



SVFAB DETAILED ANALYSIS

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OVERALL SCORE

4.7/10

Significant imbalance

0 = balanced, 10 = strongly one-sided/manipulative

POLITICAL SPECTRUM

Classification according to Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES) 2024

The Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES 2024) is an academic survey of 609 political scientists in 31 countries. Each party is rated on a scale from 0 (far left) to 10 (far right).

Party	Greens	SP	GLP	Centre	EVP	FDP	SVP
CHES	1.13	1.67	3.60	5.47	5.64	7.67	9.00
Spectrum	<i>Left</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>Centre</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>Right</i>

The overall tendency is displayed on a 0–10 scale (0 = strongly left-favouring, 5 = balanced, 10 = strongly right-favouring). The calculation is based on the difference in the average favouring of left vs. right parties (grouping according to CHES 2024).

TENDENCY (L – R)

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Left-favouring

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Source: Chapel Hill Expert Survey 2024 — chesdata.eu | [Jolly et al., Electoral Studies, 2022](#) | Thresholds: [Pew Research Center](#)

This section serves for political classification and does not feed into the overall score.



POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Switzerland is a consensus democracy with a seven-member Federal Council composed according to the so-called magic formula: SVP (2 seats), SP (2 seats), FDP (2 seats), The Centre (1 seat). There is no classic government-opposition dichotomy — all major parties are represented in the executive. The Greens, GLP and EVP are not represented in the Federal Council and form a parliamentary opposition without governmental responsibility.

Party	CHES L-R	Seats NC	Government/Opposition	Core position
SVP	8.0	62	Government (2 FC)	Sovereignty, restriction of migration, EU scepticism
SP	2.5	41	Government (2 FC)	Welfare state, redistribution, rapprochement with EU
FDP	6.5	28	Government (2 FC)	Economic freedom, lean state
Centre	5.0	29	Government (1 FC)	Pragmatism, family relief
Greens	2.0	23	Opposition	Climate protection, disarmament, solidarity
GLP	4.0	10	Opposition	Green economy, liberalism
EVP	5.5	2	Opposition	Christian values, centre

The most important lines of conflict in Switzerland in 2025 are: (1) migration policy and asylum law (SVP vs. SP/Greens), (2) relationship with the EU and Bilaterals III (FDP/Centre/SP vs. SVP), (3) army financing and security policy in the context of Ukraine/Middle East (Centre/FDP/SVP vs. SP/Greens), (4) climate policy and energy transition (Greens/SP/GLP vs. SVP/FDP). The debt brake and public finances form a cross-cutting line of conflict that overlays all substantive issues.

SRF (Swiss Radio and Television) is the public broadcaster of German-speaking Switzerland and is subject to the RTVA (Radio and Television Act). Art. 4 RTVA obliges SRF to present facts accurately, to reflect a diversity of opinions on controversial topics and to select interlocutors in a balanced manner. As Switzerland's largest media organisation, financed by licence fees, SRF bears a special democratic responsibility for the formation of political opinion.



CHAPTER 1 — PARTY-POLITICAL BIAS

Party	Score (-5..+5)	Broadcast portrayal vs. programme position
SVP	-2	02:30 "From a neutrality-policy perspective, these demands are concerning, says SVP National Councillor Alfred Heer." — Programme position: preserve sovereignty, no one-sided positioning — portrayal factually correct in content, but positioned as a single voice against multiple opposing voices; Heer receives significantly less speaking time and is framed as a counterposition to a broad coalition — distorted through contextualisation
SP	+1	06:20 "Priska Seiler-Graf, SP National Councillor and President of the National Council's Security Policy Committee, is angry." — Programme position: critical stance on armaments expenditure, debt brake — correctly portrayed; Seiler-Graf receives prominent speaking time and is introduced as a knowledgeable committee president, not as a party representative
FDP	0	Not directly represented in the broadcast; FDP Federal Councillor Cassis is mentioned as a target of criticism (01:38, 01:45) without being given the opportunity to respond — programme position on foreign policy (pragmatic relations) is indirectly conveyed through the correspondent's contextualisation — omitted as an independent voice
Centre	0	Not represented in the broadcast — omitted
Greens	0	Not directly represented; positions close to the Greens (climate emergency, Gaza solidarity) are conveyed through demonstrators and NGOs, without naming the party — omitted as a party, but substantively present
GLP	0	Not represented in the broadcast — omitted
EVP	0	Not represented in the broadcast — omitted

Party bias summary

- Most accurate portrayal: SP (Score +1) — Seiler-Graf is correctly and prominently positioned as committee president
- Strongest distortion: SVP (Score -2) — Alfred Heer is framed as a singular dissenting voice against a broad coalition of demonstrators, a former Federal Councillor, NGOs and FDFA staff
- Average deviation from 0: 0.4
- Conclusion: The broadcast shows a structural asymmetry: SP positions are conveyed through an institutionally legitimised spokesperson (committee president), while SVP positions are represented by a single National Councillor who is explicitly introduced as a counterposition to a broad coalition. FDP Federal Councillor Cassis is mentioned by name several times as a target of criticism without being given the opportunity to respond.



CHAPTER 2 — BROADCAST INFORMATION AND THEMATIC FRAMING

Broadcast data

- Title: SRF Tagesschau — Main edition
- Date: 21.06.2025
- Presenter: Not named (sign-off: "I wish you a pleasant evening")
- Reporters: Isabel Gachardo (Gaza demo), Gurdin Vincenz (correspondent Bern), Pascal Schumacher / Andrea Thurner (F-35), Jonas Hink (Israel-Iran), Christa Gall (sexual criminal law), Sibylla Semadini (Susanne Bartsch)

Actors	Function	Party/affiliation	Political spectrum
Alfred Heer	SVP National Councillor	SVP	Right (8.0)
Ruth Dreifuss	Former Federal Councillor	SP	Left (2.5)
Priska Seiler-Graf	SP National Councillor, Committee President SPC NC	SP	Left (2.5)
Tamara von Nicello	National Councillor (parliamentarian, revision of sexual criminal law)	Not explicitly stated	Not clearly assignable
Paula Kuster	Lawyer, victim representation	No party	Expert
Demonstrating actors 1	Female demonstrator	Not stated	Left-progressive (context)
Demonstrating actors 2	Male demonstrator	Not stated	Left-progressive (context)
Israeli army spokesperson	Military spokesperson IDF	Israeli army	State-military
Iranian Foreign Minister	Foreign Minister of Iran	Iranian government	State
Donald Trump	US President	Republican Party	Right-populist
Susanne Bartsch	Artist, style icon	No party	Cultural
Curator Museum für Gestaltung	Curator	No party	Cultural
Resident Croatia	Evacuee	No party	Civilian
Resident Paris	Passer-by	No party	Civilian

Main topic

The broadcast's main topic is the Bern Gaza solidarity demonstration and the associated demand for a more active Swiss foreign policy towards the Middle East conflict.



CHAPTER 3 — 15 CRITERIA: DETAILED ANALYSIS

Hard facts — 9 techniques that are countable and scientifically robust

1. EXPERT SELECTION

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Expert 1: Ruth Dreifuss, former Federal Councillor SP

Timestamp	02:01
Statement	"I believe it is truly necessary for Switzerland to join with other countries in pushing for an immediate ceasefire, for this humanitarian aid, and to also acknowledge that the rights of the Palestinians are not being respected."
Assessment	Former SP Federal Councillor; no current function in foreign policy; clear political affiliation on the left; deployed as a moral authority, not as a subject-matter expert
Missing countervoice	Former FDP or SVP Federal Councillor with foreign policy experience (e.g. Didier Burkhalter, Ueli Maurer)

Source in-depth check Ruth Dreifuss:

(a) FUNDING: No institutional funding; private individual with SP background; no structural funding conflict, but clear political agenda

(b) MANDATE: No current mandate; speaks as a private individual with historical authority; not compatible with neutral assessment — explicitly partisan

D1 Conflict of interest: -1 — Clear SP affiliation, position corresponds to party line

D2 Personal risk: +1 — No career risks as a retiree; slight strengthening of credibility

D3 Subject-matter competence: 0 — Former Federal Councillor (Interior, not Foreign Affairs); foreign policy not her core area

D4 Consistency of opinion: +1 — Consistent left-wing stance over decades

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: -1 — Appellative ("it is truly necessary"), no data

D6 Source level: -1 — Opinion, not a primary source

TOTAL: -1 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

(c) SUBJECT-MATTER COMPETENCE: Framed as a moral authority ("former Federal Councillor") although she is expressing a clearly partisan opinion — structurally partisan, but presented as a non-partisan voice.

Expert 2: Priska Seiler-Graf, SP National Councillor and Committee President SPC NC

Timestamp	06:20
Statement	"It was always clear that this aircraft would end up costing more. And with a fixed price, that doesn't concern us — then the American state must cover these additional costs."
Assessment	Active SP politician; committee presidency lends institutional legitimacy; SP is fundamentally opposed to the F-35 purchase — clear conflict of interest

Source in-depth check Priska Seiler-Graf:



(a) FUNDING: Parliamentary compensation; no external funding discernible

(b) MANDATE: As committee president responsible for the topic; but SP party membership creates a conflict of interest on a topic on which the SP has a clear party position

D1 Conflict of interest: -2 — SP was against the F-35 purchase; cost criticism corresponds to party line

D2 Personal risk: 0 — No particular risks

D3 Subject-matter competence: +2 — Committee president, responsible body

D4 Consistency of opinion: +1 — Consistent criticism of the F-35 purchase

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: 0 — Partly factual, partly appellative ("is angry")

D6 Source level: +1 — Access to committee documents

TOTAL: +2 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

(c) SUBJECT-MATTER COMPETENCE: Introduced as committee president (institutional authority), without addressing the SP party membership and the associated conflict of interest on the F-35 topic.

Expert 3: Paula Kuster, lawyer

Timestamp	12:23
Statement	"We still have to ask what exactly happened and ask in great detail, but it is no longer so central whether the victim resisted."
Assessment	Victim's representative; one-sided perspective (victim's side); no defence perspective as a countervoice

Source in-depth check Paula Kuster:

(a) FUNDING: Private-law lawyer; no institutional funding discernible

(b) MANDATE: Victim representation — structurally one-sided; not compatible with neutral assessment of the law

D1 Conflict of interest: -1 — Victim's representative benefits from stronger victim protection

D2 Personal risk: +1 — Professional reputation tied to statements

D3 Subject-matter competence: +2 — Direct practical experience in the field

D4 Consistency of opinion: +1 — Consistent victim protection perspective

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: +1 — Predominantly factual

D6 Source level: +1 — Primary experience from practice

TOTAL: +5 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: GREEN (with qualification: structurally one-sided)

(c) SUBJECT-MATTER COMPETENCE: Presented as a neutral expert, although she structurally represents the victim's side.

Missing expert groups:

- Criminal defence lawyer or representative of the accused on sexual criminal law
- Neutral professor of international law on Swiss neutrality and Gaza
- Independent defence procurement expert (not party-affiliated) on the F-35

Source traffic light for participants:

Source	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Total	Traffic light
Ruth Dreifuss, former Federal Councillor SP	-1	+1	0	+1	-1	-1	-1	YELLOW
Priska Seiler-Graf, SP National Councillor and Committee President SPC NC	-2	0	+2	+1	0	+1	+2	YELLOW
Paula Kuster, lawyer	-1	+1	+2	+1	+1	+1	+5	GREEN



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Summary:

- Ruth Dreifuss: YELLOW (-1) — Partisan SP voice framed as moral authority
- Priska Seiler-Graf: YELLOW (+2) — Institutional legitimacy conceals party conflict of interest
- Paula Kuster: GREEN (+5) — Professionally competent, but structurally one-sided (victim's side)



2. SOURCE SELECTION

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Claims without primary source = penalty points (rumour check)

Source 1: Demonstrating individuals (anonymous)

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01:42 — Statement: "What is happening there must finally stop immediately. And the Swiss Federal Council, Ignacio Cassis, must now find clear words and must do everything to bring this to an end."

- (a) **Funding and sponsorship:** Anonymous private individuals; no verification possible
- (b) **Structural conflict of interest:** Demonstrators are by definition partisan; their statements represent the demonstration agenda, not a balanced assessment
- (c) **Missing countervoice:** Voices of people who view the demonstration critically or who support the Federal Council's position

Source 2: FDFA staff (anonymous)

Timestamp

05:19 — Statement (correspondent): "Current staff of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Ignacio Cassis have also called on the Federal Council to take a clear stance."

- (a) **Funding:** State (FDFA employees)
- (b) **Structural conflict of interest:** Anonymous source; not verifiable; conflict of interest unclear
- (c) **Missing countervoice:** FDFA staff who support the Federal Council's position

Rumour check:

Rumour 1:

Timestamp: 05:19

Claim: "Current staff of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Ignacio Cassis have also called on the Federal Council to take a clear stance."

Word markers: No explicit markers, but anonymous source without primary evidence

Primary source available: No — penalty point (+1)

Rumour 2:

Timestamp: 05:13 — Claim: "Not only from these organisations that took to the streets today, but also from diplomats, former ambassadors, who have criticised the Federal Council."

Word markers: No explicit markers, but no source citation

Primary source available: No — penalty point (+1)

Source 3: Parisian urban planner (anonymous)

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15:23 — Statement: "We expect peak temperatures of up to 50 degrees in the coming years."

- (a) **Funding:** Unclear; municipal authority or planning office
- (b) **Structural conflict of interest:** Urban planning benefits from the climate emergency narrative (contracts, relevance)
- (c) **Missing countervoice:** Climatologist with source citation for the 50-degree forecast



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Summary: The source selection is structurally one-sided: demonstrators, victim representatives and anonymous sources dominate; not a single source represents a critical or contrary position on the topics covered. Two claims without a primary source (+2 penalty points).



3. TIME DISTRIBUTION

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Estimated speaking time (Gaza demo block, approx. 5:30 min.):

- Demonstrators (2 people): approx. 0:45 min. (14%)
- Ruth Dreifuss (SP, left): approx. 0:30 min. (9%)
- Alfred Heer (SVP, right): approx. 0:25 min. (8%)
- Correspondent Gurdin Vincenz: approx. 2:00 min. (36%)
- Reporter Isabel Gachardo: approx. 1:00 min. (18%)
- Presenter: approx. 0:30 min. (9%)

Estimated speaking time (F-35 block, approx. 2:30 min.):

- Priska Seiler-Graf (SP): approx. 0:45 min. (30%)
- Former committee president (party not named): approx. 0:30 min. (20%)
- Reporter: approx. 1:00 min. (40%)
- Presenter: approx. 0:15 min. (10%)

Estimated speaking time (sexual criminal law block, approx. 2:30 min.):

- Paula Kuster (victim's representative): approx. 0:50 min. (33%)
- Tamara von Nicello (parliamentarian): approx. 0:30 min. (20%)
- Reporter: approx. 1:00 min. (40%)
- No countervoice: 0 min. (0%)

Summary: In the Gaza block, the left side (demonstrators + Dreifuss) receives approx. 23% of speaking time compared to 8% for the SVP position; the correspondent, who explains (but does not defend) the Federal Council's position, receives 36%. In the sexual criminal law block there is not a single countervoice to the revision. The time distribution is structurally skewed in favour of left-wing and left-liberal positions.



4. OMISSION (Selective Omission)							7/10		
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Omission 1:									
Context		The Hamas terrorist attack of 7 October 2023 as the trigger for the Gaza war is not mentioned anywhere in the Gaza demo block.							
Relevant at: Timestamp 01:07–05:35 (entire Gaza block)									
Effect		The omission of the trigger suggests that Israel is acting without context; the humanitarian catastrophe appears to be unilaterally caused.							

Omission 2:									
Context		The security policy arguments in favour of the F-35 purchase (airspace defence, NATO compatibility, replacement for ageing F/A-18s) are not mentioned.							
Relevant at: Timestamp 05:50–08:50 (F-35 block)									
Effect		The F-35 purchase appears exclusively as a cost problem, not as a security policy necessity; the debate is reduced to the question of cost.							

Omission 3:									
Context		Critical voices on the sexual criminal law revision (legal certainty, burden of proof issues, risk of false accusations) are completely absent.							
Relevant at: Timestamp 12:10–14:49 (sexual criminal law block)									
Effect		The revision appears as an uncontested step forward; the broadcast presents a one-sided success story without critical contextualisation.							

Summary: The broadcast systematically omits contexts and counter-perspectives that would substantially change the picture of the topics covered. Particularly serious is the absence of the Hamas attack as context in the Gaza block and the complete absence of critical voices on the sexual criminal law revision.

Missing voices

- SVP representative with foreign policy expertise (e.g. Foreign Affairs Committee): Could have represented the neutrality position in a more differentiated manner and with institutional weight
- FDP Federal Councillor Cassis or FDFA spokesperson: Could have explained the Federal Council's position directly, rather than merely serving as a target of criticism
- Israeli ambassador or representative of the Swiss Jewish community: Could have brought in the Israeli perspective on the demonstration and the demands
- Security policy expert in favour of the F-35: Could have presented the strategic necessity of the fighter jet purchase independently of cost issues
- Defence lawyer or representative of the accused in sexual criminal law: Could have raised legal certainty concerns about the revision
- Climatologist with source citation: Could have provided scientific context and evidence for the 50-degree forecast



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- Centre-right parliamentarian on the Gaza demo: Could have commented on the demonstration from a different political perspective
- Representatives of the demonstration organiser NGOs with critical questioning: Could have enabled transparency about the agenda and financing of the organisers



5. MANIPULATION OF FIGURES

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Complete figures include: absolute value, share (%) and trend

Finding 1:

Timestamp 01:28

Figure: "around 20,000 people"

Dimensions: (a) Absolute value shown — (b) Share missing — (c) Trend missing

Missing context

How many people typically demonstrate in Bern? How large is the Swiss population (8.7 million)? 20,000 = 0.23% of the population — no comparison with other demonstrations

Effect

The absolute figure "20,000" sounds large; without comparison, the impression is created of a broad social movement.

Finding 2:

Timestamp 05:50–06:16

Figure: "over 7 billion francs, over one billion more than previously assumed"

Dimensions: (a) Absolute value shown — (b) Share of total defence budget missing — (c) Trend (cost development of other armaments projects) missing

Missing context

1 billion in additional costs on 6 billion = approx. 17% cost increase; international comparison (Norway, Denmark) is mentioned but not quantified

Effect

The absolute figure "over one billion more" sounds scandalous; without contextualisation in the overall context, a distorted picture is created.

Finding 3:

Timestamp 09:56

Figure: "430 dead, including many civilians, and 3,500 injured since the start of the war" (Iran-Israel war)

Dimensions: (a) Absolute value shown — (b) Share (civilians vs. military) unclear — (c) Trend missing

Missing context

The source of the figures is the Iranian Ministry of Health — a state source of a party to the conflict; no independent verification mentioned

Effect

Figures from a party to the conflict are presented as facts without source contextualisation.

Summary: The broadcast uses figures selectively and without complete contextualisation (three-dimension check). Particularly problematic is the uncritical adoption of Iranian government figures without a source reference.



6. GUILT BY ASSOCIATION									2/10
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Association 1:	
Timestamp	04:35
Quote	<i>"This is a political decision of the Federal Council, at least of the centre-right majority in the Federal Council"</i>
Technique: The correspondent explicitly associates the Federal Council's restraint with the "centre-right majority" — implying that centre-right politics is responsible for the criticised passivity	
Effect	"Centre-right" is associated with "passive in the face of humanitarian catastrophe".

Association 2:	
Timestamp	10:45
Quote	<i>"It is clear that Trump rejects the efforts of the Europeans."</i>
Technique: Trump's rejection of European diplomacy is placed immediately after the portrayal of the Iran-Israel war; implies that Trump bears co-responsibility for the escalation	
Effect	Trump is associated with war escalation without direct causal evidence.

Summary: Guilt by association is moderately pronounced in this broadcast; the strongest association is the linking of "centre-right majority" with Federal Council passivity in the Gaza context.



7. TIMING									4/10
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Finding 1:

Position: 00:14 (beginning — teaser)

Content: "Solidarity with Gaza. In Bern, thousands demand more engagement from the Federal Council for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip."

Timing effect

The Gaza topic is set as the first and most prominent topic; the order in the teaser (Gaza before F-35 before Iran) signals editorial priority and shapes the perception of the broadcast.

Finding 2:

Position: 02:01 (early in the Gaza block)

Content: Ruth Dreifuss speaks immediately after the demonstrators, before the SVP countervoice (02:30) appears.

Timing effect

The emotional impact of the demonstrators is reinforced by the moral authority of the former Federal Councillor before the countervoice comes; the sequence creates an emotional priming against which Heer's factual argumentation carries less weight.

Finding 3:

Position: 05:30 (end of Gaza block)

Content: "But Federal Councillor Cassis reaffirmed his position just yesterday."

Timing effect

The Federal Council's position is mentioned as the last sentence of the block, without content or quotation — a rhetorical closing remark that makes the position appear stubborn/intransigent without giving it any space.

Summary: The timing design of the broadcast reinforces left-wing positions through placement at the beginning and through emotional priming before factual countervoices.



8. SELECTIVE OUTRAGE

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Outrage = bias. Selective outrage reinforces the finding. Score = degree of outrage (0–5) + selectivity (0–5)

Finding 1:

Timestamp 06:20

Triggering event: Reports of possible additional costs for the F-35 fighter jet (SRF research)

Reaction: "Priska Seiler-Graf, SP National Councillor and President of the National Council's Security Policy Committee, is angry." — Explicit attribution of outrage by the reporter

Comparison

No analogous topic in the broadcast in which the outrage of a centre-right politician over left-wing spending policy (e.g. social expenditure, climate fund) would be attributed equally explicitly

Asymmetry: The explicit attribution of outrage ("is angry") is an editorial value judgement used for the SP politician; no analogous attribution of outrage is used for SVP National Councillor Heer, even though he also takes a critical position

Degree of outrage: 2/5

Selectivity: 2/5

Finding 2:

Timestamp 01:51

Triggering event: Federal Council passivity towards Gaza

Reaction: "When you look at the proportions, it is unimaginable that a Federal Council remains so passive and one can simply ask about the values of the Federal Council." — Demonstrator expresses moral outrage

Comparison

No analogous outrage over the Hamas terrorist attack or Iranian warfare is shown in the broadcast

Asymmetry: Outrage over Israeli-friendly Swiss neutrality is shown; outrage over Hamas or Iran is not — demonstrable asymmetry

Degree of outrage: 2/5

Selectivity: 3/5

Summary: The broadcast shows moderate selective outrage: outrage over Federal Council passivity and F-35 costs is explicitly attributed and shown; analogous outrage over Hamas terror, Iranian warfare or left-wing spending policy is absent.



9. COMPLETENESS (Selective Omission — Overall picture)

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Finding 1:

Timestamp 01:07–05:35

Missing perspective/fact: The Hamas terrorist attack of 7 October 2023 (approx. 1,200 dead, 250 hostages) as the trigger for the Gaza war is not mentioned anywhere in the Gaza demo block.

Relevance: Without this context, the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip cannot be fully assessed; the demands of the demonstrators appear without counter-context.

Impact: The overall picture suggests unilateral Israeli aggression; the complexity of the conflict is reduced to a humanitarian catastrophe.

Finding 2:

Timestamp 12:10–14:49

Missing perspective/fact: Not a single critical voice on the sexual criminal law revision (legal certainty, burden of proof issues, rights of the accused).

Relevance: The new sexual criminal law was politically controversial; the revision had critics from the centre-right camp and from legal scholarship.

Impact: The broadcast presents a one-sided success story; viewers do not receive a complete picture of the debate.

Finding 3:

Timestamp 05:50–08:50

Missing perspective/fact: No security policy arguments in favour of the F-35 purchase; no contextualisation of the additional costs in international comparison with concrete figures.

Relevance: The F-35 purchase was decided following a popular vote (2020); the security policy necessity is part of the democratic decision.

Impact: The F-35 purchase appears as a political mistake, not as a democratically legitimised decision with a comprehensible rationale.

Summary: The broadcast exhibits systematic omissions that distort the overall picture of all three main topics (Gaza, F-35, sexual criminal law) one-sidedly in favour of left-wing and left-liberal positions.

The Gaza conflict has polarised Swiss society and politics considerably since October 2023. The question of how actively Switzerland as a neutral state should take a stance is domestically controversial: left-wing parties and NGOs demand clear condemnation of Israeli military operations and active mediation, while centre-right and right-wing parties insist on the tradition of neutrality and the prerequisites for good offices. In parallel, the direct Israel-Iran war is further complicating the diplomatic situation. The F-35 cost debate touches on the fundamental question of Swiss defence expenditure in the context of the changed European security situation.

Share of perspectives covered

Inverted: Original value measures coverage (higher = better). Displayed as deviation (higher = greater gaps).

[A] Neutrality-policy perspective: Why the Federal Council's restraint can be foreign-policy rational



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[B] Israeli perspective on the conflict and the right to self-defence

[C] **International law contextualisation:** What does Switzerland owe as depositary state of the Geneva Conventions?

[D] **Critical contextualisation of the demonstration:** Who called for it, what agenda?

[E] Centre-right/right-wing perspective on Gaza demands (beyond Heer)

[F] Economic contextualisation of the F-35 additional costs compared to other armaments projects

[G] Proponent perspective on the F-35 purchase (security policy arguments)

[H] Perpetrator perspective in sexual criminal law (fairness aspects of the revision)

[I] Critical voices on the sexual criminal law revision (legal certainty, burden of proof)

[J] **Climate change causality in heat waves:** scientific contextualisation vs. political demand

[A] INDICATED

Timestamp: 04:35 — Quote: "This is a political decision of the Federal Council [...] One does not want to lean too far [...] out of the window, in order to be available as a mediator if needed" — Assessment: Explained by the correspondent, but not represented by an independent voice; remains as an explanation, not as a legitimate position.

[B] OMITTED

Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: The Israeli perspective on the conflict (self-defence, Hamas terrorist attack of 7 October as trigger) is not mentioned in the Gaza demo coverage; the IDF spokesperson only speaks in the Iran context.

[C] INDICATED

Timestamp: 04:02 — Quote: "because that is also the obligation under international law of Israel as an occupying power" — Assessment: International law contextualisation is introduced by the correspondent in a one-sided manner (only the occupying power perspective), without counter-representation.

[D] OMITTED

Timestamp: 01:17 — Quote: "Left-wing parties, trade unions and non-governmental organisations called for the nationwide protest." — Assessment: The political composition and agenda of the organisers is briefly mentioned, but not critically contextualised; no question about specific demands or financing of the NGOs.

[E] INDICATED

Timestamp: 02:30 — Quote: "From a neutrality-policy perspective, these demands are concerning, says SVP National Councillor Alfred Heer." — Assessment: The only explicitly centre-right voice, significantly shorter than left-wing voices, without follow-up questions or elaboration.

[F] OMITTED

Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: A comparison of the F-35 additional costs with other armaments projects or international benchmarks is completely absent; the cost discussion remains without contextualisation.

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Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: No proponent of the F-35 purchase from a security policy perspective is given a voice; the debate is framed exclusively as a cost problem.

[H] OMITTED

Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: The perspective of the accused or defence lawyers under the new sexual criminal law is completely absent; legal certainty concerns are not addressed.

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Timestamp: — — Quote: — — Assessment: Critical voices on the revision (e.g. burden of proof issues, risk of false accusations) do not appear.

[J] INDICATED

Timestamp: 15:23 — Quote: "We expect peak temperatures of up to 50 degrees in the coming years." —
Assessment: Climate change causality is taken for granted without scientific contextualisation or source citation.

Completeness score: 3/10

Rationale: Of ten relevant perspectives, only three are indicated (A, C, E) and none is fully addressed; seven perspectives are entirely absent (B, D, F, G, H, I, J). The broadcast covers all topics from a uniform viewpoint (left-wing/left-liberal agenda) and systematically omits counter-perspectives. Particularly serious is the absence of the Israeli perspective in the Gaza report and the absence of any critical voice on the sexual criminal law revision.



Soft facts — 6 qualitative techniques

10. FRAMING (Setting the frame)

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Finding 1:

Timestamp	01:13
Quote	<i>"Thousands of people called on the Federal Council to actively work towards improving the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip."</i>
Manipulation	The framing of "humanitarian situation" reduces the complex Middle East conflict to a humanitarian catastrophe; the security policy and geopolitical dimension (Hamas, Iran, hostages) is blanked out.
Why problematic	Viewers are guided into an interpretive framework that makes the demands of the demonstrators appear self-evidently legitimate.

Finding 2:

Timestamp	05:50
Quote	<i>"SRF research showed yesterday that the price of the F-35 fighter jet is likely to become massively more expensive"</i>
Manipulation	The word "massively" is a value judgement, not a description; the cost increase of approx. 17% is framed as "massive" without a benchmark for comparison.
Why problematic	"Massively" suggests scandal and failure; a neutral formulation would be "significantly" or "considerably" with a percentage figure.

Finding 3:

Timestamp	14:36
Quote	<i>"In order to reduce the number of victims, it is important that the law be further developed"</i>
Manipulation	The sexual criminal law topic is framed exclusively from the victim's perspective; the question of legal certainty for the accused is not framed as a legitimate concern.
Why problematic	A constitutional state must protect both sides; the one-sided victim framing structurally blanks out the rights of the accused.

Summary: The framing of the broadcast is consistent: all three main topics are presented in an interpretive framework that makes left-wing and left-liberal positions appear self-evident and centre-right positions appear to require explanation.



11. CHOICE OF WORDS AND TERMS									5/10
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Finding 1:	
Timestamp	06:23
Quote	"Priska Seiler-Graf, SP National Councillor and President of the National Council's Security Policy Committee, is angry."
Manipulation	"Is angry" is an emotional attribution by the reporter; she interprets the emotional state of the politician and lends the criticism emotional legitimacy.
Why problematic	A neutral alternative would be: "criticises" or "says about this". "Is angry" implies justified outrage.

Finding 2:	
Timestamp	05:50
Quote	"likely to become massively more expensive"
Manipulation	"Massively" is a value judgement, not a neutral description; the word sets an emotional frame.
Why problematic	A neutral alternative would be: "significantly more expensive" or "approximately 17% more expensive than assumed".

Finding 3:	
Timestamp	01:33
Quote	"In view of the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza"
Manipulation	"Humanitarian catastrophe" is a value judgement presented as fact; it adopts the language of the demonstrators and the left-wing parties.
Why problematic	A neutral alternative would be: "the humanitarian situation in Gaza" or "the situation in the Gaza Strip". "Catastrophe" is a political value judgement.

Summary: The choice of words in the broadcast is consistently in favour of left-wing interpretive frameworks: emotional attributions for SP politicians, adoption of demonstration language, evaluative adjectives on topics critical of centre-right positions.



12. MODERATION BEHAVIOUR									3/10
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Finding 1:

Timestamp 03:18

Triggering event: Presenter asks correspondent about the criticism of the Federal Council

Quote (presenter) *"Gurdin, there was a lot of criticism of the Federal Council today. It was said, for example, that it is silent on Gaza. How do you assess this accusation?"*

Comparison No analogous question to the correspondent about how he assesses the demands of the demonstrators or whether these are realistic

Asymmetry: The question takes the demonstration rhetoric ("silent on Gaza") as its starting point and asks about the legitimacy of the accusation — not about the legitimacy of the demands. This is a structural asymmetry: the Federal Council must justify itself, the demonstrators do not.

Finding 2:

Timestamp 04:29

Triggering event: Correspondent explains Federal Council restraint

Quote (presenter) *"Why is the Federal Council holding back here?"*

Comparison No analogous follow-up question about why the demonstrators are taking a particular position or who is behind the demands

Asymmetry: The follow-up question logic is one-sided: the Federal Council must explain its restraint; the demonstrators do not have to explain their demands.

Summary: The moderation behaviour shows a moderate asymmetry: questions are consistently directed at explaining and justifying the Federal Council's position, while the demonstration side receives no critical follow-up questions.



13. QUESTION ASYMMETRY

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Asymmetry 1:

To correspondent
(about Federal
Council), 03

18: "How do you assess this accusation?" — hard (implies accusation as legitimate)

To demonstrators,
no timestamp

No critical question to demonstrators (e.g. "What exactly do you expect from the Federal Council?" or "How do you assess Hamas's responsibility?")

Comparison

Federal Council must explain accusations; demonstrators are not questioned critically.

Asymmetry 2:

To Seiler-Graf
(implicitly
through
reporter), 06

20: No critical follow-up question about her SP party membership and the conflict of interest on the F-35 topic

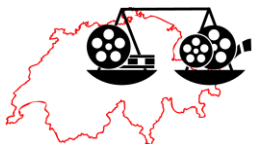
To former
committee
president, 07

30: No critical follow-up question about his earlier assessment, which may prove to have been wrong

Comparison

Neither side is questioned critically; but the SP politician receives more speaking time and is introduced as committee president, which strengthens her position.

Summary: The question asymmetry is moderate: the Federal Council and its position are critically questioned, while demonstrators, NGOs and SP politicians receive no critical follow-up questions.



14. FALSE BALANCE									3/10
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Finding 1:	
Timestamp	02:30 — Construct: One SVP voice (Heer, approx. 25 sec.) against two left-wing voices (Dreifuss + demonstrators, approx. 75 sec.) plus correspondent contextualisation that frames the Federal Council's position as requiring explanation.
Analysis	The formal balance (one voice per side) conceals the quantitative and qualitative asymmetry: left-wing positions receive more speaking time, more emotional legitimisation and are reinforced by a moral authority (former Federal Councillor).

Summary: The broadcast creates the appearance of balance by including an SVP voice, without compensating for the structural asymmetry in speaking time, framing and emotional legitimisation.



15. AGENDA-SETTING

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Finding 1:

Agenda element set: Gaza solidarity as a legitimate political concern requiring Federal Council action

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00:14 — Evidence: "Solidarity with Gaza. In Bern, thousands demand more engagement from the Federal Council"

Alternative agenda: The question of whether a demonstration by left-wing parties and NGOs should compel the Federal Council to change its position, or whether the tradition of neutrality is an independent democratic value

Finding 2:

Agenda element set: F-35 additional costs as political failure

Timestamp

05:50 — Evidence: "SRF research showed yesterday that the price of the F-35 fighter jet is likely to become massively more expensive"

Alternative agenda: The question of whether the F-35 purchase was security-policy correct despite additional costs, or whether the popular vote of 2020 should be respected

Finding 3:

Agenda element set: Sexual criminal law revision as uncontested progress

Timestamp

12:10 — Evidence: "For one year now, in Switzerland, every sexual act against the will of a person is punishable. Also known under the principle No means No."

Alternative agenda: The question of whether the new principle adequately protects legal certainty and the rights of the accused

Summary: The agenda-setting of the broadcast places three topics on the agenda that all correspond to the priority profile of left-wing and left-liberal parties, and frames them consistently in an interpretive framework that makes centre-right counter-positions appear to require explanation.



CHAPTER 4 — OVERALL EVALUATION

Results

- HARD FACTS SCORE (average criteria 1–9): 4.9 / 10
- SOFT FACTS SCORE (average criteria 10–15): 4.5 / 10

Dominant techniques

- 1. Omission / Selective Omission (Score 7):** The broadcast systematically omits contexts and counter-perspectives that would substantially change the picture of all three main topics — most seriously the absence of the Hamas terrorist attack as context in the Gaza block and the complete absence of critical voices on the sexual criminal law revision. These omissions are not random, but follow a consistent pattern: what strengthens left-wing positions is shown; what relativises them is absent.
- 2. Completeness / Overall picture (Score 7):** All three main topics are presented in an interpretive framework that makes left-wing and left-liberal positions appear self-evident and centre-right positions appear to require explanation. The broadcast does not fulfil the completeness requirement of Art. 4 RTVA: of ten relevant perspectives, only three are indicated.
- 3. Framing (Score 6) and Agenda-Setting (Score 6):** The framing of the broadcast is consistent: "humanitarian catastrophe", "massively more expensive", victim framing — all value judgements point in the same direction. The agenda-setting places three topics on the agenda that correspond to the priority profile of left-wing parties, and frames them such that centre-right counter-positions are structurally disadvantaged.

Core messages of the broadcast

MESSAGE 1 (SUBSTANTIVE): "The Swiss Federal Council is failing on Gaza — it must finally act."

Technique: Framing + Omission + Time distribution — Evidence: 01:07, 01:33, 02:01, 05:30

MESSAGE 2 (PERSONAL): "Federal Councillor Cassis is passive and responsible for the humanitarian catastrophe."

Technique: Guilt by Association + Timing + Choice of words — Evidence: 01:38, 01:51, 05:30

MESSAGE 3 (SOCIETAL): "Left-wing and left-liberal demands (Gaza solidarity, sexual criminal law, F-35 criticism) are the social consensus — those who oppose them must explain themselves."

Technique: Agenda-Setting + False Balance + Source selection — Evidence: 00:14, 06:20, 12:10

Rationale: With an overall score of 4.7, the broadcast sits at the boundary between "slight tendency" and "clear one-sidedness"; the hard facts (4.9) point to clear one-sidedness. The broadcast violates Art. 4 RTVA in several dimensions: the portrayal of the Gaza conflict without the Hamas terrorist attack as context is not factually accurate within the meaning of Art. 4 para. 2 RTVA. The sexual criminal law coverage without a single critical voice violates the requirement of diversity of opinion on controversial topics. The selection of interlocutors (two SP-aligned voices, one SVP voice) is not balanced within the meaning of Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA. The one-sidedness cannot be attributed to individual errors, but follows a consistent pattern across all three main topics.

CONCLUSION

The analysed SRF Tagesschau broadcast exhibits a clear, consistent one-sidedness in favour of left-wing and left-liberal positions, which extends across all three main topics (Gaza, F-35, sexual criminal law) and is demonstrable in expert selection, source selection, time distribution, framing and agenda-setting. Particularly serious is the absence of the Hamas terrorist attack as context in the Gaza block, which violates the requirement of factually accurate presentation within the meaning of Art. 4 para. 2 RTVA, as well as the complete absence of critical voices on the sexual criminal law revision, which violates the diversity of opinion on a controversial topic within the meaning of Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA. The one-sidedness cannot be attributed to individual editorial decisions, but follows a structural pattern: left-wing positions are reinforced through institutional authority (committee president), moral authority (former Federal Councillor) and emotional legitimisation, while centre-right positions are framed as requiring explanation and are given less speaking time and legitimisation. The broadcast does not fully fulfil the statutory mandate of public broadcasting pursuant to Art. 4 RTVA in the areas of factual accuracy, diversity of opinion and balanced selection of interlocutors.



OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE 15 CRITERIA

Individual scores — All 15 criteria

No.	Criterion	Score	Assessment
1	EXPERT SELECTION	6	●●●
2	SOURCE SELECTION	5	●●●
3	TIME DISTRIBUTION	5	●●●
4	OMISSION (Selective Omission)	7	●●●●
5	MANIPULATION OF FIGURES	4	●●
6	GUILT BY ASSOCIATION	2	●
7	TIMING	4	●●
8	SELECTIVE OUTRAGE	4	●●
9	COMPLETENESS (Selective Omission — Overall picture)	7	●●●●
10	FRAMING (Setting the frame)	6	●●●
11	CHOICE OF WORDS AND TERMS	5	●●●
12	MODERATION BEHAVIOUR	3	●●
13	QUESTION ASYMMETRY	4	●●
14	FALSE BALANCE	3	●●
15	AGENDA-SETTING	6	●●●

HARD FACTS SCORE (1-8)

4.9/10

Significant imbalance

SOFT FACTS SCORE (9-14)

4.5/10

Significant imbalance

OVERALL SCORE

4.7/10

Significant imbalance

Averaged from hard facts and soft facts



KEY — Meaning of scores

Individual scores per criterion (0–10)

0	No finding	No relevant anomaly identified.
1–2	Weak finding	Slight anomaly without material impairment of balance.
3–4	Slight to moderate finding	Discernible tendency; impact relevance low to moderate.
5	Moderate finding with impact relevance	Relevant imbalance that influences the opinion-forming potential of the audience.
6	Significant finding (threshold)	Scores from 6 onwards are classified as "significant findings".
7	Significant finding	Clear, well-evidenced imbalance with marked impact relevance.
8–9	Serious finding	Pronounced imbalance; multiple evidenced individual findings in this criterion.
10	Maximum severity	Systematic, pervasive imbalance in this criterion.

Aggregated deviation index — Interpretation ranges

0.0 – 2.5	Unremarkable	No material patterns discernible; broadcast meets the requirement of factual accuracy.
2.6 – 4.0	Slight imbalance	Isolated anomalies; statistically visible, but still within the tolerance range.
4.1 – 6.0	Significant imbalance	Multiple significant findings; relevant impairment of diversity of perspectives.
6.1 – 8.0	Serious deviation from the requirement of balance. High degree of deviation	Pronounced, broadcast-wide patterns; high impact relevance.
8.1 – 10	Fundamental systemic one-sidedness. Very high degree of bias	Maximum severity across almost all criteria; systematically one-sided reporting.

Party-political bias (-5 to +5)

-5 to -3	Strongly disadvantaged	Party is clearly treated worse in portrayal, speaking time or framing.
-2 to -1	Slightly disadvantaged	Discernible, but weak disadvantage.
0	Neutral	No discernible preference or disadvantage.
+1 to +2	Slightly favoured	Discernible, but weak preference.
+3 to +5	Strongly favoured	Party is clearly treated better in portrayal, speaking time or framing.



CHAPTER 5 — LEGAL ASSESSMENT (Art. 4 RTVA)

Assessment pursuant to Art. 4 RTVA

Art. 4 RTVA requires: factually accurate presentation of facts and events, diversity of opinion on controversial topics, balanced selection of interlocutors.

Violation 1:

Norm: Art. 4 para. 2 RTVA (factually accurate presentation)

Facts: The Gaza conflict is presented without the Hamas terrorist attack of 7 October 2023 as its trigger; the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip is presented as unilaterally caused.

Evidence: Timestamp 01:07–05:35 — Quote: "In view of the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, the Federal Council and in particular Foreign Minister Cassis must no longer remain silent" — not a single reference to the Hamas attack, hostages or Israeli security situation in the entire block

Assessment: The factually accurate presentation of a conflict requires the presentation of its causes and all essential dimensions. The omission of the Hamas terrorist attack as context is a structural distortion that fulfils the elements of non-factually-accurate presentation within the meaning of Art. 4 para. 2 RTVA.

Violation 2:

Norm: Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA (diversity of opinion on controversial topics)

Facts: The sexual criminal law revision is presented without a single critical voice; the topic was and remains politically controversial.

Evidence: Timestamp 12:10–14:49 — Quote: "For one year now, in Switzerland, every sexual act against the will of a person is punishable. Also known under the principle No means No." — exclusively proponents of the revision are given a voice

Assessment: The sexual criminal law was controversial in parliament; centre-right parties had concerns about legal certainty and the burden of proof. The complete absence of critical voices violates the requirement of diversity of opinion on controversial topics pursuant to Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA.

Violation 3:

Norm: Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA (balanced selection of interlocutors)

Facts: In the Gaza block, two left-wing voices (Dreifuss SP + demonstrators) face a single SVP voice; in the sexual criminal law block there is not a single countervoice; in the F-35 block, exclusively the SP committee president speaks as a politician.

Evidence: Timestamp 02:01 (Dreifuss), 02:30 (Heer), 06:20 (Seiler-Graf) — no centre-right voice in the sexual criminal law block

Assessment: The selection of interlocutors is structurally skewed in favour of left-wing and left-liberal positions; the requirement of balanced selection pursuant to Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA is not met.

Overall assessment Art. 4 RTVA

The broadcast violates Art. 4 RTVA in three demonstrable dimensions: factually accurate presentation (Gaza without Hamas context), diversity of opinion (sexual criminal law without countervoices) and balanced selection of interlocutors (structural over-representation of left-wing voices). The violations cannot be attributed to individual editorial errors, but follow a consistent pattern across all three main topics of the broadcast. A complaint to the Independent Complaints Authority for Radio and Television (ICA) would be justifiable on the basis of these findings, in particular with regard to the Gaza coverage (missing Hamas context) and the sexual criminal law coverage (no diversity of opinion). The broadcast does not fully fulfil the statutory mandate of public broadcasting as a contribution to the free formation of opinion by the population (Art. 93 para. 2 FC) in the areas analysed.



CHAPTER 6 — SOURCE IN-DEPTH CHECK

1. Ruth Dreifuss (former Federal Councillor SP)

1. **FUNDING:** No institutional funding; private individual with SP background

2. **MANDATE:** No current mandate; speaks as a private individual with historical authority; not compatible with neutral assessment

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Clear SP affiliation; position corresponds to party line; no institutional, but clear political conflict of interest

D1 Conflict of interest: -1

D2 Personal risk: +1

D3 Subject-matter competence: 0

D4 Consistency of opinion: +1

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: -1

D6 Source level: -1

TOTAL: -1 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

5. **COUNTERVOICE:** Former FDP or SVP Federal Councillor with foreign policy experience — not cited

2. Priska Seiler-Graf (SP National Councillor, Committee President SPC NC)

1. **FUNDING:** Parliamentary compensation; no external funding

2. **MANDATE:** Committee president — responsible, but SP party membership creates conflict of interest

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** SP was against the F-35 purchase; cost criticism corresponds to party line; institutional authority conceals party conflict of interest

D1 Conflict of interest: -2

D2 Personal risk: 0

D3 Subject-matter competence: +2

D4 Consistency of opinion: +1

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: 0

D6 Source level: +1

TOTAL: +2 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

5. **COUNTERVOICE:** Security policy expert in favour of the F-35 or FDP/SVP committee member — not cited

3. Paula Kuster (lawyer, victim representation)

1. **FUNDING:** Private-law lawyer; no institutional funding discernible

2. **MANDATE:** Victim representation — structurally one-sided; not compatible with neutral assessment of the law

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Victim's representative benefits from stronger victim protection; institutional interest in positive portrayal of the revision

D1 Conflict of interest: -1

D2 Personal risk: +1

D3 Subject-matter competence: +2

D4 Consistency of opinion: +1

D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: +1

D6 Source level: +1

TOTAL: +5 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: GREEN (with qualification: structurally one-sided)

5. **COUNTERVOICE:** Criminal defence lawyer or representative of the accused — not cited

4. Tamara von Nicello (National Councillor, sexual criminal law revision)

1. **FUNDING:** Parliamentary compensation

2. **MANDATE:** Parliamentarian who supported the revision — not neutral

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Co-shaped the revision; has an institutional interest in a positive assessment

D1 Conflict of interest: -1

D2 Personal risk: 0



D3 Subject-matter competence: +1
 D4 Consistency of opinion: +1
 D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: 0
 D6 Source level: 0
TOTAL: +1 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: YELLOW

5. COUNTERVOICE: Parliamentarian who accompanied the revision critically — not cited

5. Parisian urban planner (anonymous)

1. **FUNDING:** Unclear; municipal authority or planning office
2. **MANDATE:** Urban planning — not compatible with climate science forecasting
3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Urban planning benefits from the climate emergency narrative (contracts, relevance)

D1 Conflict of interest: -1
 D2 Personal risk: 0
 D3 Subject-matter competence: -1
 D4 Consistency of opinion: 0
 D5 Emotionalisation vs. data: -1
 D6 Source level: -2
TOTAL: -5 → SOURCE TRAFFIC LIGHT: RED

5. COUNTERVOICE: Climatologist with source citation for the 50-degree forecast — not cited

IMPORTANT: The statement "We expect peak temperatures of up to 50 degrees in the coming years" (15:23) comes from an anonymous urban planner without climate science qualifications, without a source citation and without critical contextualisation. This statement is to be classified as RED according to the source traffic light and should not have been broadcast without contextualisation.

Source traffic light for participants:

Source	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Total	Traffic light
Ruth Dreifuss (former Federal Councillor SP)	-1	+1	0	+1	-1	-1	-1	YELLOW
Priska Seiler-Graf (SP National Councillor, Committee President SPC NC)	-2	0	+2	+1	0	+1	+2	YELLOW
Paula Kuster (lawyer, victim representation)	-1	+1	+2	+1	+1	+1	+5	GREEN
Tamara von Nicello (National Councillor, sexual criminal law revision)	-1	0	+1	+1	0	0	+1	YELLOW
Parisian urban planner (anonymous)	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-5	RED

Legal and methodological classification

No finding of fact	The results presented do not constitute findings of fact about individual persons, editorial teams or broadcasts. They are to be understood as the result of a standardised operationalisation, not as a determination of individual responsibility.
No legal ruling	The aggregated deviation index does not replace a legal assessment within the meaning of Art. 4 RTVA. The determination of whether a specific broadcast violates statutory requirements is the exclusive responsibility of the competent authorities (in particular the ICA).



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No proof of causality

Statistical correlations are not to be interpreted as proof of causal relationships or editorial intentions. Deviation values may be influenced by topic selection, news situation, political controversy or format logic.

No judgement of intent

The analysis measures observable structural characteristics of broadcasts. A score of 7 means that a significant imbalance has been identified — not that the editorial team intended this. The methodology makes no statements about motives or strategic objectives.

Heuristic comparison instrument

The index serves for comparative pattern recognition across thousands of broadcasts, not for the precise metric measurement of individual items. Threshold values serve as heuristic orientation, not as sharp legal qualification.



APPENDIX 1: NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Legal basis Switzerland — SRG SSR

Law

Federal Act on Radio and Television (RTVA, SR 784.40)

Relevant articles

- Art. 4 para. 1 RTVA: All broadcasts of a radio or television programme must respect fundamental rights. Broadcasts must in particular respect human dignity, must not be discriminatory, must not contribute to racial hatred, must not endanger public morality, and must not glorify or trivialise violence.
- Art. 4 para. 2 RTVA: Editorial broadcasts with informational content must present facts and events accurately, so that the audience can form its own opinion. Views and commentary must be recognisable as such.
- Art. 4 para. 4 RTVA: In the totality of editorial broadcasts, the diversity of events and opinions must be adequately expressed (diversity requirement).

Core obligations

1. **Factual accuracy:** Factually accurate presentation of facts and events
2. **Diversity of opinion:** Diversity of views on controversial topics
3. **Balance:** Balanced selection of interlocutors

Supervisory authority

- ICA (Independent Complaints Authority for Radio and Television): Reviews complaints against broadcast programmes for violations of Art. 4 RTVA
- OFCOM (Federal Office of Communications): Regulatory and supervisory authority
- Ombudsman offices of the SRG: First point of contact for programme complaints

Complaints procedure

1. Ombudsman office of the respective business unit (SRF, RTS, RSI, RTR)
2. ICA (if no agreement is reached)
3. Federal Supreme Court (final instance)



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You think you see the world. In reality you see the frame that someone has placed around it. Framing is the oldest and most elegant manipulation technique in the world. It does not change the facts — it changes what we make of the facts. How we feel. What we believe. How we decide. And it works — because we all go along with it. Daily. Unconsciously. You too. This book is not a dry textbook. It is a workbook — playful, direct, full of examples from real life. You learn not only how others frame you. You learn how you yourself frame — and how you can use it consciously and fairly.

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With many exercises and concrete examples from politics, media and everyday life — and the occasional smile.

Framing with style. Because the frame changes everything.



The SRG collects 1.56 billion francs per year — compulsorily, from every household. Those who feel unfairly treated can lodge a complaint. There is even an authority for this: the ICA, the Independent Complaints Authority for Radio and Television.

Only: it is not independent. It has no sanctioning powers. And in 99.6% of all cases it decides: nothing.

This analysis lays bare the system — factually, precisely, without polemic. Procedures, personnel, powers, costs, statistics, legal recourse. And the constitutional law review that shows: the ICA system meets none of the three fundamental criteria — it is not appropriate, not based on separation of powers, not market-based. The authority that is supposed to protect citizens protects above all the system it was supposed to control.

Essential reading for all those considering a complaint — and for all those who want to understand why genuine media oversight in Switzerland is still outstanding.