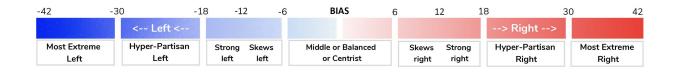


Rating Political Position

To rate political position you need to have existing knowledge of the political views of current elected officials of each party. If you do not, it will be more challenging to rate for this factor - and this is the most complicated factor to rate.

There are three types of articles that indicate political bias: the article discusses one or more political positions, one or more politicians, or it includes no politics at all (and is therefore neutral).



Political positions change over time, so it is important to note that the left-right axis of the chart reflects the current political positions of elected officials in the United States.

Generally, the lines between Strong Left/Hyper-Partisan Left and Strong Right/Hyper-Partisan Right are defined by the documented political positions of the mainstream leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties. These can be found on their platforms and in their public statements.

The line between Hyper-Partisan and Most Extreme is defined by the positions taken by the most extreme elected officials of each party. Articles should be ranked Most Extreme if the positions are beyond what the most extreme elected officials advocate.

Politicians

Does the article paint a politician or political party in a particularly good or bad light? Look for coverage that is *unfairly* negative or positive in view of the underlying thing that the politician did, with the caveat that if what the politician did is widely considered positive or negative, the article may cover that factually without having bias.