

COVERAGE ANALYSIS REPORT

Coverage Analysis: How the California High-Speed Rail CEO's resignation was covered

A structural reading of 20 articles from 14 outlets.

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At a glance

20 articles from 14 outlets, read by Frametra's on-device engine across six structural signals.

83

average structural score, range
65 to 92

16 of 20

articles with one charged word
or none

48–100

range in source attribution
scores

7 of 20

articles with full claim restraint

WHAT THE NUMBERS SHOW

- 1 The tone stayed measured.** Neutral language averaged 97 out of 100, and the lowest article scored 85. 8 articles used none of the engine's charged words and 16 used one or none.
- 2 Sourcing varied from article to article.** Source attribution ran from 48 to 100, averaging 73. 7 articles scored 80 or above and 1 scored below 50. Those below 50 are the pieces where a named source or a link is hardest to find.
- 3 Length and sourcing.** The 13 articles of 600 words or more averaged 70 on sourcing, against 78 for the 7 shorter ones (lower for the longer pieces). The engine measures attribution relative to length, so part of any gap reflects how the measure works.
- 4 Calibrated hedging was the weakest signal.** It averaged 61, against 99 for active voice, the strongest. Claim restraint averaged 83; 7 articles reached full restraint. The engine counts words such as "claims" and "alleges" against claim restraint, which is expected when articles report on allegations or court records.
- 5 Outlets with more than one article.** yahoo.com averaged the highest structural score (88 across 2 articles) and planetizen.com the lowest (79 across 2). Small groups, so read these as a pattern in this set, not a verdict on the outlet.

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 a grade.

The six signals, across all 20 articles

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



BY ARTICLE LENGTH

	ARTICLES	AVG WORDS	SCORE	SOURCING	CLAIM RESTRAINT	EVIDENCE	CHARGED WORDS
Under 600 words	7	410	82	78	73	82	0.6
600 words or more	13	897	84	70	88	97	1.2

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

Article by article

All 20 articles, grouped by outlet. Scores out of 100; values below 50 are shown in amber.

OUTLET	HEADLINE	WORDS	SCORE	SRC	LANG	CLM	HDG	EVD	ACT
calmatters.org	California bullet train agency CEO resigns amid travel scandal	1045	90	80	100	100	55	100	98
calmatters.org	California's high-speed rail authority paid for consultants' ...	905	84	68	97	87	57	100	99
calmatters.org	After nightclub and gym rides on the public dime, California ...	1182	74	53	94	72	46	100	99
cbsnews.com	California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Ian Choudri resigns ...	402	84	85	100	70	60	86	97
foxbusiness.com	California high-speed rail consultants billed taxpayers for a...	679	85	59	100	100	63	100	99
gvwire.com	California High-Speed Rail Consultants Flew First-Class, Visi...	851	85	74	97	85	60	100	98
jalopnik.com	California Taxpayer Money Funded Nearly \$600,000 In Reimburse...	342	92	100	100	100	40	80	99
kpbs.org	California high-speed rail consultants flew first-class, visi...	837	85	74	97	85	60	100	99
kpbs.org	High-speed rail board limits CEO contract authority after \$60...	1197	75	57	94	71	46	100	99
kqed.org	California High-Speed Rail Consultants Flew First-Class, Visi...	852	87	82	97	86	59	100	98
laist.com	California high-speed rail consultants flew first-class, visi...	863	86	77	97	86	59	100	98
planetizen.com	After \$600,000 wasted, CA high-speed rail board limits CEO's ...	381	80	56	93	100	71	73	100
planetizen.com	California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO resigns after \$600,0...	412	78	48	94	100	71	74	100
redstate.com	California High-Speed Rail CEO Resigns Hours After Reporter C...	964	82	55	90	100	78	91	99
sfist.com	California High-Speed Rail CEO Resigns Over Alleged Misuse of...	478	65	66	100	0	63	81	99
sfstandard.com	Tiki bars, cigars: High Speed Rail advisers misspent \$592k	523	90	92	100	75	73	100	98
sfstandard.com	California high-speed rail CEO quits amid misspending probe	333	83	100	85	65	64	81	97
timesofsandiego.com	California high-speed rail consultants flew first-class, visi...	860	85	73	97	86	59	100	99
yahoo.com	California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Ian Choudri resigns ...	707	91	92	100	83	84	81	98
yahoo.com	California high-speed rail CEO resigns, ending tumultuous 2-y...	713	85	63	100	100	59	95	99

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

What this report does not cover

This report uses Frametra's free on-device engine, which reads each article's wording. It cannot say **who was quoted**, whether sources were **anonymous**, which voices were missing (for example the people involved), or whether a claim is true. Those need a closer read of the individual articles.

METHOD AND LIMITS

Each article was read from its public web page by Frametra's engine, on the reader's own device, and scored on six signals: source attribution (28% of the structural score), neutral language (25%), claim restraint (20%), calibrated hedging (10%), evidence signals (10%) and active voice (7%). Structural scores run from 22 to 95. Scores depend on the page text the engine could read; paywalled, very short or heavily formatted pages may be read only in part. Article formats such as features, analysis and opinion score differently from wire news by design, and the engine counts words such as "claims" and "alleges" against claim restraint. The set of articles was chosen by the preparer and is not a random sample, so results describe this set only. All sentences in this report are generated from the numbers by fixed rules.