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The excel file ‘Coding frequency data’ contains the coding frequency data from an inductive, interpretive, qualitative-quantitative content analysis of 400 fact-checks published by 6 major UK and US fact-checking organisation between Jan-Feb 2024.

Extracts of text were coded to various inductively developed analytical categories - categories and sub-categories of the types of claims checked by the fact-checkers, the types of epistemic issues identified with claims, the ‘tasks of justification’ undertaken by the fact-checkers, and the sources cited by the fact-checkers. The verdicts assigned to claims were also recorded.

The word file entitled ‘Codebook’ provides descriptions of all of the categories and sub-categories of claim type, issue type and ‘task of justification’ that have been inductively produced by the study.

The data included in the file ‘Coding frequency data’ is the quantitative data concerning the coding frequencies. The qualitative data (i.e. the extracts of text) cannot be archived for copyright reasons.

The file contains 10 sheets:

* Sheet 1 summarises the corpus by detailing the number of articles included from each of the six fact-checking organisations.
* Sheet 2 presents the claim type frequencies. This is the number of each claim type and sub-type assessed by the fact-checkers in the corpus.
* Sheet 3 presents the issue type frequencies. This is the number of each issue type and sub-type identified by the fact-checkers in the corpus.
* Sheet 4 presents the ‘task of justification’ frequencies. This is the number of the types and sub-types of ‘tasks of justification’ undertaken by the fact-checkers in the corpus (this concept is defined in the codebook).
* Sheet 5 presents cross-organisation and -country comparisons. This is the number of the different claims checked, issues identified, and tasks of justification undertaken by each fact-checking organisation in the corpus.
* Sheet 6 presents the verdict frequencies. This is the number of each verdict type assigned to the articles in the corpus (each article is assigned 1 verdict type, including the type ‘multiple verdicts’).
* Sheet 7 presents the number of verdict types reached for each claim type. These are the verdicts reached for each of the claims that are fact-checked in the corpus. Some articles assess multiple claims and assign multiple verdicts, some articles assign a single verdict to a statement containing multiple claims (each claim assessed receives 1 verdict).
* Sheet 8 presents the number of each issue type identified in articles receiving each verdict type.
* Sheet 9 presents the source type frequencies. This is number of times fact-checkers cited or quoted different types and sub-types of sources in the corpus.
* Sheet 10 presents the source types that were cited as evidence for each ‘task of justification’. This counts each instance of a source being cited as evidence for a task of justification and demonstrates the different arguments that different sources were used to substantiate. Because a single citation of a source can be used to substantiate multiple tasks of justification there are more instances of a source supporting a task of justification than instances of a source being cited. Because multiple sources can be cited to substantiate a single task of justification there are more instances of a source supporting a task of justification than tasks of justification undertaken.