



COVERAGE ANALYSIS REPORT

How the 2026 Cornell case was covered

A structural reading of 26 articles, by type of outlet and by length.

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Sample, built on public coverage

SAMPLE REPORT

October 24, 2026. This sample shows what a Coverage Analysis Report looks like. It describes how the articles are written, not the case itself, and not whether any party or outlet is right or wrong.

At a glance

26 articles from 20 outlets, read by Frametra's on-device engine across six structural signals.

77

average structural score,
range 61 to 88

15 of 26

articles with one charged
word or none

30–83

range in source attribution
scores across articles

8 of 26

articles with full claim
restraint

WHAT THE NUMBERS SHOW

- 1 The tone stayed measured.** Neutral language averaged 96.2 out of 100, and every article scored 90 or above. 6 articles used none of the engine's charged words and 15 used one or none.
- 2 Higher-ed trade press scored highest on sourcing and claim restraint.** The 4 trade articles averaged 68 on sourcing and 97 on claim restraint, against 57 and 83 for news outlets. Inside Higher Ed's three pieces averaged 75 on sourcing; The Chronicle's 2,634-word feature scored 46. Four articles is a small group.
- 3 Sourcing varied widely from article to article.** Source attribution ran from 30 to 83. 1 article scored 80 or above and 11 scored below 50.
- 4 The longest pieces read thinnest on sourcing.** The 6 articles of 2,000 words or more averaged 42 on sourcing, against 61 for the rest. The engine measures attribution relative to length, so part of this is how the measure works. A full read of who was quoted is what settles it.
- 5 The two student papers used the most allegation wording.** Their claim restraint scores were 0 and 20, the lowest of the 26, while their neutral language scored 100. The engine counts words such as "claims" and "alleges" against this signal, which is expected when articles report on allegations and court records. Two articles is a very small group.
- 6 Commentary, legal and PR analysis ran longest.** These 6 pieces averaged 2068 words, against 1392 for news outlets, with sourcing of 48 against 57. They also carried the most charged words per article, 3.5 against 2.1.

SOURCING AND LENGTH, BY TYPE OF OUTLET

News and wire outlets		57 sourcing · 1392 words
Higher-ed trade press		68 sourcing · 1431 words
Student papers		56 sourcing · 617 words
Commentary, legal and PR analysis		48 sourcing · 2068 words

How to read these scores. They describe how an article is built: its sourcing, wording and evidence. They do not say whether an article is accurate, fair or well-intentioned, and they are not grades.

The six signals, across all 26 articles

Average score for each signal, out of 100. Weights show how much each signal counts toward the structural score.



BY TYPE OF OUTLET

	ARTICLES	AVG WORDS	SCORE	SOURCING	CLAIM RESTRAINT	EVIDENCE	CHARGED WORDS
News and wire outlets	14	1392	78	57	83	89	2.1
Higher-ed trade press	4	1431	84	68	97	96	2.5
Student papers	2	617	63	56	10	86	0.0
Commentary, legal and PR analysis	6	2068	74	48	76	89	3.5

The trade press group has four articles and the student paper group has two, too few to compare on their own.

BY ARTICLE LENGTH

	ARTICLES	AVG WORDS	SCORE	SOURCING	CLAIM RESTRAINT	EVIDENCE	CHARGED WORDS
Under 600 words	6	436	76	60	79	77	0.7
600 words or more	20	1812	77	55	78	94	2.8

Sourcing = source attribution. Evidence = figures and direct quotations. Charged words = average count per article.

Outlet by outlet

All 26 articles, grouped by type of outlet. Scores out of 100; values below 50 are shown in amber.

OUTLET	HEADLINE	WORDS	SCORE	SRC	LANG	CLM	HDG	EVD	ACT
News and wire outlets (14 articles)									
cnn.com	Cornell president breaks silence amid outcry over handling of s...	1113	82	77	98	64	64	100	99
cnn.com	Cornell case latest: New York governor vows to unravel failures...	2976	75	44	95	85	55	100	98
cnn.com	A timeline of the Cornell gang rape allegations	3318	74	44	99	70	58	100	98
cnn.com	A 'loophole' in New York's rape law may have shut the door on c...	1607	76	53	97	70	60	100	98
cnn.com	What's next for special prosecutor's investigation into Cornell	1251	83	52	100	100	83	83	100
cnbc.com	Cornell sexual assault case has some prospective students rethi...	452	77	65	94	76	40	95	99
time.com	Pressure Mounts on Cornell to Explain Its Handling of Sexual As...	1363	76	62	94	70	40	100	97
washingtonpost.com	'I felt like bait': A timeline of the Cornell University rape a...	910	78	49	100	88	48	100	98
npr.org	Cornell names former acting U.S. attorney general to review rap...	444	74	59	94	79	40	67	98
pbs.org	Woman who accused Cornell students of rape says university pres...	500	84	61	95	100	97	69	98
katv.com	Hochul removes Tompkins County DA from Cornell rape case; Letit...	396	77	49	100	100	40	70	97
san.com	Hochul says she 'lost faith' in Cornell rape case DA, taps Leti...	3427	79	52	93	100	40	100	99
ithacavoice.org	'Cornell 7': District attorney to reopen investigation in frate...	1460	72	48	95	66	54	100	96
thehill.com	Trump: Cornell students 'won't get a fair shake' with James lea...	266	79	78	91	100	61	61	99
Higher-ed trade press (4 articles)									
insidehighered.com	Cornell Faces Outcry Over Handling of Rape Allegations	1241	83	69	98	89	47	100	96
insidehighered.com	Cornell Agrees to Independent Investigation of Alleged Rape	1065	86	72	98	100	40	100	98
insidehighered.com	Cornell Rape Allegations Push Other Universities to Reflect	785	88	83	100	100	51	83	98
chronicle.com	At Cornell, a Rape Case Defines an Era	2634	79	46	92	100	66	100	97
Student papers (2 articles)									
cornellsun.com	Records Reveal Cornell's Punishments for Seven Chi Phi Defendan...	678	61	66	100	0	40	71	92
bellarminelion.com	The role of the media in the Cornell 7 case	556	65	45	100	20	67	100	96
Commentary, legal and PR analysis (6 articles)									
prdaily.com	Cornell, the DA and the communication choices that deepened a c...	1073	69	40	93	78	62	63	99
slate.com	I Was Hired by One of the "Cornell Seven" Last Year. I Know Wel...	2216	72	33	90	90	62	96	97
abovethelaw.com	'Enablers Will Endlessly Protect Institutions': The Cornell 7 C...	1213	76	47	96	86	59	86	99
serpalaw.com	How the Men of Cornell University Failed Jane Doe: The Cornell...	5382	74	30	99	91	61	100	99
mtracey.net	New footage shows a carnival of stupidity, hysteria, and rank d...	1714	77	69	94	52	71	100	98
yahoo.com	Beware the Rush to Judgment in the Cornell Rape Case	807	79	70	97	59	76	89	97

Src source attribution · Lang neutral language · Clm claim restraint · Hdg calibrated hedging · Evd evidence signals · Act active voice

What a communications team can take from this

- **Where the tone held.** Neutral language was high in every group: 96 for news outlets, 97 for trade press and 95 for commentary, legal and PR analysis. The wording itself was not where the articles differed most.
- **Where the articles differed.** Sourcing and claim restraint. Trade press led on both, news outlets sat in the middle, and commentary, legal and PR analysis read thinnest on sourcing.
- **Where the language firmed up.** Allegation wording was heaviest in the two student papers, which is the kind of wording the engine expects when articles report on allegations and records.
- **Who else shapes the story.** Higher-ed trade press, law firms and communications writers all published alongside the news outlets, and their pieces are built differently from news copy: longer, with more analysis.

WHAT THIS SAMPLE DOES NOT COVER

This sample uses Frametra's free on-device engine, which reads each article's wording. It cannot say **who was quoted**, how often sources were **anonymous**, whose voices were missing (the university, students, prosecutors, the people involved), or whether a claim is supported. A full Coverage Analysis Report adds a person-checked read of those questions, with the exact sentences behind each finding.

WHAT A FULL REPORT INCLUDES

- Up to 30 or 50 articles about your subject, by outlet, with a written comparison
- Source patterns, anonymity rates and missing voices, with the evidence behind each finding
- Editorial language trends over time
- A check by a person before delivery

METHOD AND LIMITS

Each article was read from the public web page by Frametra's free engine, on the reader's device, and scored on six signals: source attribution (28% of the score), neutral language (25%), claim restraint (20%), calibrated hedging (10%), evidence signals (10%) and active voice (7%). Articles under 300 words carry a small length adjustment. Source attribution reflects the variety of attribution wording and linked citations relative to article length, so longer articles need more to score the same. Claim restraint falls when an article uses words such as "claims", "alleges" or "reportedly", which is normal when reporting allegations. The charged-word list is built for news wording and can flag terms that are descriptive, not editorial, in an article about allegations of violence, so charged-word counts should not be read as opinion. Five of 32 links did not return readable text and were left out, and one more, an article mostly about other universities, was removed, leaving 26. The sample is a selection of public articles, not every article published, and it mixes news reports, a live-updating page, a timeline, analysis and commentary, which are built differently. Compare groups of articles rather than single pages.

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