

Hi Isaac,

I'm a subscriber to Tangle, and I was glad to see you included a discussion about Tangle's rating in your newsletter yesterday!

As you know we only recently started rating Tangle, and I quite like your newsletter, so I'm afraid I owe you and your readers an apology. I was a bit surprised myself to see that it had a +8 bias rating, pushing it into the "skews right" category, because I recalled it having a more middle bias rating.

I looked into our database and interactive chart, and I saw that the score for only one of the newsletters we had rated (out of 14 total) appeared on the chart itself, and unfortunately it happened to be the one newsletter with the furthest right rating of the group. If you take a look at the spreadsheet of our scores for each of your rated newsletters, the bias scores range from about -5 to that +8, with the average coming out to +1.6, very close to the middle. Any scores greater than a +/-6 for bias scores are weighted heavier, so the total is a weighted average.

Our methodology for rating sources involves rating a sample of 10-15 articles (or newsletters, in this case). Each article/newsletter is rated by a panel of three of our trained analysts--one left, one right, and one center. They rate them together in shifts on Zoom where one of them is a facilitator. After reading and scoring the articles, they see each other's scores and discuss any discrepancies, but they usually have very high levels of agreement.

As you can see from the scores, some are just a tiny bit to the left and others a tiny bit to the right, which makes sense given the feedback you said you get about your bias from your own readers. All are in the analysis/complex analysis range for reliability. We consider anything over 40 to be quite a good reliability score.

It looks like your score got pushed from our database to our chart while we were still rating the rest of the set, and unfortunately it was the furthest right score. I know people rely on our public-facing ratings and that they impact your reputation and perception, so I don't take this mistake lightly.

The scores (for all individually rated newsletters and the overall score) are updated now on our chart, and again, I extend my apologies to you and your readers. Please feel free to publish this note to them if you'd like, and please keep up your good work.

Link to updated chart:

<https://www.adfontesmedia.com/interactive-media-bias-chart/>