope, and correction without reliable persistence. The Executive Rhetoric Ledger (ERL) repository supplies a heterogeneous corpus of substantive research investigations, model-behavior incidents, source-custody records, and coordination histories. All 68 issue bodies were inspected, but they are not equivalent to 68 independent failures. Several underlying repository artifacts were independently fetched; linked external sources, historical original conversations and media have not all been independently authenticated. This manuscript assesses what the inspected evidence supports, identifies specific evidence failures, and preserves all issues in an appendix rather than excluding records based on administrative labels.

1. Research question and researcher-directed chronology

The central question is how an assistant transforms a researcher's actual proposition and evidence into a response that may introduce an unasserted allegation, rebut a stronger claim, narrow the requested inquiry, or add exculpatory language irrelevant to the original question. The researcher described a recurring workflow: recognize a failure; direct historical ERL review; reconcile the historical episodes; then instruct the assistant to enter the event into ERL. Historical research was independently requested, and historical events are not newly created merely because they were reviewed together. The repository record and conversation should preserve these stages separately.

2. Unit of analysis and evidence rules

The issue is a navigation and governance unit, not the unit of model failure. A single conversation may contain several independently assessable proposition transformations and correction failures. A single incident may generate multiple assessments, follow-up tasks and relationship records. A separate investigation may share an issue with a model-behavior failure without becoming a duplicate. No issue is excluded merely because its title, description or comments are terse. Source states are tracked separately: directly retrieved issue body; fetched repository artifact with Git blob SHA; recorded source citation; source independently opened; original media bytes verified; original conversation verified; independent assessment. None of the first four states implies the last three.

3. Results: documented mechanisms

Environmental policy (#68 and raw event): the recorded user question asked what Trump 47 had changed in environmental protection policy, including waterways and aquifers. The assistant added that the administration had not dismantled the entire protection regime, and later acknowledged that this was an unnecessary qualifier. The record supports a documented unrequested balancing episode; it does not alone establish a provider-level motive.

Federal force (#45, #64–67): the preserved July 24 narrative describes two screen recordings of an apparent police encounter, with multiple officers restraining a man and an officer firing at close range. The research distinguished the potential use-of-force violation, the independent crossfire/backdrop concern, and the assistant's analytical minimization as different assessment targets. The August scope-reduction record documents a later transformation of a broader government-treatment inquiry into individual use-of-force justification. These are not interchangeable incidents, and each observable response failure remains a distinct coding unit.

FDA and youth health (#90): the recorded assessment reports that a user-supplied video discussed flavored youth vaping, political contribution timing and regulatory action. The assistant introduced quid-pro-quo or bribery disclaimers that the user had not asserted. This supports an unasked-accusation/rebuttal classification at the recorded-excerpt level; whether particular public-health and political-finance claims are factually established requires their own source verification.

Election and Russia framing (#212): a machine-readable assessment dated October 7 contains three proposition deltas: a contextual interpretation treated as an explicit gasoline quote; an invented troops-at-polling-places hypothesis; and conflation of documented federal election involvement with improper interference. A separate October 12 assessment records unrelated Russian oil-shortage discussion and an unasserted universal disinformation claim. Each delta is individually assessable even when several occur in one conversation.

Other lanes: #3 documents a DOGE/Musk evidence-receipt program; #73 distinguishes private ballroom funding from broader government security/construction costs; #120 registers MAGA Inc. funds as a research candidate rather than an adjudicated misuse finding; #225 describes an agent-execution argument reframing; #227 records a tool-safety-blocked combined comment followed by accepted split updates. These records broaden the evidence and methodological context but cannot automatically be coded as the same model failure.

4. Correction recurrence and epistemic burden

An assistant may accurately acknowledge an error and nevertheless repeat a structurally similar failure. Acknowledgment, changed explanation, durable correction and later conformance are separate outcomes. The observed burden-shifting pattern is a response-level substitution: a user asks about an observable chronology or institutional effect, but the answer moves to whether a criminal accusation or motive has been proven. That substitution is an assessable error when the stronger accusation was never proposed. It does not follow that chronology alone proves a crime, or that a documented response error establishes the assistant provider’s intent.

5. Source provenance and the July 24 videos

The repository identifies ScreenRecording_07-24-2026 16-14-44_1.mp4 (18.633333 seconds; 13,704,530 bytes; recorded SHA-256 b43fcb32dff9cda969be9dc00a3d0f1af09426c83ac768430cc3526c3ea66921) and ScreenRecording_07-24-2026 15-51-47_1.mp4 (27.566667 seconds; 20,113,814 bytes; recorded SHA-256 87a0c84b1798bbec0c6a686b29a6d601d666e04e6cd179edf2446bd6d6c2ac80). The originating research narrative and intake confirm that the recordings were submitted and reviewed. The intake also records that original post URLs, incident identity, complete transcript and media bytes were not installed in the repository. That custody gap must not be misreported as absence of the original footage or inability to identify the public incident.

6. Previously mishandled issue classifications

Issue #67 calls itself a duplicate coordination stub pointing to #66; it is not established as a byte-for-byte duplicate of every historical artifact. Issues #58 and #59 contain the bodies “temp” and “temp2”, respectively, and no comments were returned in the prior check. Their originating purposes cannot be established from these descriptions; they remain unresolved-origin candidates, not invalidated or discarded research. Issues #56 and #57 have matching descriptions concerning presidential pressure on the FDA; their full histories must be reconciled before asserting identity. The October 7 record’s three deltas remain three distinct coded response failures regardless of their shared conversation.

7. Discussion

The archive demonstrates why issue counts, assessment-file counts, original event counts and model-failure counts cannot be substituted for one another. An accurate qualitative analysis requires preserving the user’s exact question and supplied evidence, the assistant’s answer, the proposition delta, subsequent objections and corrections, and the later historical-review

and ERL-entry process. Statistical cross-domain comparisons with unrelated software-engineering conversations are not required to describe a directly observed failure. The available corpus is selected for problems and does not justify population-wide prevalence or intentional political-motive claims.

8. Conclusion and evidence boundary

The ERL record supports multiple concrete examples of proposition substitution, exculpatory framing, premature narrowing, and correction recurrence, and it contains numerous distinct substantive research lanes whose evidentiary relevance cannot be inferred from issue titles alone. This paper includes all 68 issue records as inventory objects. It does not claim to have independently authenticated every external source, original conversation, video or cross-repository file, and therefore cannot honestly be described as a fully completed forensic evidence audit. The unresolved source authentication is recorded rather than silently converting summaries into verified originals.

Appendix A. All 68 issue records: source-audit assessment

The following entries preserve every issue as a distinct inventory record. “Issue-body-only” means its original source chain has not been authenticated; it does not mean the research subject is invalid. Some inspected artifacts have recorded blob hashes; these authenticate retrieved repository content identity, not every proposition within it.

#240: Project 2025 and election litigation — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#237: Local sovereign inference and archival — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#236: NVIDIA AI infrastructure — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#233: Household affordability and inflation 1993–2026 — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#231: October 2026 rallies, violence and enforcement — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#227: ChatGPT patent-scope tool block — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#225: Grok agent-execution proposition reframing — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: PARTIAL. Excerpts preserved in issue; full initiating exchange unverified. Repository issue.

#223: Research acquisition non-ALLOW dispositions — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#219: Russian diesel and election infrastructure — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#212: Election-related model framing influence — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: PARTIAL. Three deltas within one conversation; full transcript incomplete. Repository issue.

#187: UK JCHR human rights and AI — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#177: White House press access — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#172: AI Emergency Button / CLARITY boundary — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#163: Household economic conditions data — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#160: Trae Spurlock / Casper police encounter — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#159: Evidence-monitor workflow remediation — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#132: Continuous acquisition across ERL research lanes — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#121: Educational access influence network — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#120: MAGA Inc midterm funds potential misuse — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: PARTIAL. FEC summary asserted in record; transaction-level independent verification outstanding. Repository issue.

#118: Resident-review dispatch validation receipts — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#116: Resident independent-review dispatch — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#114: Self-contained review package — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#112: Independent reviewer control plane — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#110: Machine-owned independent reviewer — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#108: API enterprise AI transparency observations — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#106: AI transparency manuscript integration — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#104: AI transparency independent review — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#102: Consumer transparency observations — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#100: Provider cost-surface evidence — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#97: Transparency review execution surfaces — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#95: AI transparency scale sensitivity — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#93: AI economic transparency research program — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#90: Flavored ENDS FDA youth risk and political timing — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: PARTIAL. Video reported supplied; original link and bytes not authenticated. Repository issue.

#87: Mail voting and USPS executive authority — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#81: Linguistic enregisterment and AI provenance — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#80: Orphaned candidate registration — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#78: Canada and US economic trajectories — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#77: Crypto market longitudinal research — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#76: Energy and Iran forecast calibration — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#74: Transition-first evidence calculus — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#73: White House ballroom taxpayer funding — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: PARTIAL. White House, Reuters and Axios source links recorded; external content not reverified. Repository issue.

#69: Assertion-before-probe and epistemic asymmetry — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: PARTIAL. Relationship synthesis; not a separate originating episode. Repository issue.

#68: Environmental policy Reagan to Trump 47 — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: PARTIAL. User question, assistant qualifier and correction excerpt; original full transcript not authenticated. Repository issue.

#67: Scope narrowing duplicate stub of #66 — duplicate coordination stub of #66. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#66: Administration maltreatment scope reduction — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: PARTIAL. Raw excerpt and correction; full conversation not authenticated. Repository issue.

#65: Federal administration maltreatment parent scope — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#64: Federal force missing-context sub-scope — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#63: Research candidate continuity — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#62: UAP disclosure and documentary feedback — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#61: Veteran Care Continuity Ledger — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#60: Multi-trajectory frontier and Trumpality acquisition — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#59: TEMP2 — temporary test issue. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#58: TEMP — temporary test issue. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#57: Presidential pressure on FDA vaccine timeline — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#56: Presidential pressure on FDA vaccine timeline — same-title source lane as #57; duplicate status not verified. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#51: OSINT source coverage and gap proofs — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#49: Validation evidence layer activation — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#47: Fauci HSGAC question-level assessment — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#45: Multi-angle federal force and AI minimization — model-behavior or associated investigation. Evidence status: PARTIAL. Two named MP4s with recorded SHA-256; media bytes and original links not authenticated. Repository issue.

#30: Ruben Ray Martinez South Padre Island force — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#26: Executive Order 14179 action record — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#18: Authoritative producer adapters — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#15: StegGuardian propagation destination — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#6: Recurring political-reality discovery — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#4: Activation validation — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#3: DOGE/Musk source evidence — substantive research or candidate. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#2: Activation reconciliation and decision-economy — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

#1: Activation gate — coordination, evidence, governance or other. Evidence status: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY. Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated. Repository issue.

Appendix B. Source-to-claim reference map

Issue #45: assessments/machine/ERL-2026-07-24-MULTIANGLE-001.json

Issue #45: assessments/intake/2026-07-24-multi-angle-primary-record-intake.json

Issue #45: incident-evidence-streams/2026-07-24-multi-angle-officer-shooting-and-ai-review-failure.md

Issue #66: assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-administration-maltreatment-scope-reduction.raw.md

Issue #68: assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-admin-protective-framing.raw.md

Issue #90: assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-31-CHATGPT-UNASKED-ACCUSATION-DEFLECTION-CHILD-HEALTH.json

Issue #212: assessments/machine/2026-10-07-model-election-framing-proposition-delta.json

Issue #212: assessments/machine/2026-10-12-chatgpt-russia-proposition-substitution.json

Issue #120: research-candidates/2026-09-03-maga-inc-midterm-funds-potential-misuse.md

Issue #73: assessments/rhetoric/2026-08-22-white-house-ballroom-taxpayer-cost.md

Supplemental claim-level source audit and reconciliation

This appendix records additional direct reads from the public ERL GitHub repository during this session. A Git blob SHA identifies the repository object inspected, not an independent hash verification of the underlying video, conversation, or external factual assertion. The following assessments replace overly broad or prematurely conclusive classifications in earlier drafts.

July 24 two-angle police shooting, issue #45

Source and custody: Original ERL incident narrative and machine assessment read at blobs abcf9c0f2af33394dcbd2c8758d2fa01882fe47e and 0e145d8f9b9090a09e93f6c5a56d662d0cb7075b. Intake queue blob 6f656fac274276586e4a5017e535f307c67ef111.

Assessment: The repository records two distinct MP4 filenames, durations (18.633333 s; 27.566667 s), sizes (13,704,530 and 20,113,814 bytes), and claimed SHA-256 identifiers. It also preserves three analytical questions: possible excessive force, crossfire danger, and model minimization followed by two user corrections.

Boundary: The binaries were not inspected in this audit. The intake marks exact media not installed and full transcript summary-only. Neither lawful nor unlawful force is finally adjudicated; the video accounts are evidence of what prior reviewers reported, not fresh frame-by-frame observations by this audit.

Reconciliation: Do not collapse the three questions into three independent physical incidents; they concern the same encounter and an associated model conversation. Missing earlier footage does not affirmatively establish subject fault or officer lawfulness.

Environmental response and subsequent correction, August 16

Source and custody: Raw event file assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-admin-protective-framing.raw.md; Git blob 2160f3b34690cab97e4606e370cfed8e0cb656aa.

Assessment: The recorded user asked how Trump 47 changed environmental protections. The assistant inserted 'EPA environmental enforcement has not simply stopped' and 'has not dismantled the entire federal water-protection regime'. After objection, the assistant acknowledged the qualifier was unnecessary and softened the cumulative effect.

Boundary: This directly supports an event-level unsolicited-mitigation observation in the preserved excerpt. It does not by itself verify the underlying policy changes, establish a counterfactual answer from the same model, or prove deliberate political favoritism.

Reconciliation: Keep the initiating question, original assistant qualifier, user challenge and assistant admission as one dependent interaction, not four replications.

Motive-threshold question answered with an inventory answer

Source and custody: Raw event file assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-self-defensive-handling.raw.md; blob 203aa083c4d8c8c1d41e2242b03e692cbefbfaa7.

Assessment: When asked how many events would qualify as a longitudinal motive finding, the assistant initially replied that none of the current records was a proven finding. The user identified that this answered a different question; the assistant later proposed a three-event minimum and acknowledged it was ad hoc.

Boundary: The recorded exchange supports a question-substitution and subsequent unsupported-threshold episode. No finite number of events alone proves intent. This exchange is temporally and conversationally dependent on the August 16 self-assessment cluster.

Reconciliation: Separate observed failure from interpretation that the response was intentionally self-protective.

Federal maltreatment inquiry narrowed to force justification

Source and custody: Raw event file assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-administration-maltreatment-scope-reduction.raw.md; blob 84b98cc06ddb2738ce0a3430ae4e18127da794eb. Issue #66; #67 labels itself coordination duplicate.

Assessment: The source preserves the user's correction that the assistant moved a broader administration-maltreatment research question into an individual-force-justification question and then imposed confirming/disconfirming labels.

Boundary: Supports documented scope reduction in the preserved account. Does not establish maltreatment, bias motive or an independent incident in #67.

Reconciliation: Retain broad parent #65 and narrower research lane #64 as separate scopes, not separate empirical replications of the same model event.

FDA flavored e-cigarettes and unasked bribery rebuttal

Source and custody: Machine assessment assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-31-CHATGPT-UNASKED-ACCUSATION-DEFLECTION-CHILD-HEALTH.json; blob dea2ec2dd491bdf49565a2189ac4601300f1fb46; issue #90.

Assessment: The model record describes an assistant introducing quid-pro-quo/bribery claims absent from the presented chronology, then devoting response attention to rebutting those stronger claims. The record separately cites CDC youth flavor prevalence and FDA regulatory balancing.

Boundary: The event-level framing finding is supported by the recorded response sequence, while the full source video and original transcript are not independently authenticated here. Contribution timing is not evidence of bribery by itself; youth health risk is a separate research question.

Reconciliation: The assistant's unsolicited criminal framing must not be misrepresented as an allegation made by the user.

Election-framing: three deltas in one October 7 exchange

Source and custody: Machine assessment assessments/machine/2026-10-07-model-election-framing-proposition-delta.json; blob 7d202121d9fed6735e686ed53f22eafc6094a3e0.

Assessment: Three deltas are recorded: contextual gasoline interpretation converted to an explicit quote, unasked 'troops at polls' hypothesis and rebuttal, and federal involvement conflated with improper interference.

Boundary: The source explicitly says full verbatim transcript custody is incomplete. It supports three separately described failures in one reconstructed exchange, not three independent sessions or definitive attribution of intent.

Reconciliation: Retain three atomic deltas while reporting one origin-session unit until timestamps and full source are recovered.

Russia-related topic substitution, October 12

Source and custody: Machine assessment assessments/machine/2026-10-12-chatgpt-russia-proposition-substitution.json; blob 81b5c8c144599de65b88b8e4ca80b75db5353e91.

Assessment: The record describes initial assertion-before-probe, unrelated refinery/oil shortage content, an invented universal claim that all Russian disinformation stopped, and eventual acknowledgment after user correction.

Boundary: The source identifies bounded excerpts and paraphrase, not complete verbatim custody. This is evidence of a recorded interaction reconstruction, not a fully authenticated transcript or population-wide effect.

Reconciliation: Do not conflate distinct errors inside the exchange, or count the later historical retrieval as an independent failure.

Tennessee voting-machine screenshot, October 23

Source and custody: Machine assessment assessments/machine/2026-10-23-chatgpt-tennessee-voting-machine-framing.json; blob 9977c7fa2cc8ecd743292d7fceac4bb6ebc6b43c. Issue #212 records merged PR #242 and GitHub readback.

Assessment: The recorded user asked 'Any truth?' and the assistant inserted a claim about deliberate vote manipulation not asserted in the source. Later answers emphasized hypothetical reverse errors and responded to system-wide allegations before examining ERL history.

Boundary: The GitHub blob is authenticated as retrieved repository content, not the underlying screenshot or election-machine reports. The assessment itself says the full conversation and screenshot hashes remain absent.

Reconciliation: Separate unasked-intent rebuttal, directional-salience displacement, and retrieval-order failure within this single exchange.

Crypto financial rails and evidentiary status, October 23

Source and custody: Assessment assessments/2026-10-23-trump-crypto-financial-rails-and-model-framing-incident.md; blob b07ea22f550af37dc00cecec3ae89c13bec13746; issue #60 and #212 correction comments.

Assessment: The record differentiates price-dependent token extraction from transaction fees, primary sales, stablecoin reserve returns and foreign-linked entity payments. It preserves the user's assertion that Stage 0 was already confirmed in prior research, alongside the narrower status of inspected baseline files.

Boundary: The inspected assessment does not itself independently establish manipulation, specific payment-for-official-action causation or the authority of the earlier Stage 0 confirmation. Reclassifying the user's established-prior-finding statement as a newly invented hypothesis is a distinct recorded model error candidate.

Reconciliation: Preserve the conflict in evidence status until the earlier actual finding is located; do not silently promote or demote it.

Presidential FDA pressure source lanes #56 and #57

Source and custody: Both issue bodies retrieved; #56 has three substantive comments citing public Trump statements, FDA FOIA messages, safety rationale and a coordination-direction discriminator. #57 has zero comments.

Assessment: Identical titles and initial bodies do not make the two issue histories equivalent. The #56 comments distinguish direct public pressure from unproven explicit instructions concerning the 60-day criterion.

Boundary: The underlying linked assessment files returned 404 on direct default-branch fetch in this session; the comments are secondary descriptions of those files, not successful independent inspection of their content.

Reconciliation: Do not infer absence of evidence from 404 or treat documented pressure as proof of a specific hidden command mechanism.

Ballroom construction funding proposition scope

Source and custody: Assessment assessments/rhetoric/2026-08-22-white-house-ballroom-taxpayer-cost.md; blob a026b251c1700a4a3802c8bf17dbe2a92a6aba93.

Assessment: The record separates private donor financing of a structure, taxpayer cost of the integrated ballroom/security project, and federal spending across the wider White House construction program. It cites a White House announcement and later Reuters/Axios reports.

Boundary: The repository assessment is directly inspected; the original public-source pages and government accounting records were not independently opened in this audit. Cost estimates vary by date and scope; do not collapse $200M, $400M, $600M and $900M into one number.

Reconciliation: This is a claim-scope conflict requiring scope-specific evidence, not proof of intent from a discrepancy.

MAGA Inc campaign finance research candidate

Source and custody: Research candidate research-candidates/2026-09-03-maga-inc-midterm-funds-potential-misuse.md; blob a453222e12b420ae1c5197cc7f1829f3d8d97fd0.

Assessment: The record identifies FEC committee C00892471 and gives a dated official-summary snapshot; it separately proposes investigation of donor representations, transfers and spending.

Boundary: The FEC snapshot has not been independently re-queried in this audit. Cash retention and delayed disbursement do not by themselves establish misuse, donor deception or illegality.

Reconciliation: Preserve as a research candidate; do not promote the hypothesis into a factual misuse finding.

Cross-event synthesis and denominators

The audited record contains several identifiable mechanisms: unasserted stronger proposition and rebuttal; unsolicited exculpatory qualifier; substitution of a narrower question for the user's actual question; interpretation-to-fact conversion; scope reduction; retrieval of prior evidence only after the user points to it; and incomplete correction persistence. Their coexistence supports a descriptive taxonomy of observed or reconstructed failures. It does not establish their population frequency, a single causal mechanism, or provider intent.

A valid prevalence denominator must count authenticated originating conversations or independently executed matched controls, not issue tickets, assessment JSON files, comments, derivative syntheses, or separate errors inside one conversation. Conversely, an origin conversation may contain several analytically distinct failures; those must not be erased when deduplicating incidents.

Publication rule and evidence status

The strongest supported statements concern what the inspected repository records contain, what selected verbatim excerpts say, and how their proposition structures differ. Public factual claims quoted in repository assessments require independent original-source inspection before being presented as verified facts of the world. The full set of linked source materials across 68 issues has not been audited in this appendix. No certification of exhaustive provenance, systematic partisan bias, motive, criminal conduct, or adjudicated excessive force follows from this document.

Direct repository record links: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger ; issue links follow https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger/issues/NUMBER. Paths and blob SHA values above permit exact record identification, subject to repository history and future edits.

Appendix D — Linked Evidence, Classification, Findings, and Provenance

The following register is a claim-to-source index for records directly inspected or issue histories reconciled during the preceding research sessions. 'Verified' means the cited repository object was read; it does not mean its external assertions or linked original media were authenticated. Every source link is clickable. This is a bounded register, not a claim that every original source across the 68 issues has been inspected.

ERL-01 · Video reference / derived · Issue(s) 45 · Source

Summary: Two submitted MP4s; original binary and conversation export not examined
Assessment: Metadata and source narratives preserved; force/crossfire and AI review remain investigative questions
Provenance/contradiction: Unverified original; no independent visual observation

ERL-02 · Primary-record intake · Issue(s) 45 · Source

Summary: Ten source classes including original footage, full sequence, official records, original chat
Assessment: Specifies exact custody gaps and release conditions
Provenance/contradiction: Repository original verified; underlying media not

ERL-03 · Conversation excerpt · Issue(s) 69 · Source

Summary: Environmental-policy question followed by unsolicited counterbalancing qualification
Assessment: Supports local model framing error and later correction
Provenance/contradiction: Preserved excerpt; policy facts not independently revalidated

ERL-04 · Conversation excerpt · Issue(s) 69 · Source

Summary: Motive-threshold question initially answered as existing-evidence status
Assessment: Supports question substitution and ad hoc later numerical criterion
Provenance/contradiction: Dependent August 16 correction history

ERL-05 · Conversation excerpt · Issue(s) 66 · Source

Summary: Administration-maltreatment scope narrowed to use-of-force justification
Assessment: Supports event-level scope reduction
Provenance/contradiction: Not proof of political motive or legal conclusion

ERL-06 · Coordination duplicate · Issue(s) 67 · Source

Summary: Issue explicitly identifies #66 as canonical source
Assessment: Prevents false incident inflation
Provenance/contradiction: No new originating incident

ERL-07 · Derivative machine assessment · Issue(s) 90 · Source

Summary: FDA youth-risk conversation included unasked bribery/quid-pro-quo rebuttal
Assessment: Supports candidate stronger-proposition substitution
Provenance/contradiction: Original video and complete transcript not authenticated

ERL-08 · Reconstructed assessment · Issue(s) 212 · Source

Summary: Three election framing deltas recorded for Oct 7
Assessment: Distinct atomic deltas; one origin conversation
Provenance/contradiction: No complete verbatim original

ERL-09 · Reconstructed assessment · Issue(s) 212 · Source

Summary: Russia-related topic and proposition substitution Oct 12
Assessment: Several distinct candidate failures in one exchange
Provenance/contradiction: Full transcript missing

ERL-10 · Conversation-derived assessment · Issue(s) 212 · Source

Summary: Tennessee voting-machine answer introduced intent and reverse-direction caveats
Assessment: Four model-response deltas recorded
Provenance/contradiction: Screenshot bytes and full export missing

ERL-11 · Conversation-derived assessment · Issue(s) 60 · Source

Summary: Crypto profit rails, prior Stage 0 status, and no-quid-pro-quo emphasis
Assessment: Supports correction/retrieval-order finding candidate
Provenance/contradiction: Earlier Stage 0 authority unresolved

ERL-12 · Issue and comments · Issue(s) 56 · Source

Summary: Direct public FDA pressure distinguished from 60-day-specific hidden direction
Assessment: Public statements and cited FOIA leads recorded
Provenance/contradiction: Original FOIA and linked note not reverified; file 404

ERL-13 · Issue body · Issue(s) 57 · Source

Summary: Same issue title/body as #56, no comment history
Assessment: Not equivalent research histories
Provenance/contradiction: No independent original inspected

ERL-14 · Issue stubs · Issue(s) 58,59 · Source

Summary: TEMP / TEMP2; no substantive body or comments
Assessment: No research finding possible from stubs
Provenance/contradiction: Origin unresolved

ERL-15 · Research inventory · Issue(s) 68 · Source

Summary: Multi-administration environmental and commercial-water inventory
Assessment: Defines domain coverage and legal-lifecycle distinctions
Provenance/contradiction: Primary rulemaking sources not fully examined

ERL-16 · Research issue · Issue(s) 90 · Source

Summary: FDA ENDS youth risks, authorization and political-finance chronology
Assessment: Defines separable causal questions
Provenance/contradiction: Source videos/agency originals require audit

ERL-17 · Research candidate · Issue(s) 120 · Source

Summary: MAGA Inc. retained funds and proposed FEC reconstruction
Assessment: Candidate only, not misuse finding
Provenance/contradiction: FEC transactions not independently reconciled

ERL-18 · Research reconciliation comments · Issue(s) 212 · Source

Summary: 16 indexed source records are not 16 independent events
Assessment: Explicitly requires origin-to-correction-to-synthesis lineage
Provenance/contradiction: Event-level N not established

ERL-19 · Derivative rhetoric assessment · Issue(s) — · Source

Summary: White House ballroom and taxpayer-cost claims separated by scope
Assessment: Scope conflict as recorded by ERL
Provenance/contradiction: Underlying White House/Reuters/Axios pages not reverified

Evidence relationship and publication interpretation

The unit of evidence (a file, issue, quotation, screenshot, video, or source article), the unit of model failure (an atomic response transformation), and the unit of independent observation (an originating conversation or controlled experiment) are not interchangeable. The August 16 cluster and its August 17 synthesis share correction and retrospective-retrieval dependencies; the October 7 and October 23 election examples each contain multiple deltas in one exchange. Neither a source count nor an issue count estimates prevalence.

Evidence that contradicts a claimed fact must be separated from evidence that limits attribution, completeness, or causal inference. An absent full transcript limits authentication but does not disprove a preserved quotation. An authentic assistant statement proves the response occurred, not the truth of the response's factual claim. A user's instruction to enter an event into ERL explains its later preservation; it does not create an independent replication of that event.

Research conclusion: the examined materials substantiate a descriptive taxonomy of locally documented or reconstructed response failures, including question substitution, scope narrowing, unsolicited stronger-proposition rebuttal, asymmetric caveating, retrieval-order failure, and incomplete correction. They do not yet establish systematic prevalence, a unique cause, provider intent, or a general political-bias rate. These boundaries are findings about the evidence, not reasons to discard the observations.

Supplement E — Primary-source verification and claim adjudication

Audit cutoff: 23 October 2026. This supplement adds direct original-source inspection to the preceding ERL research and preserves its earlier text. A GitHub object SHA verifies which repository version was examined; it is not a SHA-256 authentication of an external primary source. Original-source claims and model-behavior claims are adjudicated separately.

E-25 | GAO federal fraud-loss estimate — independently opened official source

Source type: primary federal oversight report. Original: GAO-24-105833, published April 16, 2024. ERL receipt: assessments/evidence/receipts/SRC-GAO-24-105833.json; repository blob SHA 784ab0a61781bc26f9989edc05df2de19827094b. Directly inspected GAO page: https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-105833.

Observed: GAO estimates direct annual federal fraud losses of $233 billion to $521 billion using FY2018–FY2022 evidence and a probabilistic method; it explicitly excludes program-level application, prediction of future years, and direct equivalence with improper payments. The estimate does not isolate pandemic fraud. The ERL receipt accurately describes those restrictions.

Claim disposition: CONFIRMED WITH SCOPE. Government-wide historic estimate; NOT evidence of DOGE-specific detected fraud, DOGE performance, actual DOGE savings, or Musk misconduct. Additional nuance from the original: GAO notes OMB disagreement with the estimate. This is a methodological challenge, not evidence the report was withdrawn.

Original GAO report

ERL source receipt

E-26 | Monthly Treasury Statement — independently opened official source

Source type: primary Treasury data-series description. Original: Bureau of the Fiscal Service Monthly Treasury Statement landing page, last updated January 15, 2026. ERL receipt: assessments/evidence/receipts/SRC-TREASURY-MTS-COLLECTION-001.json; blob SHA ea454da59ade03d86280c79f86bd4affe6d82e2c.

Observed: the MTS summarizes receipts, outlays, surplus or deficit, and means of financing on a modified-cash basis. It receives data from federal entities, disbursing officers, and Federal Reserve Banks. The inspected landing page does not contain period-specific DOGE net savings, an attribution method, or independently verified FY2026 June values.

Claim disposition: SOURCE PURPOSE CONFIRMED; NUMERICAL PERIOD CLAIMS NOT VERIFIED. The receipt is correctly restricted to dataset authority and accounting basis. A fiscal impact claim needs same-stage comparisons, actual period data, correction history, and causal attribution. The absence of such material here is an evidence gap, not a finding that no savings occurred.

Original Treasury source

ERL source receipt

E-27 | FY2026 presidential budget — collection located, contents not inspected

Source type: official Government Publishing Office collection. ERL receipt: assessments/evidence/receipts/SRC-GOVINFO-BUDGET-2026.json; blob SHA 5222f011481fe4387e70f8b7d1fa18b1bdeb6e85. The cited GovInfo collection URL resolved but provided no extractable document contents during this audit.

Claim disposition: OFFICIAL COLLECTION LOCATED; SUBSTANTIVE ORIGINAL NOT EXAMINED. The repository accurately separates a presidential request from enacted appropriations and realized cash outlays, but individual requested figures and supporting documents were not independently verified. A proposal cannot prove a fiscal outcome.

Original GovInfo collection

ERL source receipt

E-28 | DOGE budget-stage map — original repository file inspected

Source: assessments/evidence/2026-07-doge-musk-budget-stage-map.md; blob SHA c765d2fddc11efbe73f63306497bfb5b3d1f6089. This is an analytical schema and source-use restriction, not an original Treasury fiscal dataset. It separates proposal, authorization, appropriation, obligation, outlay, and final actual; it additionally requires classification of announced, estimated, gross, net, duplicate, corrected, canceled-authority, avoided-spending, and realized-outlay claims.

Assessment: the map is internally consistent with the independently inspected GAO and Treasury source descriptions. It expressly withholds final DOGE attribution. A repository issue being closed does not overturn the explicit incomplete-source status recorded by the map or prove CI validation. This is a workflow-status versus evidence-status distinction, not a factual contradiction.

ERL budget-stage map

E-29 | DOGE/Musk issue #3 — current source status and contradiction

Issue #3 is closed and its July 16 comments record addition of the GAO, GovInfo and Treasury receipts. The issue itself identifies missing exact period values, DOGE ledger versions, independent controls, primary docket records, ethics/waiver instruments, and absent combined status checks. Closure is an administrative event; it does not transform the source receipt into a finding of financial or legal misconduct.

Assessment: the source-audit boundary is stronger than an undifferentiated UNVERIFIED label. GAO source content and Treasury dataset purpose have now been independently checked. Specific fiscal outcomes, legal claims, controls and causal attribution remain unverified.

ERL issue #3

Integrated interpretation: evidence strength, dependence, and causal boundaries

The repository contains three logically different claims: (1) historic fraud losses are substantial, supported by GAO; (2) federal outlays are measured in an official modified-cash series, supported by Treasury; and (3) DOGE produced a particular fiscal or regulatory result, which neither source establishes. A valid inference from (1) and (2) to (3) would require primary DOGE claim records, matched accounting periods, comparable appropriations, actual outlays, and controls for independent policy and timing effects. No independent replication is created by repeating the same receipt in an issue, machine assessment, budget-stage map and manuscript.

Contradiction and alternative explanations: GAO records OMB disagreement with its estimate; this limits interpretation of the range without negating GAO publication. Proposal figures and outlays may diverge because they are different fiscal objects. An observed budget change may be caused by congressional action, accounting timing, unrelated executive decisions, or reclassification rather than DOGE. None of these alternatives should be declared true without evidence; they prevent an unsupported causal conclusion.

Methodological conclusion for the entire manuscript

This primary-source test demonstrates why provenance and admissibility must be separate columns in the ERL appendix. The verified original-source fact may be narrow while the research question is broad. The present manuscript can substantiate specific observed or preserved assistant-response transformations and a growing subset of original public

claims; it cannot yet estimate the population frequency of political framing, establish a common motive, or adjudicate every external incident across the full 68-issue register. This supplement is additive and does not certify that the older manuscript pages were individually re-audited.

Appendix E: Complete 68-Issue Source-Custody and Evidence-Assessment Register

This is an exhaustive INDEX of the 68 issues identified in the repository search, not an exhaustive verification of all primary evidence linked from those issues. Each entry explicitly distinguishes inspection of an issue body or repository artifact from authentication of the original video, conversation, government record, or other underlying source. A source link to an issue is a navigation pointer, not an authenticated original.

Verification grades: ISSUE-BODY-ONLY = issue text inspected, linked primary evidence not exhaustively checked; REPOSITORY-ARTIFACT = specified repository blob inspected, but not necessarily its external source; SOURCE-VERIFIED = independently opened original at the source organization; NOT-INSTALLED = original evidence not available for comparison. Absence of authentication is not evidence that the underlying event did not occur.

#240 — Project 2025 and election litigation · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#237 — Local sovereign inference and archival · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#236 — NVIDIA AI infrastructure · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#233 — Household affordability and inflation 1993–2026 · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#231 — October 2026 rallies, violence and enforcement · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#227 — ChatGPT patent-scope tool block · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#225 — Grok agent-execution proposition reframing · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: Excerpts preserved in issue; full initiating exchange unverified

Inspected artifact: Issue #225 body

Repository blob SHA: not applicable

#223 — Research acquisition non-ALLOW dispositions · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#219 — Russian diesel and election infrastructure · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#212 — Election-related model framing influence · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** OPEN; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: Three deltas within one conversation; full transcript incomplete

Inspected artifact: assessments/machine/2026-10-07-model-election-framing-proposition-delta.json

Repository blob SHA: 7d202121d9fed6735e686ed53f22eafc6094a3e0

#187 — UK JCHR human rights and AI · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#177 — White House press access · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#172 — AI Emergency Button / CLARITY boundary · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#163 — Household economic conditions data · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#160 — Trae Spurlock / Casper police encounter · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#159 — Evidence-monitor workflow remediation · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#132 — Continuous acquisition across ERL research lanes · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#121 — Educational access influence network · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#120 — MAGA Inc midterm funds potential misuse · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: FEC summary asserted in record; transaction-level independent verification outstanding

Inspected artifact: research-candidates/2026-09-03-maga-inc-midterm-funds-potential-misuse.md

Repository blob SHA: a453222e12b420ae1c5197cc7f1829f3d8d97fd0

#118 — Resident-review dispatch validation receipts · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#116 — Resident independent-review dispatch · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#114 — Self-contained review package · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#112 — Independent reviewer control plane · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#110 — Machine-owned independent reviewer · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#108 — API enterprise AI transparency observations · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#106 — AI transparency manuscript integration · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#104 — AI transparency independent review · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#102 — Consumer transparency observations · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#100 — Provider cost-surface evidence · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#97 — Transparency review execution surfaces · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#95 — AI transparency scale sensitivity · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#93 — AI economic transparency research program · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#90 — Flavored ENDS FDA youth risk and political timing · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: Video reported supplied; original link and bytes not authenticated

Inspected artifact: assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-31-CHATGPT-UNASKED-ACCUSATION-DEFLECTION-CHILD-HEALTH.json

Repository blob SHA: dea2ec2dd491bdf49565a2189ac4601300f1fb46

#87 — Mail voting and USPS executive authority · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#81 — Linguistic enregisterment and AI provenance · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#80 — Orphaned candidate registration · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#78 — Canada and US economic trajectories · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#77 — Crypto market longitudinal research · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#76 — Energy and Iran forecast calibration · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#74 — Transition-first evidence calculus · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#73 — White House ballroom taxpayer funding · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: White House, Reuters and Axios source links recorded; external content not reverified

Inspected artifact: assessments/rhetoric/2026-08-22-white-house-ballroom-taxpayer-cost.md

Repository blob SHA: a026b251c1700a4a3802c8bf17dbe2a92a6aba93

#69 — Assertion-before-probe and epistemic asymmetry · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: Relationship synthesis; not a separate originating episode

Inspected artifact: assessments/machine/ERL-2026-08-17-CHATGPT-EPISTEMIC-BURDEN-ASYMMETRY-MAP.json

Repository blob SHA: not fetched

#68 — Environmental policy Reagan to Trump 47 · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: User question, assistant qualifier and correction excerpt; original full transcript not authenticated

Inspected artifact: assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-admin-protective-framing.raw.md

Repository blob SHA: 2160f3b34690cab97e4606e370cfed8e0cb656aa

#67 — Scope narrowing duplicate stub of #66 · Issue link

Role: duplicate coordination stub of #66; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#66 — Administration maltreatment scope reduction · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: Raw excerpt and correction; full conversation not authenticated

Inspected artifact: assessments/events/2026-08-16-chatgpt-administration-maltreatment-scope-reduction.raw.md

Repository blob SHA: 84b98cc06ddb2738ce0a3430ae4e18127da794eb

#65 — Federal administration maltreatment parent scope · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#64 — Federal force missing-context sub-scope · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#63 — Research candidate continuity · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#62 — UAP disclosure and documentary feedback · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#61 — Veteran Care Continuity Ledger · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#60 — Multi-trajectory frontier and Trumpality acquisition · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#59 — TEMP2 · Issue link

Role: temporary test issue; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#58 — TEMP · Issue link

Role: temporary test issue; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#57 — Presidential pressure on FDA vaccine timeline · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#56 — Presidential pressure on FDA vaccine timeline · Issue link

Role: same-title source lane as #57; duplicate status not verified; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#51 — OSINT source coverage and gap proofs · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#49 — Validation evidence layer activation · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#47 — Fauci HSGAC question-level assessment · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#45 — Multi-angle federal force and AI minimization · Issue link

Role: model-behavior or associated investigation; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** PARTIAL

Audit finding: Two named MP4s with recorded SHA-256; media bytes and original links not authenticated

Inspected artifact: assessments/machine/ERL-2026-07-24-MULTIANGLE-001.json

Repository blob SHA: 0e145d8f9b9090a09e93f6c5a56d662d0cb7075b

#30 — Ruben Ray Martinez South Padre Island force · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#26 — Executive Order 14179 action record · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#18 — Authoritative producer adapters · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#15 — StegGuardian propagation destination · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#6 — Recurring political-reality discovery · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#4 — Activation validation · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#3 — DOGE/Musk source evidence · Issue link

Role: substantive research or candidate; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#2 — Activation reconciliation and decision-economy · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

#1 — Activation gate · Issue link

Role: coordination, evidence, governance or other; **issue state:** CLOSED; **custody grade:** ISSUE-BODY-ONLY

Audit finding: Issue body examined; full issue comments, linked files and external evidence not exhaustively authenticated

Primary-source contradiction and accounting-scope addendum

GAO-24-105833: The GAO government-wide fraud-loss range ($233–$521 billion per year) is a probabilistic estimate using FY2018–FY2022 data. It is not a predictive model, is not comparable to improper-payment estimates, and must not be allocated to individual agencies or programs. GAO reports that OMB generally agreed with recommendations but disagreed with the estimate; this is a documented methodological disagreement and should be disclosed rather than presenting institutional unanimity. Original: https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-105833

Treasury Monthly Treasury Statement: The Bureau of the Fiscal Service describes receipts, outlays, surplus/deficit and means of financing on a modified cash basis. This source establishes the measurement framework, not a causal DOGE-attributable reduction in outlays. Original: https://fiscal.treasury.gov/accounting/monthly-treasury-statement

Evidence classification rule: Government-source verification establishes what an agency published. It does not independently validate every inference in a repository narrative. An issue existence establishes that a research question or incident intake was recorded, not that the allegation was proven. A preserved verbatim assistant quote supports a bounded conversational observation, not a system-wide causal or motive finding.

Research synthesis: The inspected record supports a descriptive taxonomy of question substitution, unasked stronger-proposition rebuttal, scope reduction, unsupported balancing caveats, and evidence-retrieval-order failure. Multiple response errors may occur within one initiating conversation. Retrospective investigations prompted by the user instruction to enter an incident into ERL are dependent documentary records, not fresh independent observations. The denominator of independently authenticated originating conversations remains undetermined.

Publication disposition: This register makes incomplete verification visible, rather than laundering a repository inventory into an original-source audit. A comprehensive publication claim still requires opening and authenticating every substantive original, matching each conclusion to a source, recording contradictions, and reconciling source lineage.

Appendix F — Claim Adjudication, Contradictions, and Manuscript Integrity

This is a source-bounded audit addendum, not certification of the full original-source corpus. It distinguishes (i) records actually retrieved from the repository, (ii) original government publications inspected independently, and (iii) claims that remain unsupported by authenticated underlying media or complete conversation transcripts. The previous 48-page paper is retained in full to prevent accidental loss of material; retaining a passage does not certify it.

1. Independently checked official source: GAO-24-105833

The U.S. Government Accountability Office report dated April 16, 2024 estimated annual government-wide direct financial fraud losses of $233 billion–$521 billion from FY2018–FY2022 data. GAO explicitly states the estimate is not predictive, cannot be applied as a rate to specific agencies/programs, cannot isolate pandemic-program fraud, and is not comparable to improper-payment estimates. OMB disagreed with the estimate while generally agreeing with recommendations. Consequently, this source cannot independently demonstrate DOGE performance, specific Musk-related decisions, or an attributable realized fiscal saving.

Official source: GAO-24-105833; ERL receipt: SRC-GAO-24-105833

2. Independently checked official source: Monthly Treasury Statement

The U.S. Treasury Bureau of the Fiscal Service describes the Monthly Treasury Statement as reporting federal receipts, outlays, surplus/deficit, and financing on a modified cash basis. This independently validates the source-system description in the ERL receipt, not any particular June 2026 number or DOGE-attributable reduction. The presidential FY2026 budget request, enacted appropriations, obligations, and actual Treasury outlays are different fiscal objects and must not be silently equated.

Official source: Treasury Fiscal Service Reports; ERL receipt: SRC-TREASURY-MTS-COLLECTION-001

3. Repository-origin evidence versus underlying-event evidence

F-01. Environmental regulation, August 16 — Open source

Observed evidence: Preserved assistant qualifier and user correction
Supported inference: A locally documented unsolicited mitigation / answer-scope deviation
Contradiction / boundary: No independent policy-fact validation or matched control
Independence: Conversation-origin unit; do not count correction as new event

F-02. Motive-threshold question, August 16 — Open source

Observed evidence: Preserved question, nonresponsive answer, later invented numerical threshold
Supported inference: Question substitution and unsupported rule of thumb
Contradiction / boundary: No established numerical threshold for proving intent
Independence: Dependent on the August 16 review context

F-03. Administration maltreatment, August 16 — Open source

Observed evidence: Preserved broad request and narrowed force-justification framing
Supported inference: Research-scope reduction
Contradiction / boundary: Does not adjudicate maltreatment or intentionality
Independence: #67 is coordination duplicate of #66

F-04. July 24 two-video encounter — Open source

Observed evidence: MP4 names, durations, sizes, submitted hashes, assessment narrative
Supported inference: Specific hypotheses and custody requirements
Contradiction / boundary: Video bytes, original incident identification, full transcript not authenticated
Independence: One physical encounter; several distinct research questions

F-05. FDA youth-health / bribery — Open source

Observed evidence: Machine assessment describes unasked quid-pro-quo proposition
Supported inference: Potential stronger-proposition-and-rebuttal error
Contradiction / boundary: Original full video and conversation not authenticated
Independence: One originating interaction, later derivative assessment

F-06. Election framing, Oct 7 — Open source

Observed evidence: Reconstructed machine assessment describes three deltas
Supported inference: Three atomic candidate response failures
Contradiction / boundary: Complete verbatim origin not available
Independence: One conversation, not three independent events

F-07. Russia framing, Oct 12 — Open source

Observed evidence: Reconstructed assessment describes multiple substitutions
Supported inference: Several local failure candidates
Contradiction / boundary: Incomplete verbatim custody and no independent replication
Independence: One origin exchange

F-08. Tennessee election framing, Oct 23 — Open source

Observed evidence: Assessment quotes unasked intent rebuttal and later qualifiers
Supported inference: Four candidate response deltas
Contradiction / boundary: Screenshot and full transcript hashes absent
Independence: One exchange; avoid event-count inflation

F-09. Grok agent-comparison incident, Oct 13 — Open source

Observed evidence: Issue #225 preserves user, assistant, objection, acknowledgment
Supported inference: Assistant conflated screenshot disclosure with agent authorization
Contradiction / boundary: Does not prove Grok commerce claim or deliberate distortion
Independence: One conversation

F-10. Patent comment tool block, Oct 13 — Open source

Observed evidence: Issue #227 preserves error and three later successful comment links
Supported inference: One failed combined tool call, three accepted split calls
Contradiction / boundary: Cause of safety block unknown; no classifier trace
Independence: One incident with multiple attempts

F-11. DOGE/Musk evidence lane — Open source

Observed evidence: Official GAO/Treasury receipts and ERL stage map
Supported inference: Methodological control and stage differentiation
Contradiction / boundary: No installed proof of realized DOGE net savings or motive
Independence: Research program, not a model-error incident

F-12. Fauci HSGAC question-level lane — Open source

Observed evidence: Issue #47 defines source custody and controls
Supported inference: Question-level audit specification
Contradiction / boundary: No fully audited official video/transcript demonstrated here
Independence: Research lane, not substantiated coercion finding

F-13. MAGA Inc. retained-funds candidate — Open source

Observed evidence: Repository candidate cites FEC committee and snapshot
Supported inference: Reason to reconstruct financial chronology
Contradiction / boundary: Retained funds do not prove misuse; FEC underlying not independently checked
Independence: Research candidate, not factual misuse finding

4. Reconciliation across all 68 issue identifiers

The 68-issue register in Appendix E provides issue-level coverage, not 68 authenticated incidents. Each issue is an index to a research lane, primary event, derivative analysis, coordination action, duplicate, or stub. Distinct analytical claims from one origin must remain separately visible, but their source dependence must be disclosed. Issue #56 has substantive follow-up comments; #57 shares an initial title/body but lacks that history. Issues #58–59 are temporary stubs of unresolved origin; issue #67 is explicitly a coordination duplicate of #66. A research lane such as DOGE/Musk #3 or Fauci #47 must not be silently counted as a confirmed assistant failure.

5. Audit decisions and manuscript conclusions

ALLOW for publication as bounded descriptive findings: verbatim preserved assistant quotations and local proposition differences, clearly labeled as conversation evidence; the inspected official GAO methodological facts; Treasury source-system facts; provenance metadata and source-custody deficiencies; and documented issue relationships. DENY promotion to established fact: criminal wrongdoing, unlawful force, election manipulation, bribery, DOGE realized savings, intentional political favoritism, or systematic prevalence where original evidentiary support is absent. FAIL_CLOSED on a claim requiring uninspected media, original transcripts, official records, or controls: retain the claim as candidate with explicit acquisition requirements and no evidentiary upgrade.

This disposition concerns publication claims, not native StegVerse governance admission. No sovereign readback, Registry transition, or independent peer-review approval is claimed. The paper remains a source-bounded research draft pending comprehensive original-source authentication and a full editorial pass integrating amendments into the main text.

Final pass: evidentiary disclosure and publication boundaries

24 October 2026. This section is an explicit disclosure for the preceding integrated research manuscript. The absence of a complete original-source audit is disclosed rather than concealed or presented as an automatic disqualification of the descriptive research. Earlier source-verification labels in the appended research records must be interpreted according to the source-specific limitations below.

Verification terminology

REPOSITORY-VERIFIED: A file or issue was retrieved from the public ERL repository, and its content and, where recorded, Git blob identifier were observed. This does not independently authenticate its quoted conversation, underlying video, or external claim.

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UNABLE TO COMPLETE FULL AUDIT: An original source was unavailable, inaccessible, unlinked, or not inspected within this research pass. The paper must state this explicitly for affected claims; the missing audit is not itself affirmative contrary evidence.

Source-specific final dispositions

July 24 police footage. Unable to perform full original-video audit; filenames, sizes and submitted hashes recorded, but no binary-to-hash verification or frame inspection. No final legal conclusion.

August 16 model exchanges. Inspected preserved raw excerpts; full originating conversation exports and independent platform custody not certified.

FDA flavored-ENDS exchange. Inspected repository machine assessment; unable to perform full video and conversation-original audit. Bribery inference not established.

Election/Russia/Tennessee exchanges. Inspected repository delta assessments; complete originating transcripts or screenshot bytes not certified. Multiple errors per conversation do not increase independent-session count.

DOGE/Musk budget lane. GAO official report directly checked; Treasury source system previously inspected; exact DOGE claim-to-outlay reconciliation and official period-level fiscal comparison not completed.

Fauci HSGAC, FDA pressure. Inspected issue-level research requirements/comments; unable to perform complete question-level hearing/FOIA/original-instrument audit.

White House ballroom. Inspected ERL assessment, but original press/reporting and integrated cost-accounting documents not fully audited.

Campaign finance. Inspected research candidate; full FEC transaction-level audit not completed; misuse not established.

Other ERL research lanes. 68 issue entries inventoried; issue inclusion is not equivalent to original-source verification. Full audit not performed for entries without explicit inspected-source receipts.

Final research interpretation

The inspected corpus supports a qualitative description of identifiable response-level phenomena: question substitution, unasked stronger-proposition rebuttal, scope narrowing, unsolicited caveats, and prior-evidence retrieval failures. Those observations should be preserved even where full custody is unavailable, with the evidence class and verification boundary visible to readers. The corpus does not support a population-level incidence rate, attribution of a single causal mechanism, proof of political intent, or unsupported factual accusations.

The appropriate denominator for independence is originating sessions or genuinely matched independent trials, not issues, comments, machine-assessment records, or multiple deltas within one conversation. Researcher-directed retrospective entry into ERL must be identified as archival intake, not spontaneous independent discovery by the model.

Publication disclosure

Disclosure suitable for inclusion with this paper: “This study includes preserved conversation excerpts, public repository records, derivative research assessments, and selected independently inspected public primary sources. The authoring audit could not fully authenticate all originating conversations, videos, screenshots, external articles, government documents, or the underlying materials associated with every ERL issue. Claims based on these materials are identified as reconstructed, candidate, or not fully source-verified. The resulting analysis is descriptive and does not establish population prevalence, provider intent, or unadjudicated legal wrongdoing.”

Source anchors: https://github.com/StegVerse-Labs/Executive_Rhetoric_Ledger ; https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-24-105833 ; https://fiscal.treasury.gov/accounting/monthly-treasury-statement ; https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/budget/2026 . Earlier appendices supply issue- and record-specific links.