



CONSTRUCTING CRISES: A CRITICAL LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF NEWS HEADLINES CONCERNING INFLATION, SOCIAL CRIMES, AND MORALITY

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Abstract

This research paper looks at how news headlines in the mainstream media create a certain picture of inflation that can hurt everyday people and lead to serious crimes. It also shows how this can make people lose their sense of right and wrong. The researcher looked at recent news headlines using three different ways of analyzing language: how sentences are structured, how symbols and signs work, and how language is used in real situations. This study used Norman Fairclough's micro level linguistic analysis to understand the structure of the sentences, meanings and contextual elaborations. News headlines often show a biased view of things, making social issues seem worse and making economic difficulties seem like something normal. Inflation can cause more problems in society and lead to more crime. The study found that the way morality depicted in the news splits, with economic crimes not being seen as political issues. The tough economic times connects with criminal behavior, the media can make people support strict punishments. This research shows the importance of understanding how language affects how people see economic problems and concepts of right or wrong in society.

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1. Introduction

Discourse is the formal, structured, meaningful communication and discussion through a course, characterized by reasoning, passing from premises to consequences, connects propositions, deduces conclusions and contains interlocutions. Societies think, they operate by morality but they don't. The actions of people or politicians and their corrupt nature have shocked humanity and civilization. The researcher considered meaningful statements or headlines to visualize linguistic, semiotics and discursive characteristics and hidden ideologies of those news headlines (Hashim, 2026).

Kress (2006) argues that language and semiotics research in Critical Linguistic Analysis focuses on how language, visual images, and other signs are used to construct reality, maintain power relations, and perpetuate or challenge social inequality. Peirce's Semiotic Theory used to interpret signs and visuals, particularly in media and advertisement analysis.

Van Dijk (2001) states that research concerning power and ideology analyzes how grammatical and lexical choices such as transitivity, modality and naming strategies carry hidden ideological messages.

1.1. Research Objective

The goal is to identify all the types of syntactic, semiotic and pragmatic features present in news headlines discussing inflation and crimes.

1.2. Research Question

What kinds of grammatical, meaning-related, and contextual features found in news headlines discussing inflation and crimes?

2. Literature Review

Litosseliti (2018) says that advanced research methods in linguistics use empirical, systematic, and often mixed approaches to study language. These include corpus linguistics, digital discourse analysis, and linguistic ethnography. Advanced studies use both quantitative methods like t-tests and chi-square and qualitative methods like conversation analysis. Corpus linguistics looks at large collections of real texts or recorded speech. Linguistic ethnography studies language in its natural setting, along with the bigger context around it. Digital discourse analysis looks at how language used on digital platforms, including online communication and interactions. Conversation analysis is the detailed study of how people interact socially through language (Roomi, 2025).

3. Research Methodology

The theoretical foundation of this study grounded in Norman Fairclough's micro level analysis including all the syntactic, semiotic and pragmatic characteristics (Yaghoobi, 2026).

3.1. Data Collection

Data: *India to import record 2.5 million tons of Urea at nearly double price paid two months ago.*

Data: *The FIA arrested 15 Staffers from Sheikh Zayed Hospital in Lahore over the alleged misappropriation of Rs36 million in public funds.*

Data: *(Syria Transitional Justice) a landmark trial has opened in Syria for Atef Najib, a cousin of Bashar al-Assad, over crimes against civilians in Daraa.*

Data: *(Fuel Price Anxiety) a recent hike in petroleum prices has triggered widespread concern across the country.*

Data: *The IDF (Israeli Army) has killed over 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists and 1,700 healthcare workers.*

Data: *US Senate again rejects bid to curb Trump's war powers.*

Data: *A government employee was arrested in Lahore in connection to a massive 170 million (17 crore) rupee corruption scandal.*

Data: *Lebanese PM Salam condemns killing of journalist Amal khalil.*

Data: *(Louisiana Tragedy) a man in Louisiana has killed eight children, seven of whom were his own; family members noted warning signs before the event.*

Data: *(North Carolina Middle School Shooting) two teens are dead and five others wounded after a planned fight escalated into a shooting near a middle school.*

Data: *(Memphis Investigation) Police have discovered the remains of three children in a wooded area, suspecting they may have been there for several years.*

Data: *Reza Pahlavi targeted with red paint outside Berlin press event.*

Data: *American's anger about the economy hits Trump and Republican's mid term prospects.*

3.2. Data Analysis/ Micro Level (Syntactic/Semiotic/Pragmatic) (Textual/Linguistic Analysis) (Description)

Data: *India to import record 2.5 million tons of Urea at nearly double price paid two months ago.*

Syntactic Analysis (Independent Clause)

Word/Phrase	Detailed/Type	Word/Phrase	Detailed/Type
India	Proper Noun (Subject) (NP)	nearly	Adverb of degree
To Import	Infinitive Verb	double	Comparative/Modifier
record	Descriptive Adjective	price	Common Noun
2.5 million	Cardinal Numeral/Noun Compound	paid	Past Participle (Passive)(Verb)
tons	Common Noun (Plural)	two	Numeral/Cardinal Adjective
of	Preposition	months	Common Noun (Plural)
Urea	Common Noun (Material)	ago	Adverb of time
at	Preposition		

Semiotic Analysis

Semiotic Dimension	Signifier (The Data/Event)	Signified (The Meaning)	Ideological Implication
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Quantity	2.5 million tons of urea	Massive Strategic scale; 25% of Annual demand in one “record” move	Priority of national food security over fiscal restraint.
Price	~\$935-\$959 per ton (vs.~\$508-\$512)	“Price shock”; market surrender to volatility.	Vulnerability of agrarian economies to global energy/conflict hubs.
Causality	Iran-Middle East Conflict	Geopolitical disruption as a “supply-side” tax	Globalized interdependence makes domestic stability fragile.
Actor	Indian Potash Ltd (IPL)/Government	The State as a “Shield” for the common farmer	Maintenance of social order through expensive subsidies.
Temporality	“Two months ago” vs. “Single Tender”	Extreme Compression of the economic cycle	The end of predictable market planning; “crises” as the new normal.

Pragmatic Analysis

Pragmatic Type	Contextual Description
Locutionary Act	The actual statement: “India to importat nearly double the price paid two months ago”.
Illocutionary Act	Information/Warning: Reporting a significant economic event (doubled price) and the reason (geopolitical conflict).
Perlocutionary Act	Causing Alarm/Action: Highlighting panic buying, causing concern about the fiscal deficit and future food inflation.
Presupposition	Presupposes that: 1. India is the world’s biggest urea importer. 2. A previous lower price tender existed. 3. Iran conflict affects global supply.
Context	Geopolitical/Economic: Iran conflict (Middle East instability) disrupts supplies; India needs to secure fertilizers before the farming season.

- **Subject (Actor):** India
- **Verb:** to import (active)
- **Object (Receiver):** record 2.5 million tons of urea

Attribution: The information heavily sourced to a single authority (FIA Deputy Director Syed Asad Muzaffar) (Zakeri, 2024).

3.3. Syntactic Analysis

The (Article/Determiner) **FIA** (Proper Noun-Subject-Federal Investigation Agency) **arrested** (Main Verb, Past Tense) **15** (Adjective-Cardinal Number) **Staffers** (Common Noun, Plural) **from** (Preposition) **Sheikh Zayed Hospital** (Compound Proper Noun-Location) **in**

(Preposition) **Lahore** (Proper Noun) **over** (Preposition-indicating cause/reason) **the** (Article/Determiner) **alleged** (Adjective-Describing) **misappropriation** (Abstract Noun) **of** (Preposition) **Rs.** (Noun-Abbreviation for Rupees) **36 million** (Adjective Numeral) **in** (Preposition) **public** (Adjective-Describing) **funds** (Common Noun-Plural).

Type of Clause: Independent Clause (Simple Sentence).

Subject: The FIA **Verb:** (Predicator) arrested (**Transitive** action in the past tense). **Object:** (Direct) 15 Staffers. **Adverbial Phrases/Modifiers:** from Sheikh Zayed Hospital in Lahore (**Adjunct**)—→over the alleged misappropriation of Rs36 million in public funds (**Prepositional Phrase Reason/Circumstance**).

Passive Voice: 15 Staffers from Sheikh Zayed Hospital in Lahore were arrested by the FIA over the alleged misappropriation of Rs 36 million.

Direct Speech: FIA Deputy Director Asad Muzaffar said, “We have completed the investigation and detected a Rs 36.2 million embezzlement involving 15 employees.

Indirect Speech: FIA Deputy Director Asad Muzaffar said that they had completed the investigation and detected a Rs 36.2 million embezzlement involving 15 employees.

Semiotics Analysis

Sign	Signifier	Signified	Analysis
The “Fake Bill”	The 156 physical pieces of paper (fake bills) and forged signatures of consultants.	Literal (Denotation): Valid claims for medical services or share distributions to doctors. Latent (Connotation): A systematic tool for embezzlement and institutional corruption.	The Signifiers (bills) were intentionally manipulated to evoke a false signified (legitimacy) to deceive the accounts department.
The “FIA Arrest”	The act of arresting 15 Staffers, including high-ranking officials like the Director Finance (BPS-19).	Social/Political: A signal of “institutional hygiene” and a warning that state institutions are being monitored. Legal: The enforcement of accountability and the physical transfer of suspects to a four day physical remand.	The arrest acts as a powerful signifier of the state’s power to intervene in “moral failures” within the public health sector.
The Hospital Staffer	The titles and roles of the 15 arrested individuals, ranging from the Director Finance to daily wagers and a lab attendant.	Traditional: Guardians of public health and trusted administrators. Emergent: A “collusive network” capable of siphoning funds meant for public welfare.	There is a “semiotic rupture” here, where the people meant to manage public resources (the signifier) now signify “betrayal of public trust”.

The “Rs. 36.2 Million”	The numerical figure of 36.2 million rupees.	The “cost of negligence” not just a financial sum, but a direct assault on the quality of patient care and medical infrastructure.	Fruitful example set by authorities to eradicate financial crimes of high ranking officials.
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Pragmatic Analysis

Pragmatic Element	Analysis and Application to the Context
Speech Act	Assertive: The report informs the public about a completed legal action (arrests) and unproven allegations (misappropriation).
Deixis	Personal: FIA (agent), 15 staffers (patients/targets), Deputy Director Syed Asad Muzaffar (speaker/source). Spatial: Lahore, Pakistan; Sheikh Zayed Hospital. Temporal: “Thursday” (April 23, 2026); “one and a half years” (duration of scam).
Presupposition	Presupposes that the funds existed for public use and that a legal framework (Pakistan penal Code) exists to govern their use.
Entailment	The arrest entails that the FIA conducted a prior inquiry (which reportedly began in July 2025) and found enough evidence to initiate custody.
Gricean Maxims	Quality: The report relies on official statements from the FIA to maintain truthfulness. Quantity: Provides specific names, ranks (e.g., Director Finance BPS-19), and exact figures (Rs. 36.2m).
Contextual Implicature	Implies a systematic failure in the hospital’s internal audit, as the scam persisted for 18 months before being unmasked.
Politeness Theory	Use of the word “alleged” serves as a “face-saving” act to avoid libel and maintain the legal principle of “innocent until proven guilty”

Data: *(Syria Transitional Justice) a landmark trial has opened in Syria for Atef Najib, a cousin of Bashar al-Assad, over crimes against civilians in Daraa.*

Textual Feature	Analysis	Examples
Lexical Choice (Vocabulary)	The text uses highly charged, legal, and formal language to establish legitimacy and historical significance.	“Landmark Trial”, “Transitional Justice”, “Crime Against Civilians”, “Ousted”, “Reckoning”.
Actor Representation	Atef Najib is individualized, while the victims are collectivized, highlighting a “victims vs. perpetrator” narrative.	“Atef Najib” (Agent), cousin of Bashar al-Assad (Associative), “civilians” (Passive receivers of action).
Transitivity (Action)	Focuses on active, punitive actions against a specific individual, emphasizing accountability.	“has opened”, “faces accusations”, “arrest and torture of schoolchildren”
Nominalization	Turns processes into nouns, making events sound formal and inevitable.	“transitional justice”, “crimes”, “crackdown”, “trial”, “protests”.

Modality (Certainty)	Low modality. The trial is presented as fact, not opinion.	"A landmark trial <i>has opened</i> "
Theme and Rheme	Focuses on the "landmark" nature, setting up a new era (the change in power).	Theme: "Landmark trial" Rheme: open in Syria for Atef Najib.

3.3.1. POS Analysis

Syria (Proper Noun-location-Subject) **Transitional** (Adjective-Descriptive-Modifies Justice) **Justice** (Abstract Noun-Concept) **a** (Indefinite Article-Determiner) **landmark** (Adjective-modifies trial/Noun-Adjunct) **trial** (Common Noun-Event-Singular-Countable) **has** (Auxiliary Verb-Helping Verb-Present Tense) **opened** (Main/Action Verb-Past Participle) **in** (Preposition-location) **Syria** (Proper Noun-location) **for** (Preposition-Purpose) **Atef Najib**, (Proper Noun) **a** (Indefinite Article-Determiner) **cousin** (Common Noun-Singular-Countable) **of** (Preposition-Relation) **Bashar** (Proper Noun-Name) **al-Assad**, (Proper Noun-Surname) **over** (Preposition-Topic) **crimes** (Common Noun-Abstract-Plural) **against** (preposition-Opposition) **civilians** (Common Noun-Plural-Concrete) **in** (Preposition-location) **Daraa** (Proper Noun-location).

3.4. Clause Analysis

Type: Simple sentence (contains one independent clause) with complex nominal modifiers.

Main (Independent) Clause: "A landmark trial has opened in Syria for Atef Najib"

Contains a subject ("A landmark trial") and a verb ("has opened"), expressing a complete thought that can stand alone.

Noun Phrase/Appositive (Dependent): "a cousin of Bashar al-Assad."

Renames "Atef Najib" but cannot stand alone"

Prepositional Phrase/Adverbial Modifier (Dependent): "over crimes against civilians in Daraa." Modifies the verb/sentence context, explaining why the trial is happening, but cannot stand alone.

Active Voice: Syria has opened a landmark trial for Atef Najib.

Passive Voice: A landmark trial has been opened in Syria for Atef Najib.

Direct Speech: Presiding judge Fakhr al-Din al-Aryan announced, "Today we begin the first trials of transitional justice in Syria.

Indirect Speech: Presiding judge Fakhr al-Din al-Aryan announced that they were beginning the first trials of transitional justice in Syria.

Semiotics Analysis

Signifier (Visual/Symbolic Element)	Signified (Meaning & Interpretation)	Contextual Significance (2026 Trial)
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Atef Najib in a Cage	Reversal of power; humiliation of a previously untouchable regime elite.	Represents the collapse of the “Assad family” aura of invincibility.
Palace of Justice, Damascus	Reclaiming state institutions for rule of law; legitimacy of the new interim government.	Moves justice from abstract international courts to the site of the crime.
Handcuffs and Prison Suit	Accountability; reduction of a security chief to a common criminal.	Symbolizes the end of impunity for security apparatus officials.
Victim’s Families in Courtroom	Validation of suffering; “people’s justice” vs. state repression.	Healing of wounds; witness-centered justice rather than secretive trials.
Daraa (2011) to Damascus (2026)	The “spark” (revolution) coming home to roost (accountability).	Connects the initial atrocities (torture of children) directly to the final judgement.
Judges as Former Dissidents	Moral authority of the new judiciary; justice served by victims of the old system.	Signals that the new legal system is not an extension of the old.

Deixis Analysis

Type of Deixis	Deictic Expression	Contextual Referent in Text
Personal	Atef Najib	The defendant; former political security chief.
Personal	He/his/him	Refers to Atef Najib.
Personal	“our people”	Used by new leader Ahmed al-Sharaa to refer to Syrian citizens.
Spatial	“Russia”	Current location of exiled former president Bashar al-Assad.
Spatial	Daraa	Location of the 2011 crackdown/crimes (birthplace of the uprising).
Temporal	December 2024	Date of the regime’s collapse/flight to Russia.
Temporal	14 years	Duration of the civil war mentioned.
Discourse	The proceedings	The ongoing legal actions against Assad-era officials.
Social	President	Title for new interim leader Ahmad al-Sharaa.
Social	Deposed/Ousted	Indicates the change in government status.

3.5. Pragmatic Analysis

Type: Assertive/Representative

Function: To report, inform, and assert the truth of the transitional justice trial in Syria.

Pragmatics Type	Analysis
Locutionary Act	Stating the fact that a trial has opened for Atef Najib regarding crimes in Daraa.
Illocutionary Act	Asserting the beginning of a new political era (transitional justice) and accusing Najib of atrocities.

Perlocutionary Act	To inform the public of accountability, provide a sense of justice to victim's families, and legitimize the new government.
Presupposition	Presupposes that 1) Atef Najib is guilty of crimes in Daraa, 2) Transitional justice is needed in Syria, and 3) The trial is "landmark" or historic.
Implicature	Implies that the era of impunity under Assad has ended, delivering promised justice without merely engaging in political revenge, and that more figures will face similar trials.
Context/Deixis	"Landmark trial" refers to the April 26-27, 2026, hearings; "Syria" refers to post-Assad Syria; "Daraa" is the context of 2011 uprising.

3.5.1. POS Analysis

A (Indefinite Article) **recent** (Descriptive Adjective) **hike** (Common Noun-Subject) **in** (Preposition of relationship) **petroleum** (Noun acting as adjunct Noun) **prices** (Common Noun) **has** (Auxiliary Verb) **triggered** (Main Verb-Past Participle) **widespread** (Descriptive Adjective) **concern** (Abstract Noun-Direct Object) **across** (Preposition of Place) **the** (Definite Article) **country** (Common Noun).

Clause Analysis (Type: Independent Clause).

Noun Phrase (Subject): A recent hike in petroleum prices

Verb Phrase (Predicate): has triggered (Active voice-Present Perfect tense) (Auxiliary + Past Participle)

Noun Phrase (Direct Object): widespread concern

Prepositional Phrase (Adverbial): across the country (modifies triggered)

Passive Voice: Widespread concern has been triggered across the country by a recent hike in petroleum prices.

Direct Speech: Citizens told news outlets, "The new petroleum price hike is bringing a wave of inflation and extreme hardship".

Indirect Speech: Citizens told news outlets that the new petroleum price hike was bringing a wave of inflation and extreme hardship.

Semiotic Analysis

Sign	Signifier (Form)	Signified (Concept)	Contextual Code/Connotation
Fuel Price Anxiety	The phrase in parentheses	A psychological and economic state of fear.	Contextualizes the entire sentence as emotional/economic distress.
Recent Hike	The word "hike"	An abrupt upward movement, not a gradual rise.	Implies suddenness, government action, or external shock.
Petroleum Prices	Literal words	Monetary cost of fuel.	Metonymy for cost of living (transport, goods, electricity).
Triggered	The Verb	Cause and Effect relationship	Suggests direct, unavoidable consequence.

Widespread concern	The Phrase	Shared fear, panic, and dissatisfaction among citizens.	Points to economic pain (Index) and represents political unrest (Symbol).
Across the country	Phrase	National scope, universality.	Rejects localizing the issue; makes it a national crisis.

Pragmatics Analysis

Pragmatic Aspect	Analysis
Speech Act (Searle)	Assertive/Representative: The speaker is asserting a fact about the current state of affairs (hike causes anxiety).
Felicity Conditions	Propositional Content: The speaker believes a hike occurred. Preparatory: the speaker has evidence of concern (e.g., news reports, price hikes).
Context/Deixis	Context: High inflation environment (March-May 2026) in Pakistan. Deixis: “A recent hike” (time: April/May 2026); “across the country” (location: Pakistan).
Implicature (Grice)	Conventional: The “hike” is directly responsible for the “concern” (causation). Conversational: The situation is dire, uncontrollable, or that the government’s explanation is inadequate.
Presupposition	1. There was a recent hike in petroleum prices. 2. There is widespread concern.

3.6. Lexical Choices

- **“IDF (Israeli Army)”**: Defines the agent (aggressor) specifically.
- **“Killed”**: A direct, harsh verb used to describe the result, avoiding euphemisms like “deaths” or “fatalities.”
- **“Palestinians,” “journalists,” “healthcare workers”**: Identifies victims, focusing on civilian, protected, and professional status, implying disproportionate damage.

3.6.1. POS Analysis

The (Definite Article/Determiner) **IDF** (Acronym for Israeli Defense Forces) (Proper Noun) **Israeli** (Descriptive Adjective) **Army** (Collective Noun) **has** (Auxiliary/Helping Verb/Present Perfect) **killed** (Main Verb/Past Participle) **over** (Prepositional Adverb) **70,000** (Adjective/Cardinal Number) **Palestinians** (Plural/Concrete Noun/Direct Object), (Punctuation/Comma Separator) **300** (Adjective/Cardinal Number) **journalists** (Plural/Concrete Noun/Direct Object) **and** (Coordinating Conjunction) **1,700** (Adjective/Cardinal Number) **healthcare** (Adjective/Compound Modifier) **workers** (Plural/Concrete Noun/Direct Object). (Punctuation/Period/Ends Sentence)

Clause Type: Independent Clause (Simple Sentence) (Active Voice).

Subject: The IDF (Israeli Army)-NP

Verb/Predicate: has killed-Transitive Verb (Present Perfect Tense)

Direct Object (Compound): over 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists and 1,700 healthcare workers.

Passive Voice: Over 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists, and 1,700 healthcare workers have been killed by the IDF.

Direct Speech: The reporter stated, “Over 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists, and 1,700 healthcare workers were killed in the conflict by IDF”.

Indirect Speech: The reporter stated that over 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists, and 1,700 healthcare workers had been killed in the conflict by IDF.

Semiotics Analysis

Element	Signifier (Literal Form)	Signified (Conceptual Meaning)	Codes and Context
Agent	“The IDF (Israeli Army)”	The official military force of Israel; an organized, state-sanctioned entity.	Institutional/Political Code: Places accountability directly on a state actor rather than anonymous combatants.
Action	“has killed”	Active, intentional termination of life; not “died” (passive).	Ideological Code: Accusation of violence. “Killed” implies agency and culpability.
Scale	“over 70,000”	A massive overwhelming number, suggesting indiscriminate or systematic violence.	Numerical Code: Use of large, precise yet rounded numbers indicates a high casualty, intense conflict.
Subject 1	“Palestinians”	The generic, collective victim population of the conflict.	Cultural/National Code; Defines the identity of the victims, reinforcing a narrative of collective loss.
Subject 2	“300 journalists”	Professional observers, storytellers, and witnesses to the war.	Professional Code: Highlights the silencing of information; the killing of witnesses.
Subject 3	“1,700 healthcare workers”	Protected individuals under international law; those who save lives.	Ethical/Legal Code: Emphasizes the violation of civilian protection standards.

Pragmatics Analysis

Pragmatic Component	Analysis
Speech Act (Searle)	Assertive (representing the state of affairs) or Expressive (expressing condemnation).
Locutionary Act	The speaker states a sentence asserting that IDF is responsible for the deaths of over 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists and 1,700 healthcare workers.
Illocutionary Act	Accusing, informing, condemning, and highlighting the scale of destruction.

Perlocutionary Act	Inducing horror, outrage, anger, or sympathy in the audience; accusing the IDF of war crimes.
Presupposition	1. The IDF exists. 2. There is an ongoing conflict. 3. 70,000 Palestinians, 300 journalists and 1,700 healthcare workers have died.
Implicature	The IDF is systematically or negligently targeting civilians, including protected categories (journalists/medics), suggesting violations of International law.
Deixis	“The IDF”: Third-person reference (distancing). “(Israeli Army)”: Clarification/Focusing. “Has killed”: Time-related (recent, ongoing).

Data: *US Senate again rejects bid to curb Trump’s war powers.*

Lexical Choices: The headlines use oppositional phrasing: “rejects bid,” “curb,” “war powers,” “fifth vote”. The language emphasizes failure (“rejected,” “fails”) and conflict (“war on Iran”).

Actor Description: Trump is portrayed as a singular, powerful actor who “breaks a promise” or “law”. The Senate is divided into “Republican puppets” (as termed by Chuck Schumer) or simply the “Republican-led Senate”.

Grammar: Passive constructions or Nominalization (e.g., “the resolution was rejected”) hide the exact, chaotic process of the vote, focusing on the result-the defeat of the effort.

3.7. POS Analysis

US (Proper Adjective) **Senate** (Proper Noun) **again** (Adverb of frequency) **rejects** (Finite/Main verb) (Action verb/present tense) **bid** (Common Noun) **to** (Preposition) **curb** (Infinitive Verb) **Trump’s** (Proper Noun/Possessive) **war** (Common/Abstract Noun) **powers** (Abstract Noun).

Type of Clause: Simple Sentence (Independent Clause)

Passive Voice: A bid to curb Trump’s war powers was again rejected by the US Senate.

Direct Speech: The Senator said, “The Senate has rejected another bid to limit Trump’s war powers.”

Indirect Speech: The Senator stated that the Senate had rejected another bid to limit Trump’s war powers.

Semiotics Analysis

Signifier (Form)	Signified (Concept/Meaning)
51-46 Vote Against	Senate partisan protection of Trump’s war actions.
“Fifth/Seventh Attempt”	Persistent, calculated inaction by the Senate.
Rand Paul (R) for (voting with Democrats)/ Fetterman (D) against (voting with Republicans)	Issues breaks traditional party lines, highlighting specific ideological splits on Israel/Iran. Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer (D) described the Republican senators as “puppets” for not acting against the war, while proponents argued the war is unconstitutional (War power resolutions 1973).

60-Day Deadline Passing	Constitutional crises where Executive branch ignores Legislative mandate.
Ceasefire Claim	Redefining reality to evade legal war power constraints.

Pragmatic Analysis (Informative assertive/representative speech act)

Pragmatic Component	Analysis
Locutionary Act (The words):	A vote of 51-46/47 was taken; the resolution did not pass.
Illocutionary Act (The intent):	Exercising Power; Supporting executive authority, validating ongoing military action, defying opposition constraints.
Perlocutionary Act (The effect):	Immediate: Trump retains unilateral war authority. Political: Further entrenches political division, fails to limit the war.
Presupposition (Assumed background):	That the President is currently exercising war powers needing constraint, and that Congress has the power to stop him.
Implicature (Hidden Meaning):	Senate Republicans are confident in, or loyal to, the President's strategy; Democrat's efforts are "empty promises" or "politics".

Data: *A government employee was arrested in Lahore in connection to a massive 170 million (17 crore) rupee corruption scandal.*

Vocabulary: The language is highly loaded, using terms such as "massive corruption scandal," "alleged bribes," "fake sale deed," and "siphoned off".

3.8. POS Analysis

A (Indefinite article) **government** (Attributive Noun) **employee** (Common Noun/Countable/Singular) **was** (Auxiliary Verb/Passive Voice) **arrested** (Principal Verb/Past Participle/forming passive voice) **in** (Preposition of Place) **Lahore** (Proper Noun) **in** (Preposition of Relation) **connection** (Abstract Noun) **to** (Simple Preposition) **a** (Indefinite article) **massive** (Descriptive Adjective of Quality) **170** (Cardinal Numeral Adjective) **million** (**Collective Noun**) **(17** (Cardinal Numeral Adjective) **crore** (Collective Noun)) **rupee** (Attributive Noun) **corruption** (Abstract Noun/Attributive Modifier) **scandal** (Common Noun/Abstract/Countable).

Type of Clause: Simple sentence (one independent clause).

Active Voice: The FIA Anti-Corruption Circle arrested a government employee in Lahore in connection to a massive 170 million (17 crore) rupee corruption scandal.

Direct Speech: An official announced, "We have arrested a government employee in Lahore in connection to a 170 million (17 crore) rupee corruption scandal."

Indirect Speech: An official announced that they had arrested a government employee in Lahore in connection to a 170 million (17 crore) rupee corruption scandal.

Semiotics Analysis

Code Context	Signifier (Form)	Signified (Conceptual Meaning)
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Legal and Judicial	The word “Arrested”	Loss of legal freedom. Official state action. Presumption of guilt or formal accusation.
Geographic/Administrative	The city name “Lahore”	The specific jurisdiction in Punjab, Pakistan. High Profile centralized state law enforcement activity.
Socio-Political	“Government Employee”	Breach of public trust. Systemic institutional rot. Abuse of official authority for personal gain.
Economic and Financial	“170 million (17 crore) rupee”	Massive scale of theft. Extreme economic drain on public funds. High stakes criminal activity.
Journalistic and Media	“Corruption scandal”	Public exposure. Media sensationalism. Narrative of state accountability or political theater.

Pragmatics Analysis:

Pragmatic Component	Analysis
Locutionary Act (The words):	The actual utterance.
Illocutionary Act (The intent):	Representative: reporting the fact of the arrest. Declarative: Reporting a completed, official action. The intent is to inform/report.
Perlocutionary Act (The effect):	Creating awareness, public shock, or distrust in government officials.
Entailment (Logical consequence):	Someone was arrested. The scandal involves 170 million rupees. It happened in Lahore.
Presupposition (Assumed background):	A scandal occurred. There is a government in Lahore. 170 million is a large amount.
Implicature (Hidden Meaning):	Government officials are corrupt. The suspect is likely guilty.
Felicity Conditions (Contextual Appropriateness/Validity):	The news report must be truthful. The speaker must believe the information is accurate.

Data: *Lebanese PM Salam condemns killing of journalist Amal khalil.*

Type of Clause: Independent Clause (Simple Declarative Sentence) (Present Tense).

Semiotic Analysis

Code/Sign	Signifier (Material/Form)	Signified (Conceptual/Meaning)	Contextual Interpretation
“Blatant War Crime”	Words spoken by PM Salam, quoted in media.	A clear violation of international humanitarian law; intentionality.	Moves the event from a “collateral damage” narrative to a legally

			actionable, targeted killing.
“Double-Tap Strike”	Sequential airstrikes (initial strike + hit on shelter).	Deliberate targeting of survivors and first responders; system cruelty.	Indicates a strategy to kill specifically rather than general combat damage.
“Journalist/Al-Akhbar”	Press vest, camera, and reputation of Khalil.	Civilian status; a neutral, protected observer of conflict.	Highlights the attack as a violation of press freedom and safety.
“Preventing Rescuers”	Blocked access to rubble, firing on ambulance crews.	Intentional obstruction of humanitarian aid; premeditated fatality.	Transforms the event from immediate death to prolonged, agonizing death.
“Protest/Condemnation”	Statements, media reports, protests.	Political outcry; demand for accountability, global attention.	Positions the incident as a breaking point in international relations/law.

Pragmatic Analysis

Pragmatic Component	Analysis
Locutionary Act (The words):	The actual utterance.
Illocutionary Act (The intent):	Expressive (condemning) and Assertive (declaring a fact). The PM is officially expressing condemnation and condemning the act.
Perlocutionary Act (The effect):	The effect: To express disapproval, condemn, signal political stance and likely pressure those responsible or honor the victim.
Entailment (Logical consequence):	The killing of Amal Khalil took place. Salam is the PM of Lebanon.
Presupposition (Assumed background):	Existential: Journalist Amal Khalil exists. Factive: Amal Khalil was killed.
Implicature (Hidden Meaning):	The killing was unjustified and wrong. The government finds this action unacceptable.
Felicity Conditions (Contextual Appropriateness/Validity):	The speaker (Salam) must be the PM (Authority), and the statement must be made seriously (Sincerity).

3.9. POS Analysis

Louisiana (Proper Noun) **Tragedy** (Abstract Common Noun) **a** (Indefinite article) **man** (Concrete common noun singular) **in** (Preposition of place) **Louisiana** (Proper Noun) **has** (Auxiliary verb/Present tense) **killed** (Transitive verb/Past participle) **eight** (Numeral) **children** (Concrete common noun plural), **seven** (Numeral) **of** (Preposition of possession/partition) **whom** (Relative pronoun/Objective case) **were** (Stative linking verb/Past tense) **his** (Possessive pronoun) **own** (Emphatic Adjective); **family** (Attributive noun)

members (Concrete common noun plural) **noted** (Transitive main verb/Past tense) **warning** (Attributive noun/Gerund) **signs** (concrete common noun/plural) **before** (Preposition of time) **the** (Definite article) **event** (Abstract common noun/singular).

Clause Type: Contains two independent clauses joined by a semicolon, plus a dependent relative clause (“seven of whom were his own”) (Compound-Complex Sentence).

Passive Voice: Eight Children, seven of whom were his own, have been killed by a man in Louisiana; warning signs were noted by family members before the event.

Direct Speech: “A man in Louisiana has killed eight children, seven of whom were his own,” the reporter said, adding, “Family members noted warning signs before the event”.

Indirect Speech: According to reports, a man in Louisiana had killed eight children, seven of whom were his own, and family members had noted warning signs before the event.

Semiotics Analysis

Semiotic Element/Code	Signifier (The Material Sign)	Signified (The Meaning/Connotation)
Social/Cultural Code (Domestic Structures)	The Father (Shamar Elkins).	Cultural signifier of safety, authority, and ultimate family protection. Shattered by the act of filicide.
Relational/Legal Code (Pending Court Divorce)	‘Court date scheduled for Monday’.	Threat to patriarchal control. Represents the imminent loss of possession over the wife and children.
Behavioral/Psychological Code (The Red Flags)	Verbal threats (“I will kill you and the kids”) and “dark thoughts”.	Explicit manifestations of fatal domestic violence risk and untreated acute psychological crisis.
Societal/Structural Code (Normalisation)	Unreported family warning signs.	Community insulation, fear of institutional intervention, or collective desensitization to local domestic friction.
Physical/Weaponry Code (The Instrument)	An assault style rifle or pistol.	Lethal enforcement of absolute authority. Highlights the accessibility of fire arms to prohibited or unstable individuals.
Spatial/Architectural Code (The Rooftop Escape)	Children jumping from the roof.	High altitude physical escape. Symbolizes the total inversion of the domestic home from a safe haven to a trap.
Mass Media Code (The Digital Mask)	“Doting father” social media photos.	The deceptive superficiality of digital personas. Disconnect between curate public image and internal psychological decay.
Communal/Ritual Code (The Aftermath)	Half-staff flags and candlelight vigils.	Shared community trauma, institutional helplessness, and a symbolic demand for systemic societal reckoning.

3.10. Pragmatic Analysis

Locutionary Act (The words): The utterance of the sentence itself, which conveys that a male person located in Louisiana murdered eight children and that relatives reported observing “warning signs” prior to the incident.

Illocutionary Act (The intent): (Representative/Assertive) The speaker is asserting facts about a real-world tragic event, committing to the truth of the situation.

Perlocutionary Act (The effect):

- **Information/Shock:** Informing the public of a “family annihilation”.
- **Emotional Reaction:** Including horror, sadness, or anger in the audience.
- **Catalyzing Public Discourse:** Prompting discussions about mental health, gun violence, and domestic violence.

Deixis (Contextual reference)

- **Personal:** “A man,” “his,” “family members.”
- **Spatial:** “In Louisiana,” “at one house”.
- **Temporal:** “Before the event”.

Entailment (Logical consequence)

- Eight children are killed.
- The man killed children.
- Seven of the dead children were the man’s biological children.
- The man was in Louisiana at the time of the event.
- The man killed his own children.

Presupposition (Assumed background): There exists a specific man, specific children, and a specific place. Warning signs *did* exist and “killing eight children” is a grave, tragic act.

Implicature (Hidden Meaning): Implicitly blames the perpetrator for ignoring warning signs or implies potential negligence in identifying the danger, suggesting the tragedy was potentially preventable (a common inference in reporting such events).

POS Analysis

North Carolina Middle School (Proper Noun) **Shooting** (Gerund/Concrete Noun) **two** (Cardinal Numeral) **teens** (Common Noun/Plural/Countable/Concrete) **are** (Auxiliary) **dead** (Descriptive Predicate Adjective) **and** (Coordinating Conjunction/Links Two Independent Clauses) **five** (Cardinal Numeral) **others** (Indefinite Pronoun) **wounded** (Action Verb/Past Participle) **after** (Subordinating Conjunction) **a planned** (Participial Adjective) **fight** (Common Noun/Singular/Abstract) **escalated** (Action Verb/Intransitive/Past Tense) **into** (Preposition/Movement) **a shooting** (Common Noun/Singular/Abstract) **near** (Preposition/Spatial Relationship) **a middle** (Attributive Noun Adjunct) **school** (Common Noun/Singular/Concrete).

Clause Type: Contains an independent clause (“Two teens.... Wounded”) joined with a .dependent adverbial clause (“after a planned....”). It is a Complex Sentence.

Active Voice: A planned fight near a North Carolina middle school escalated into a shooting, killing two teens and wounding five others.

Passive Voice: Two teens were killed and five others were wounded after a planned fight near a North Carolina middle school escalated into a shooting.

Direct Speech: Local authorities said, “Two teens are dead and five others wounded after a planned fight escalated into a shooting near a middle school”.

Indirect Speech: Authorities stated that two teens were dead and five others were wounded following a shooting that occurred after a planned fight near a North Carolina middle school escalated.

Semiotic Analysis

Code/Sign	Signifier (Literal Image/Word)	Signified (Conceptual Meaning)
“Planned Fight”	Adolescents agreeing to meet for a physical brawl at a public park.	The premeditation of conflict; subversion of typical school safety norms; normalization of violence.
Leinbach Park/School Border	A public recreational space directly adjacent to a middle school.	The intrusion of danger into safe spaces; the porosity of school safety zones; communal loss of sanctuary.
Gunfire/Escalation	Rapid shift from punching/shoving to lethal weapon use.	The high accessibility of firearms; the lethal nature of modern juvenile disputes.
Two Teens Dead/Five Wounded	16-17 year old fatalities (e.g., Daniel Jimenez Millian) and 14-19 year old victims.	Severe localized trauma; the “mass shooting” designation (4 + shot) applied to youth violence.
“Secure Hold”/Lockdown	Immediate forced lockdown of Jefferson Middle School/Mt. Tabor HS.	Community panic; administrative mobilization; immediate high-stakes threat management.
Police Command Vehicle	Police presence at the scene in the daytime.	Law enforcement as the primary responders to social disorder, criminalization of adolescent conflict.
“No Arrests” (Initial)	Lack of immediate culprits identified at the time of report.	Ongoing fear; chaotic investigation; potential witness silence (stop snitching culture).

3.11. Pragmatic Analysis

Locutionary Act (The literal words): The speaker states that two teenagers are deceased and five others are injured, following a pre-arranged fight that turned into a shooting in the vicinity of a middle school.

Illocutionary Act (The intent): The primary illocutionary act is **Assertive/Representative**. The speaker is informing the public, reporting facts, or documenting a tragic event.

Perlocutionary Act (The effect): The utterance is likely to cause sadness, shock, panic, fear, or sense of urgency in the listener. It may also lead to public demands for increased security.

Deixis (Contextual reference):

- **Personal:** “Two teens”, “five others” (identifying who).
- **Spatial:** “Near a middle school” (points to the location of the incident).
- **Temporal:** Implicit “now” (the report is about a recent event).
- **Discourse:** “(North Carolina Middle School Shooting)”-acts as a headline providing the context for the following sentence.

3.12. POS Analysis

Memphis (Proper Noun) **Investigation** (Abstract Noun) **Police** (Common Noun/Plural) **have** (Auxiliary Verb/Present Perfect Tense) **discovered** (Lexical Verb/Past Participle) **the** (Definite Article) **remains** (Common Noun/Plural) **of** (Preposition) **three** (Determiner/Cardinal Numeral) **children** (Common Noun/Irregular Plural) **in** (Preposition) **a** (Indefinite Article) **wooded** Participial Adjective/Descriptive) **area** (Common Noun/Singular/Countable), **suspecting** (Non-finite Verb/Present Participle) **they** (Personal Pronoun/Third-person plural, Subjective case) **may** (Modal Auxiliary Verb/Possibility) **have** (Auxiliary Verb/helps form perfect infinitive) **been** (Copular verb/Linking verb/Past participle form) **there** (Adverb of Place) **for** (Preposition/Duration) **several** (Quantifier/Indefinite determiner) **years** (common Noun/Plural/countable).

Clause Type: Contains one independent clause followed by a dependent participle clause containing a noun clause (“suspecting they may have been there.....”).

Passive Voice: The remains of three children have been discovered in a wooded area by police, who suspect they may have been there for several years.

Direct Speech: Police said, “We have discovered the remains of three children in a wooded area and suspect they may have been there for several years.”

Indirect Speech: Police said that they had discovered the remains of three children in a wooded area and suspected they might have been there for several years.

Semiotics Analysis

Sign Code	Signifier (Literal Material/Data)	Signified (Concept/Meaning)
Skeletal Remains	Two physical human skulls and 14 bone fragments.	Lost human lives, physical death, and mortality.
Age Matrix (3 to 7 Years Old)	Anthropological data measuring small bone structures.	Absolute innocence, dependence, and early childhood.
Wooded Area and Drainage Pipe	Hidden, unmaintained, and hard-to-reach geographic locations.	Concealment, deliberate disposal, and physical neglect.
Temporal Span (“Several Years”)	Environmental decay and bleached skeletal matrix.	Forgotten time, long-term abandonment and neglect.

The Dog Walker/Chance Discovery	An everyday citizen engaged in a routine, mundane activity.	Fate, accidental intervention, and civilian vulnerability.
170 Coordinated Personnel	A massive presence of FBI, TBI, and local homicide police.	Systemic mobilization, state authority, and legal power.
Absence of Local Missing Reports	Empty local police databases and unmatched records.	Geographical displacement or total isolation of victims.

3.13. Pragmatic Analysis

Locutionary Act (Literal Meaning): The act of uttering the words: “Police have discovered.....for several years”.

Illocutionary Act (The intended action): The speaker is informing/reprting a shocking fact to the audience. It is an Assertive/Representative speech act because it commits the speaker to the truth of the statement.

Perlocutionary Act (The effect): The effect on the listener (e.g., horror, shock, sadness, skepticism, or panic).

Deixis (Contextual reference)

- **Spatial Location:** “in a wooded area” (identifies where), “there” (refers back to the wooded area).
- **Temporal/Time:** “several years” (defines the timeframe).

Entailment (Logical consequences)

- Remains exist.
- Police made a discovery.
- The remains are in wooded area.
- It is possible that the children died several years ago.

Presupposition (Assumed background)

- There was a police investigation in Memphis.
- There were three children.
- The remains are likely human (since they are referred to as “children”).

Implicature (Hidden Meaning): This is likely a cold case or a homicide case, not a recent disappearance. The situation is severe and negligent.

Felicity Conditions (Contextual Appropriateness/Validity)

- **Propositional Content:** The speaker must believe the police actually made this discovery.
- **Preparatory Condition:** The speaker must have authority to report this (e.g., a journalist, police spokesperson) and believe it is true.
- **Sincerity Condition:** The speaker is not lying about the discovery.

Data: Reza Pahlavi targeted with red paint outside Berlin press event.

Lexical Choices: Reports use loaded terms such as “targeted”, “splattered/splashed”, “red liquid”, “protestor”, “activist”, and “confronted”.

POS Analysis

Reza Pahlavi (Proper Noun/Compound) **targeted** (Passive Participle/Past) **with** (Preposition) **red** (Descriptive Adjective) **paint** (Common Noun) **outside** (Locative Preposition) **Berlin** (Proper Noun) **press** (Noun Adjunct) **event** (Common Noun).

Type of Clause: Independent (A reduced relative clause/Passive voice)

Active Voice: Someone targeted Reza Pahlavi with red paint outside a Berlin press event.

Passive Voice: Reza Pahlavi was targeted with red paint by someone outside a Berlin press event.

Direct Speech: A reporter said, “Reza Pahlavi was targeted with red paint outside a Berlin press event.”

Indirect Speech: A reporter said that Reza Pahlavi had been targeted with red paint outside a Berlin press event.

Semiotics Analysis

Semiotic Element	Signifier (Form)	Signified (Meaning)	Context/Interpretation
Object	Red Liquid/Paint/Ketchup	Blood, violence, pain, sacrifice, warning.	Represents the “blood of Iranians” lost in protests or regime repression.
Action	Throwing/Splashing (The “Attack”)	Aggression, protest, defiance, shame, “shattering” of image.	Immediate, non-lethal, high-visibility disruption of a political narrative.
Target	Reza Pahlavi (Exiled Prince)	The Monarchy Western interventionism, pro-war stance.	Symbolizes the rejection of Pahlavi by a faction of the diaspora, despite his anti-regime stance.
Location	Berlin (Federal Press Conference)	Western democracy, media spotlight, political asylum.	Chosen to maximize international media coverage, bringing the conflict into a “safe” space.
Color	Red	Urgency, danger, revolution, “socialist” blood.	A universally understood symbol of dissent often used to turn a subject into a visceral image.
Timing	Post-press conference, post-ceasefire criticism.	Condemnation of Pahlavi’s support for U.S./Israeli strikes on Iran.	Directly links the act to his call for “humanitarian intervention” or war.
Reaction	Security intervention, Pahlavi walking away	Control resilience (by target), chaos, and media spectacle.	The viral video turns the momentary incident into a lasting political narrative.

3.14. Pragmatic Analysis

Speech Acts: The headlines acts as an assertive (reporting the event). The action itself is an expressive act of violent dissent.

Implicature (Gricean): The act of throwing red paint flouts the Maxim of Manner (be orderly, clear) and Quantity (give only necessary information), replacing a verbal protest with a symbolic act, implying that words are no longer sufficient to show rage.

Pragmatic Component	Analysis
Context	An activist (acting for the Iranian diaspora/opposition sprayed red liquid (likely tomato juice/sauce) at Pahlavi in Berlin on April 23, 2026, to protest his support for Western intervention in Iran.
Locutionary Act	The physical act of throwing red paint and the spoken or written statement reporting it.
Illocutionary Act	Assertive/Representative: The headline states a fact that happened. Expressive/Protest: The act of throwing paint signifies protest, condemnation and accusation (red paint= “blood on your hands”).
Perlocutionary Act	Immediate: Pahlavi was covered in red liquid, security stepped in, and police arrested the protestor. Long-term: Highlights deep fragmentation and distrust within the Iranian opposition movement, shifting from politics to performance.
Conversational Implicature	The activist implies: “Your support for war is causing the death of Iranians,” and “You do not represent the true Iranian resistance”.
Short Entailment	1. Red liquid was thrown at Reza Pahlavi. 2. An activist targeted Pahlavi in Berlin. 3. Pahlavi was at a press event. 4. Police were present/intervened.
Presupposition	There is an individual named Reza Pahlavi who is a public figure in opposition politics. Reza Pahlavi is a controversial figure.

Data: *American’s anger about the economy hits Trump and Republican’s mid term prospects.*

Lexical Choices and Metaphors: Words such as “anger,” “worsening,” “Underwater,” “bleak,” and “dark” are used to describe voter sentiment. The economic situation is framed as a “fight” for “affordability” or a crisis of “middle-class” survival.

Headlines and analyses explicitly link economic frustration to “Trump’s policies” and the “GOP’s second-term policies”.

Pronoun Usage and Populist Rhetoric: While Trump’s rhetoric often uses “us versus them” to unify his base, the current narrative emphasizes a split within the base, noting that even Republicans disapprove of his handling of “gas prices”.

3.15. POS Analysis

American’s (Proper Noun/Possessive form; names a specific nationality) **anger** (Abstract Noun) **about** (Preposition/shows the relationship between “anger” and “economy”) **the** (Definite Article) **economy** (abstract/common noun) **hits** (Action/Transitive Verb; Present

Tense, Singular) **Trump** (Proper Noun) **and** (Coordinating Conjunction) **Republican's** (Proper Noun; Possessive form) **midterm** (Compound Adjective; Attributive) **prospects** (abstract/common noun/plural).

Clause Type: Independent Clause (Simple Sentence).

Passive Options:

- Trump and Republican's midterm prospects **are hit by** American's anger about the economy.
- Trump and Republican's midterm prospects **are being impacted by** American's anger about the economy.

Direct Speech: The headline stated, "American's anger about the economy hits Trump and Republican's mid term prospects.

Indirect Speech:

- The headline stated that American's anger about the economy **hit** Trump and Republican's midterm prospects.
- Analysts reported that American's anger about the economy **was hitting** Trump and Republican's midterm prospects.

Nominalization: The sentence features nominalization through "anger," which nominalizes the emotional state of being angry.

Tense: Present Simple ("hits"). Suggest a current, ongoing, or habitual state of affairs.

Aspect: Simple Aspect. Action is viewed as a whole.

Word	Synonym	Word	Antonym
Anger	Fury, Rage, Frustration.	Anger	Calm, Satisfaction.
Hits	Hurts, Damages, Impacts.	Hits	Boosts, Aids.
Prospects	Chances, Outlook, Potential.	Prospects	Hopelessness.

Subject-Verb Agreement: The singular subject "American's anger" (assuming possessive singular) or collective noun fits with the singular verb "hits."

Genre: News headline or political commentary snippet.

Field: Politics, economics, election polling.

Tenor: Formal, journalistic, objective-yet-analytical tone.

Mode: Written (print/digital media), succinct.

Anaphoric/Exophoric: Relies heavily on exophoric reference (outside knowledge of "Trump," "Republicans," and the specific "economy" or "midterms" being discussed.

Cataphoric: None present.

Discourse Markers: None present (typical for headlines).

Cohesion: Lexical cohesion achieved through grammatical links between "anger," "economy," "hits," "Trump," "Republican," and "prospects".

Coherence: Highly coherent; the sentence presents a clear cause-and-effect relationship logical within the field of political science.

Semiotics Analysis

Code (System of Meaning)	Context (Situation/Setting)	Signifier (The Material Form)	Signified (The Mental Concept)
Political Discourse	US Midterm Elections	"American's anger"	Widespread public frustration regarding financial stability.
Socio Economics	Inflation/Cost of living	"The economy"	Financial markets, household wealth, and daily expenses.
Media/Journalism	Headline News	"hits"	Negative impact, political damage, or direct blame.
US Party Politics	Bi-partisan system	"Trump and Republican's"	The conservative party and its leading figures
Electoral Politics	Legislative voting cycles	"Midterm prospects"	Future success in gaining or holding congressional seats.

3.16. Pragmatic Analysis

Locutionary Act (The words): The physical utterance/writing of the sentence:
"American's anger...Republican's mid term prospects."

Illocutionary Act (The intent): An **assertion** or **representative** act, intended by the speaker to declare a causal relationship between voter sentiment and political outcomes.

Perlocutionary Act (The effect): To inform, convince, or cause panic/confidence in the listener regarding the election outcome (e.g., the listener believes Republican's might lose).

Deixis (Contextual reference):

- **Trump and Republican's:** Context dependent entities.
- **Midterm:** Refers to a specific, time-bound election event.

Entailment (Logical consequence):

- American voters feel angry.
- The economy is a cause of anger.
- Trump and Republicans have mid-term prospects.

Presupposition (Assumed background):

- American voters are currently angry.
- There is a clear link between economic satisfaction and voting.
- There is an upcoming election.

Implicature (Hidden Meaning): Voters are unlikely to vote for the incumbent/Republican party, implying a potential shift in power.

Felicity Conditions (Requirements for the act to be "happy"):

- **Propositional Content:** The speaker must believe voters are actually angry about the economy.
- **Preparatory Condition:** The speaker believes their statement represents a possible or likely future outcome.
- **Sincerity Condition:** The speaker sincerely believes that this anger will negatively impact the mentioned politicians.

- **Essential Condition:** The utterance counts as a claim or prediction about political reality.

Nominalization Analysis

Nominalized Word	Base Form (Verb/Adjective)	Nominalized Word	Base Form (Verb/Adjective)
Record	To Record	Concern	To concern
Misappropriation	To misappropriate	Workers	To work
Trial	To try	Bid; Curb; Powers	To bid; To curb; To be powerful
Hike	To hike	Connection	Connect
Killing	Kill	Tragedy	Tragic
Fight	To Fight	Investigation	Investigate
Anger	Angered	Prospects	Prospected

Genre Synonyms Antonyms Analysis

Topic	Genre	Synonym	Antonym
Import (Urea)	Economic News/Commodity Market Report	Bring in, Buy, Fetch	Export, Send out, Sell
Arrested (Hospital Staff)	Crime News/Investigative Journalism	Detained, Apprehended, Seized	Released, Freed, Liberated, Exonerated
Trial (Atef Najib)	International Human Rights Reporting/Legal Journalism	Lawsuit, Proceeding, Hearing	Pardon, Acquittal, Dismissal
Hike (Fuel Prices)	Socio-Economic Feature/News Commentary	Increase, Surge, Rise	Decrease, Drop, Reduction
Killed (IDF Casualties)	War Reportage/Conflict Casualty Documentation	Slain, Fatigued, Terminated	Birthed, Saved, Spared
Rejects (US Senate Bid)	Political News/Legislative Reporting	Dismisses, Declines, Spurns	Accepts, Approves, Welcomes
Corruption/170 million	News Lead/Crime Report	Dishonesty, Depravity, Venality.	Honesty, Integrity, Virtue
Condemns/Amal Khalil	Political Bulletin	Denounces, Censures	Applauds, Endorses
Warning Signs/Louisiana	Human Interest/Tragedy	Red Flags	Surprises, Anomalies
Escalated/Carolina	Crime News/School Safety	Intensified/Heightened	Diminished, Defused

Remains/Memphis	Investigative Update	Corpse, Skeletal, Fragments	Living, Animate
Targeted/Pahlavi	Political Event Report	Singled out, Aimed at	Ignored, Overlooked
Anger-Prospect/Republican Midterm	Political news headline, analysis, news report snippet	Resentment-Chances	Pleasure-improbability

Register Analysis

Discourse	Field	Tenor	Mode
Import (Urea)	International trade, agricultural economy, commodities procurement	Official/Governmental (Government sources reporting on trade)	Written journalism (Headline/Breaking news)
Arrested (Hospital Staff)	Criminal investigation, public sector corruption, law enforcement	Formal/Investigative (FIA/Official report style)	Written/Printed news report
Trial (Atef Najib)	International law, human rights, transitional justice, war crimes	Journalistic/Objective (International news coverage)	Written online news article (Reportage)
Hike (Fuel Prices)	Economics, public policy, energy crises	Journalistic/Opinionated (Reporting on public sentiment and economic anxiety)	Print/Online commentary or headline
Killed (IDF Casualties)	Warfare, war crimes allegations, humanitarian crises	Highly emotive/Advocacy-driven (Direct report of casualties)	Written online reporting/Social media dissemination
Rejects (US Senate Bid)	Political science, US legislative affairs, executive authority	Formal/Political reporting	Written news headline
Corruption/170 million	Financial crime and law enforcement	Highly formal/impersonal	Passive voice used to focus on the event rather than the agent
Condemns/Amal Khalil	International diplomacy and political condemnation	Professional and authoritative, citing public figures	Compressed omitting auxiliary verbs
Warning Signs/Louisiana	Familial violence and social warning signs	Serious and somber; uses factual evidence to maintain objectivity	Narrative like using a semi colon to connect the event to its background

Escalated/Carolina	Public safety and youth violence	Factual and Descriptive	Information heavy with specific counts for immediate impact
Remains/Memphis	Forensic investigation and cold cases	Speculative but professional	Detailed descriptive phrases to provide scene context
Targeted/Pahlavi	Political activism and public demonstration	Neutral reporting of a controversial event	Passive construction focuses on the target rather than the protestors
Republican Midterm	American politics, economy, polling, electoral strategy	Detached, reporter to reader, analytical	Written (newspaper, website, likely visual

Subject-Verb Agreement

Discourse	Subject	Verb	Agreement
Import (Urea)	India	Infinitive phrase (“to import”) rather than a conjugated verb	N/A
Arrested (Hospital Staff)	The FIA (Singular)	“arrested” (past tense, works for both Singular and Plural)	Proper
Trial (Atef Najib)	“A landmark trial” (Singular)	“has opened” (Singular)	Proper
Hike (Fuel Prices)	“A recent hike” (Singular)	“has triggered” (Singular)	Proper
Killed (IDF Casualties)	“The IDF” (Singular)	“has killed” (Singular)	Proper
Rejects (US Senate Bid)	“US Senate” (Singular, acting as one body)	“rejects” (Singular)	Proper
170 million corruption	“A government employee” (Singular)	“was arrested” (Singular)	Proper
Amal Khalil	“Lebanese PM Salam” (Singular)	“condemns” (Singular)	Proper
Louisiana	“a man” (Singular)	“has killed” (Singular)	Proper
Carolina	“two teens” (Plural)	“are” (Plural)	Proper
Memphis	“Police” (Plural)	“have discovered” (Plural)	Proper
Pahlavi/Berlin	Reza Pahlavi (Singular)	(was) “targeted” (Passive voice with auxiliary omitted)	Proper
Republican Midterm	The singular subject “American’s anger” (assuming possessive singular) or collective noun	Singular Verb “Hits”	Proper

Anaphoric (A word like “he”, “she”, “it”, “they” refers back to a word used earlier),
Cataphoric (A word refers to a word that comes later in the text) **and Exophoric** (A word refers to something outside the text, relying on shared knowledge of the real world) **Analysis**

Sentence (Topic)	Anaphoric	Cataphoric	Exophoric
Import (Urea)	Paid (refers back to the urea import price)	None	India, Urea (Implies the nation and commodity known to the reader).
Arrested (Hospital Staff)	None	None	FIA (Federal Investigation Agency), Sheikh Zayed Hospital, Lahore (External entities/places)
Trial (Atef Najib)	None	None	Syria, Atef Najib, Bashar al-Assad, Daraa (Geopolitical context/people)
Hike (Fuel Prices)	The county (refers back to the implicitly understood nation where the news is reported)	None	Petroleum prices (Refers to real-world economic conditions)
Killed (IDF Casualties)	None	None	IDF, Palestinians, journalists, healthcare workers (Real-world ongoing conflict)
Rejects (US Senate Bid)	Trump’s (refers to the widely known individual mentioned)	None	US Senate, Trump (Donald Trump) (Political entities/figures)
170 million corruption	None	None	“Lahore” and “rupee” refer to a specific city and currency in the real world outside the text.
Amal Khalil	None	None	“Lebanese” and “PM Salam” refer to specific real-world political entities and figures.
Louisiana	“Whom” refers back to “eight children.” “His” refers back to “a man.” “The event” refers back to the act of killing mentioned earlier in the sentence.	None	“Louisiana” refers to the specific U.S. state.
Carolina	“Others” refers back to the category of “teen.”	None	“North Carolina” refers to the external geographic location.
Memphis	“They” refers back to “the remains of three children.” “There” refers back to “a wooded area.”	None	“Memphis” refers to the specific city.
Pahlavi/Berlin	None	None	“Reza Pahlavi” and “Berlin” refer to a specific public figure and a world city.

Republican Midterm	None	None	“American’s”, “economy”, “Trump”, “Republican’s”, “midterm” all refer to external real- world entities known to the reader.
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Cohesion Coherence Analysis

Sentence (Topic)	Cohesion Analysis (Lexical/Grammatical)	Coherence Analysis (Logical/Contextual)
Import (Urea)	High. “Import” connects to “price paid,” “record” modifies “2.5m,” and “two months ago” offers temporal cohesion.	High. Clearly links a specific action (import) with an economic consequence (price doubling).
Arrested (Hospital Staff)	High. “Staffers,” “hospital,” “Lahore,” “misappropriation” and “public funds” form a strong lexical field.	High. Logical, clear cause-and-effect (investigation leading to arrests).
Trial (Atef Najib)	High. “Landmark trial,” “opened,” “Atef Najib,” and “crimes” maintain topical focus. Cohesion via nominal substitution.	High. Contextualizes the person (cousin of Assad) within the crime (crimes against civilians).
Hike (Fuel Prices)	Moderate/High. Lexical cohesion via “hike,” “prices,” “country.” “Triggered” establishes causal link.	High. Defines the problem (hike) and the result (concern).
Killed (IDF Casualties)	Moderate. Uses apposition “IDF (Israeli Army).” List actors (Palestinians, journalists).	Moderate. Reports statistics but requires broader context to understand the scope.
Rejects (US Senate Bid)	High. “Senate,” “rejects,” “bid,” “curb,” “powers” are logically sequenced using standard political lexicon.	High. Clear, specific summary of legislative action.
170 million corruption	High: Uses “in connection to” to link the arrest and the scandal.	Strong: Clearly defines the subject (employee), action (arrest), and reason (scandal).
Amal Khalil	High: Direct link between the subject (PM Salam) and the object (Amal Khalil) via the verb “condemns.”	Strong: Transparent cause and effect; a political leader reacting to a specific tragic event
Louisiana	Moderate: Uses “whom” and “his own” to clarify relationships; “before the event” references the killing.	Strong: Follows a narrative logic; Event-Detail (Children)-Context (Warning Signs)
Carolina	High: “escalated into” provides a temporal and causal link between the fight and the shooting.	Strong: Logical progression explaining how a specific conflict led to a specific outcome

Memphis	Moderate: “they” acts as an anaphora referring back to the “remains of three children”	Strong: Sets a scene and provides an investigative hypothesis based on the physical evidence found
Pahlavi/Berlin	Low: Simple S-V-O structure; lacks connective tissue beyond the basic action	Moderate: Clear as a headline, but lacks context on the “why” or “who” compared to the other data points.
Republican Midterm	Achieved through grammatical linkage (subjects acting on objects) and lexical chains (“anger,” “economy,” “hits,” “prospects”).	The sentence makes sense as a coherent, self-contained claim relating public sentiment to political consequences.

Discourse Markers Analysis

Discourse Marker	Category	Discourse Marker	Category
At nearly, two months ago	Quantitative/Temporal	(Fuel Price Anxiety), recent, across/outside	Framing/Temporal/Spatial
Over, alleged	Causal/Modal	Over, and	Quantitative/Additive
(Syria Transitional Justice), over	Framing/Causal	Again, before	Temporal/Iterative
In connection to	Relational/Causal marker	of	Structural/Attributive
Of whom	Additive/Elaborative marker	Before	Temporal Marker
And	Coordinating additive marker	After	A temporal/causal marker
Into	A resultative marker	Suspecting	Participial marker

4. Conclusions

India plans to subsidize and work as a catalyst for the welfare of common man by importing 64 lakhs tonnes of Urea and 19 lakh tonnes of other fertilizers for the kharif 2026 season. Based on the reports from Dawn and Pakistan Today, 15 Sheikh Zayed Hospital staffers were arrested in Lahore for a Rs. 36.2 million fraud involving forged bills over 1.5 years. This investigation led by FIA Deputy Director Syed Asad Muzaffar, involved senior finance directors and clerical staff manipulating doctor private practice funds. Suspects were booked under multiple sections of the Pakistan Penal Code (109, 409, 420, 468, 471, 477-A) and obtained on a four day physical remand for further investigation. Forging signatures of consultants and doctors to approve bogus bills for private patient fees was the Modus Operandi. Atef Najib is seen as a key architect of the early 2011 torture of children, repression and atrocities in Daraa. The killing is recognized as an attack on press freedom, prompting top-level government condemnation and likely pressure for an investigation. This point to a long-term, unsolved, and severe case of child endangerment or murder, necessitating a forensic investigation into cold cases in the area.

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