

PANGBURN ANALYSIS

ANDREW WILSON
vs CANDACE OWENS

THE CHARLIE KIRK DEBATE
OFFICIAL POST-DEBATE FORENSIC REPORT V2.1

Speaker-corrected transcript audit + timestamp reconciliation + misinformation registry + legal/forensic fact-check + logic and conspiratorial-reasoning analysis + moderator audit + propaganda/persuasive-technique assessment + education module + quiz + reproducibility controls

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AUDITED UNITS 94 curated material units	FALSE 7 contradicted / legal-stage errors	UNSUPPORTED 28 possible but not established
QUALIFIED 29 material core + correction	SUPPORTED 11 substantially accurate	HOLD / NR 2 / 17 unresolved / non-empirical
CRITICAL SCOPE SAFEGUARD The supplied transcript's automatic speaker attribution is unreliable. This report ignores those labels and reconstructs turns independently as Andrew Wilson (AW), Candace Owens (CO), and Patrick Bet-David (PBD). Ambiguous crosstalk is excluded rather than guessed. The report intentionally does NOT perform an antisemitism analysis. Israel-related material is evaluated only for factual support, causal entailment, evidence quality, attribution, rhetoric and reasoning structure.		
LEGAL-STATUS SAFEGUARD Tyler Robinson is accused, not convicted. This report evaluates the public evidentiary record and debate claims; it does not adjudicate guilt. The preliminary examination is a probable-cause proceeding, not a trial beyond a reasonable doubt. Oral argument on bindover/capital issues was set for 1 September 2026 at the report cutoff.		

Executive assessment

Bottom line. On the narrow evidentiary question debated - whether the public record better supports Tyler Robinson as the shooter or a specific patsy/frame-up theory - Andrew Wilson had the stronger evidentiary case. He repeatedly anchored his position in the prosecution's surveillance, physical evidence and alleged admissions, and he made useful concessions when he lacked an answer. Candace Owens raised multiple genuine anomalies and procedural questions, but too often converted those anomalies into positive evidence for a specific hidden-action theory without supplying the causal bridge. V2.1 preserves that bottom line while applying the final exact-quotation, timestamp and provenance audit.

Most consequential factual/legal failures. Owens' clearest errors remain the categorical hearsay claim, the claim that the defense could not present affirmative evidence at a preliminary hearing, the use-immunity-as-license-to-lie claim, DNA/fingerprint conflation and the literal assertion that federal investigators asked Twiggs no questions. V2.1 does not misclassify her personal "slam dunk" evidentiary expectation as a false statement of Utah law.

Most consequential forensic failure. Owens repeatedly converted mixed-DNA testimony into claims about "five sets of prints," another person having more DNA on the gun, and Twiggs DNA being on the rifle. The hearing record is more nuanced: the trigger/trigger-guard sample was mixed; Robinson was statistically modeled as the major contributor; that profile showed the greatest degradation in that mixture; and the analyst could not date deposition or infer the activity that deposited it. Owens later corrected the Twiggs-on-rifle extrapolation, and V2.1 credits that correction prominently.

Most consequential conspiratorial-reasoning pattern. The debate repeatedly shows anomaly accumulation without a demonstrated common mechanism: bodycam termination, paving, SUV handling, a backpack, mixed DNA, source claims, Netanyahu denials, donor conflict and alleged foreign-cellphone activity are treated as mutually reinforcing even where the evidentiary streams are independent and some are unverified. A conspiracy can be real; the defect is not considering conspiracy. The defect is moving from "this is odd / possible" to "this supports my specific frame-up / foreign-involvement theory" without bridge evidence.

Wilson-specific finding. Wilson was generally better calibrated on legal posture, especially when he acknowledged trial uncertainty and admitted he could not explain DNA degradation. His case was weakened by unsupported profit-motive attribution, political overgeneralization, weak expected-behavior reasoning, unsupported numerical precision and severe personal rhetoric.

PBD moderator finding. Patrick Bet-David was generally constructive: he clarified the 0% shooter claim, repeatedly facilitated fact checks, surfaced alleged message text, asked a falsifiability question and participated in a direct phone check after a live-coaching insinuation. His main weakness was fact-check compression: "full discovery" overstated the displayed filing, and the Rule 801 card was too narrow to resolve the broader hearsay dispute.

Finding	Assessment	Why it matters
Narrow debate merits	Wilson advantage	The cumulative public case for Robinson is materially more developed than the authenticated evidence for a specific patsy/frame-up mechanism.
Owens factual reliability	Material defects in high-impact areas	Clear errors cluster in hearsay law, defense powers, use immunity and DNA terminology/attribution; multiple extraordinary foreign/control claims remain unsupported. Subjective or normative statements are not inflated into misinformation findings.
Wilson factual reliability	Generally stronger, not clean	Fewer high-impact factual errors, but several overstatements, motive claims, behavioral inference and unsupported precision remain.
Conspiratorial reasoning	High in Owens case structure	Driven by anomaly accumulation, anonymous-source insulation, possibility-to-probability escalation and certainty beyond public evidence; this is reasoning analysis, not diagnosis.
Moderator quality	Mixed / generally constructive	Strong clarification and willingness to verify; several quick fact-checks flatten legal nuance.
Quote/timestamp fidelity	High with attribution firewall	Auto speaker tags ignored; direct wording and video times reconciled to the supplied timestamped export. Approximate timestamps are marked with ~.
Audit confidence	High overall; HOLDs preserved	Primary legal sources and hearing records control. Unresolved source/device/video provenance stays unresolved.

Method, scope and evidentiary rules

1. Controlling source and corpus geometry

The untimestamped 113-page debate transcript controls what was said. The user-supplied 113-page TurboScribe export controls video-time alignment. Neither document's automatic speaker labels are trusted. Ad reads and unrelated promotional segments are excluded. The report reconstructs three participants: Andrew Wilson, Candace Owens and moderator Patrick Bet-David.

SPEAKER-ATTRIBUTION FIREWALL

A proposition enters a speaker's ledger only when contextual routing identifies that speaker with high confidence. Direct address, PBD handoffs, first-person self-reference, argument continuity and explicit fact-check references control. Questions, quotations of an opponent, sarcastic mimicry, backchannels and ambiguous crosstalk do not transfer a claim. When attribution cannot be locked, the unit is omitted.

2. Speaker reconstruction and quotation audit

The most important attribution anchors are PBD's explicit handoffs, the numerical-probability exchange, first-person platform references, the TPUSA coaching admission and opponent-specific tweet references. In V2.1 every registry claim is a verbatim transcript excerpt. A slash between quoted passages separates distinct verbatim excerpts; no connective wording is inserted. Approximate timestamps are marked with ~ where the timestamped export crosses a page boundary or OCR does not permit second-level certainty.

3. Evidence hierarchy

Controlling preference: (1) debate transcript for what was said; (2) Utah statutes/rules, official case updates and charging/court record; (3) hearing testimony/transcript records and physical/forensic reports; (4) peer-reviewed or government technical sources; (5) AP/Reuters and other high-quality reporting; (6) reputable secondary reporting; (7) participant-controlled media and anonymous-source allegations. Participant sources establish that a claim was made, not that it is true. Extraordinary hidden-actor claims require an evidentiary bridge, not merely motive or anomaly evidence.

4. Verdict taxonomy

Disposition	Operational definition
FALSE	Contradicted, legally mis-staged, numerically wrong, misattributed, chronologically impossible, or defeated by a literal universal.
UNSUPPORTED	Possible or arguable, but the reviewed evidence does not establish it - especially causal, motive, frame-up or foreign-involvement claims.
QUALIFIED	A meaningful factual core survives, but scope, wording, causation, chronology, attribution, legal stage or certainty requires material correction.
SUPPORTED	Substantially accurate as stated, subject to normal legal-stage/context caveats.
HOLD	No merits verdict because device provenance, original media, source identity or decisive record is unavailable.
NOT RATEABLE	Normative judgment, insult, prediction, personal confidence estimate, analogy or subjective impression without a stable empirical truth condition.

5. Denominator discipline

DENOMINATOR FIREWALL

The 94 units in this report are a curated material-claim registry, not every sentence spoken. The registry is intentionally enriched for disputed, consequential and fact-checkable claims and excludes routine truths, jokes, repeated backchannels, ad reads and much low-stakes banter. Verdict counts **MUST NOT** be reported as a speaker-wide misinformation percentage or "truth rate."

6. Triple-check protocol

Pass 1 - transcript/source fidelity: reconstruct speakers, lock exact wording and timestamps, and separate quotations from analysis. Pass 2 - substantive adjudication: test legal, forensic, scientific and historical claims against primary/official sources and high-quality reporting. Pass 3 - adversarial reconciliation: search for counterevidence, downgrade claims when the source cannot bear certainty, credit live corrections/concessions and verify that summaries match the atomic ledger. Pass 4 - mechanical reconciliation: regenerate verdict totals and check every source key and timestamp against the final registry.

V2.1 FINAL AUDIT REVISION CONTROL

A post-V2.1 adversarial audit corrected speaker-purity issues, transcript-page/timestamp locators, exact-quote normalization and verdict-taxonomy consistency. C008/C032/C083 moved to NOT RATEABLE; C019/C056/C068/C077 to UNSUPPORTED; C052/C086 to QUALIFIED; C079 to HOLD. C046/C060/C072/C080/C081/C084 were rewritten so the audited quotation contains only the attributed speaker's words. All 94 counts, speaker totals and graphs were regenerated from the corrected ledger.

Highest-impact misinformation and material defects

The final column preserves the V1 table design while making the distinction explicit: CLAIM is the speaker's exact transcript quotation; CORRECTION is Pangburn Analysis' adjudication. Video timestamps replace the V1 PDF-page-only locator.

ID	Spk	Video	Verdict	Claim / correction
C008	CO	38:37	NOT RATEABLE	CLAIM: "Zero percent. I'm at zero. With what we've seen in terms of the evidence, I'm at zero percent." CORRECTION: NOT RATEABLE. The quoted 0% figure is Owens' personal confidence estimate, not a proposition with a stable empirical truth condition. The evidence she gives for that estimate is separately fact-checkable, but the numerical degree of her own belief should not itself be counted as misinformation.
C009	CO	40:21	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "Definitively not a 30-06 from low sea, 150 feet, no." CORRECTION: The fatal projectile material was .30-caliber-class and compatible with the recovered .30-06 evidence, while the specific rifle-to-projectile microscopic comparison was inconclusive. Inconclusive does not establish exclusion.
C014	CO	45:13	FALSE	CLAIM: "the fact that there were five sets of prints, five plus, actually" CORRECTION: The testimony concerned mixed DNA, not five fingerprint sets. The combined trigger/trigger-guard sample had at least four contributors; testimony allowed that the true number could be higher.
C016	CO	48:32	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "Well, I think that what it would prove is that it is a more viable theory that people who had stronger prints on the gun may have used it more recently." CORRECTION: The ATF analyst did not date deposition or infer activity from degradation. Degradation can be affected by multiple variables; the hearing testimony does not establish a recency ordering.
C022	CO	58:00	FALSE	CLAIM: "The entire preliminary hearing that you just saw was on the basis of reliable hearsay." CORRECTION: Utah permits reliable hearsay at preliminary examinations, but the hearing also contained live firsthand testimony, surveillance/video, physical evidence and forensic evidence. "Entire" is false.
C025	CO	57:25-58:40	FALSE	CLAIM: "I'm saying that I'm doing exactly what the state did." / "So you are allowed to take a piece of evidence and then you are allowed to infer off of that evidence." / "That's a demonstration of what I just did." / "And from that, what I am inferring is that it's plausible that Tyler Robinson was set up." CORRECTION: FALSE as an evidentiary equivalence. Rule 1102 changes what may be admitted at a probable-cause hearing; it does not make all inferences equally strong. Corroboration, causal linkage, source reliability, competing explanations and explanatory power still matter. Procedural permissibility is not evidentiary equivalence.

ID	Spk	Video	Verdict	Claim / correction
C030	CO	1:10:34	FALSE	CLAIM: "He can literally get up there and lie about anything and he's not going to get in trouble because the use immunity was given to him in April." CORRECTION: FALSE as stated. Use immunity does not give a witness permission to lie with impunity. It limits the government's use of compelled testimony for covered conduct, subject to the actual agreement; perjury or false swearing is not immunized simply because testimony was compelled. The exact written terms of Twigg's agreement were not independently reproduced in this report.
C045	CO	1:45:30-1:45:33	FALSE	CLAIM: "No. They're not allowed to." / "In a preliminary hearing." / "The defense is engaging with whatever evidence the state decides to put on." CORRECTION: FALSE as a categorical statement of Utah procedure. Rule 7B expressly permits the defendant, after the state's case, to testify, call witnesses, present evidence and cross-examine adverse witnesses. The separate claim that presenting a particular conspiracy theory would be strategically unwise or "not the right time" is partly a litigation-strategy judgment and is not itself classified as false.
C049	CO	1:57:39-1:58:42	NOT RATEABLE	CLAIM: "So I was expecting some sort of a slam dunk like we got him on camera taking the shot." / "it's going to be beyond a reasonable doubt before we even get to the trial." / "there was not a single piece of evidence that I felt was slam dunk." CORRECTION: NOT RATEABLE as framed. This exchange primarily describes Owens' personal persuasion threshold in response to PBD's question about what would change her mind. Utah's legal threshold at a preliminary examination is probable cause, not proof beyond a reasonable doubt, but Owens does not clearly state here that beyond-reasonable-doubt is the governing legal standard. A demanding personal threshold is not itself misinformation.
C051	CO	1:58:21-1:58:34	FALSE	CLAIM: "the fact that the feds didn't ask him any questions, the fact that I spoke with Lance Twigg's, his family, and they were like, it's very weird that the feds are not asking him more questions." CORRECTION: FALSE only as to the literal zero-question formulation. Twigg was interviewed by investigators, and earlier in the same debate Owens herself referred to "all the questions that were asked" of him and to two interviews. Her broader complaint that investigators did not ask enough or did not ask the right follow-up questions is a different proposition and is not disproved merely by the existence of interviews.
C060	CO	2:21:45-2:21:54	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "Yes, that's why I reported it to the correct officials in government." / "That's what I was told and I handed over that information to Tulsi Gabbard's office." CORRECTION: UNSUPPORTED. In context, Owens is answering Wilson's question about her allegation of a French Foreign Legion threat. Her support is chiefly an unidentified source she describes as high-ranking in the French government and her report to U.S. officials. Reporting an allegation is not independent corroboration. Related public allegations have invoked both the French Foreign Legion and GIGN; no independently verified participant, communication, travel/financial record or forensic bridge establishing a French operational role was produced.

ID	Spk	Video	Verdict	Claim / correction
C061	CO	2:28:09-2:28:15	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "I think France and Israel are involved in Charlie Kirk's assassination." / "I'm going to put that out there with full confidence." CORRECTION: Documented donor pressure and political disagreement can motivate investigation, but no publicly verified operational bridge connects Israeli state/intelligence actors to the killing. Certainty substantially exceeds the disclosed evidence.
C072	CO	3:03:15-3:03:31	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "I think that that is a possibility. Yes." / "And it should be explored." / "I think it's viable." CORRECTION: The disclosed forensic record identifies a gunshot wound and .30-caliber-class projectile fragments. No explosive residue, detonator, blast-injury finding or authenticated microphone-fragment analysis was presented. The explosive hypothesis is logically conceivable but lacks comparable positive evidence.
C081	CO	~3:35:43-3:35:53	QUALIFIED	CLAIM: "No, that's not, that is literally not murder." CORRECTION: QUALIFIED. Owens has a real statutory-precision point: Utah separately codifies aggravated murder under Section 76-5-202 and murder under Section 76-5-203, and Robinson's filed homicide count is aggravated murder. But aggravated murder is still a homicide/murder offense in ordinary legal usage, so calling it a "murder charge" is understandable shorthand. The terminology distinction does not establish that Wilson had not followed the case.
C087	CO	3:44:12	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "It's at least plausible that the screwdriver was planted." CORRECTION: The body-camera termination is a legitimate documentation weakness. But Bagley testified he noticed the red/black screwdriver shortly after reaching the roof, before the later camera termination. No affirmative planting evidence was presented.
C090	AW	3:58:43	UNSUPPORTED	CLAIM: "And the truth is is that 90% of what you're saying is simply intuition based." CORRECTION: No coded denominator or sampling method was supplied. The qualitative criticism has a basis; the 90% figure is unsupported precision.

Substantial supported core the final report preserves

- Robinson has not been convicted, and the preliminary hearing remains a probable-cause stage. Doubt and defense challenges remain legally appropriate.
- The public prosecution record contains multiple converging evidence streams: surveillance identification, a rifle and associated physical evidence, DNA evidence, alleged text/Discord admissions and surrender/family context.
- The fatal projectile-to-specific-rifle microscopic comparison is inconclusive. That real limitation must not be rewritten as a conclusive ballistics match - or as an exclusion.
- Dust/debris was observed in the recovered rifle barrel. The hearing did not establish that this dates the last firing or excludes recent discharge.
- The trigger/trigger-guard DNA sample was mixed. The major profile was attributed statistically to Robinson and showed the greatest degradation in that mixture; the analyst could not date deposition or infer who fired the rifle from that fact alone.
- Rule 1102 allows reliable hearsay at preliminary examinations. Owens is correct that hearsay played a significant role; she is wrong that the entire proceeding was hearsay.
- The UVU scene was altered quickly, including paver installation five days after the shooting. This is a legitimate procedural question, not proof of a cover-up.
- UVU had extensive surveillance, but not continuous omnipresent coverage or active rooftop monitoring. Camera gaps are real.
- Kirk had genuine conflict with some pro-Israel donors and his views were more complicated than a simple "never wavering" narrative. Motive context can justify investigation; it is not operational evidence of an assassination.
- Wilson had a prior TPUSA debate-coaching relationship. That is a legitimate disclosure issue. No reviewed evidence establishes that TPUSA paid or directed him for this debate.
- Owens made an important live factual correction by withdrawing the extrapolation that Twiggs DNA was on the rifle. That correction is part of the reliability record, not a footnote.

Core evidence map: what the debate can and cannot establish

Evidence stream	What it supports	What it does NOT establish by itself
Surveillance	Investigators identify and track a person they say is Robinson across campus/roof/escape-related sequences; footwear and vehicle cues contribute.	A single blurry frame is not facially conclusive; gaps remain and image interpretation can be contested.
Rifle / ammunition	Recovered weapon and ammunition are associated with the alleged escape route and Robinson through multiple evidence streams.	Fatal projectile fragments were not microscopically individualized to the specific recovered rifle.
DNA	Robinson is statistically supported as a major contributor on key firearm samples; mixed DNA also shows other contributors.	DNA does not by itself prove who fired the gun, when DNA was deposited, or which activity deposited it.
Texts / Discord / note	If authenticated and attributed as prosecutors allege, the first-person admissions are highly incriminating and corroborate other evidence.	The case is not yet tried; authorship, context and admissibility can be litigated.
Twiggs statements	Provide alleged confession/regret context and links to messages/evidence.	Use immunity and leading-question issues can affect weight/admissibility; immunity does not permit perjury.
Scene anomalies	Bodycam termination, paving timeline, backpack reclassification and evidence-release questions justify scrutiny.	They do not, without bridge evidence, identify who planted evidence, who conspired, or whether any anomaly was intentional.
Foreign/donor context	Kirk's donor conflicts and foreign-theory source claims can justify investigation.	Motive/context does not establish operational participation by Israel, France, GIGN, Foreign Legion or any state actor.
Exploding-mic theory	Video anomalies can generate a hypothesis worth testing.	No disclosed explosive residue/device/pathology or authenticated mic-fragment evidence supports a shaped-charge conclusion over the gunshot evidence.

The central burden distinction

ANOMALY IS NOT MECHANISM

A legitimate anomaly can lower confidence in a prosecution story. It does not automatically raise the probability of a specific alternative by the same amount. To support a patsy/frame-up claim, the argument needs positive bridge evidence: who acted, what they did, how they accessed/manipulated the evidence, how the digital/physical streams were coordinated, and what independent record corroborates that mechanism.

Logic, inference and epistemic-quality audit

Spk	Pattern	Debate manifestation	Severity
CO	Possibility -> evidence	Treats merely possible mechanisms - planted gun, account login, explosive mic, alternate actor - as affirmative weight for a specific patsy theory.	High
CO	False equivalence	Equates Rule 1102's relaxed admissibility with the claim that all inferences have the same evidentiary status.	High
CO	Argument from incredulity	"Too on the nose" messages, "Superman neck" and surprise at behavior are used as evidence against direct forensic/digital records.	High
CO	Anomaly stacking	Bodycam failure + pavers + backpack + SUV + mixed DNA + unanswered questions are accumulated without a demonstrated common mechanism.	High
CO	Appeal to anonymous authority	Private sources carry extraordinary foreign/state involvement claims while source identity and underlying records remain unavailable.	High
CO	Appeal to authority	Military/ex-Marine impressions of video are treated as support for an explosives conclusion outside demonstrated explosives-forensic expertise.	Moderate
CO	Argument from silence	Parent silence, agency non-response and absence of public explanations are repeatedly treated as suspicious evidence.	High
CO	Confidence shift	Moves between possible/viable and categorical or near-categorical claims such as 0% shooter and full-confidence foreign involvement.	High
CO	Narrative elasticity	Earlier "not on campus" sourcing is revised to "involved somehow" without a full reconstruction of the patsy mechanism.	Moderate-High
CO	Hidden-motive attribution	Attributes concealment/control motives to officials, TPUSA, commentators or investigators without actor-specific proof.	High

Spk	Pattern	Debate manifestation	Severity
AW	Expected-behavior fallacy	Treats parents' failure to publicly proclaim innocence as evidence against innocence.	Moderate
AW	Motive attribution	Suggests alternative theories track whatever "lined the pockets" without financial/motive proof.	Moderate
AW	Overgeneralization	Broad claims about "leftists" and the alternative-theory ecosystem flatten heterogeneous actors/evidence.	Moderate
AW	False precision	The 90% intuition estimate has no defensible denominator.	High
AW	Ad hominem / poisoning the well	Insults and political-harm framing sometimes substitute for direct evidentiary engagement.	High
PBD	Moderator shortcut	At points an on-screen fact-check is treated as if it resolves a more nuanced procedural question.	Moderate

Epistemic strengths worth preserving

- AW - Defines "overwhelming" as personal conviction rather than a legal standard; expressly says the state has not yet proved guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- AW - Concedes he cannot explain the DNA-degradation point rather than inventing a technical answer.
- AW - Correctly asks for the logical bridge from mixed/degraded DNA to a specific patsy mechanism.
- CO - Correctly presses the inconclusive specific-rifle ballistics limitation and mixed-DNA complexity rather than accepting "DNA = shooter" as complete proof.
- CO - Correctly surfaces rapid paving, backpack reclassification, evidence-release questions and bodycam failure as issues deserving documentary explanation.
- CO - Corrects the Twiggs-on-rifle extrapolation in real time.
- PBD - Forces numerical clarity on shooter probability and asks what evidence could change Owens' mind, improving falsifiability.
- PBD - Directly checks a live-coaching insinuation instead of letting it stand untested.

Conspiratorial-reasoning audit

Definition used here: "conspiratorial reasoning" describes an argument structure in which hidden coordination is inferred from anomalies, secret motives, source networks, missing information or actor connections. This is NOT a diagnosis, personality judgment or claim that conspiracies cannot occur. Real conspiracies exist and should be investigated when evidence supports them. The audit asks whether the inference from evidence to hidden coordination is disciplined and falsifiable.

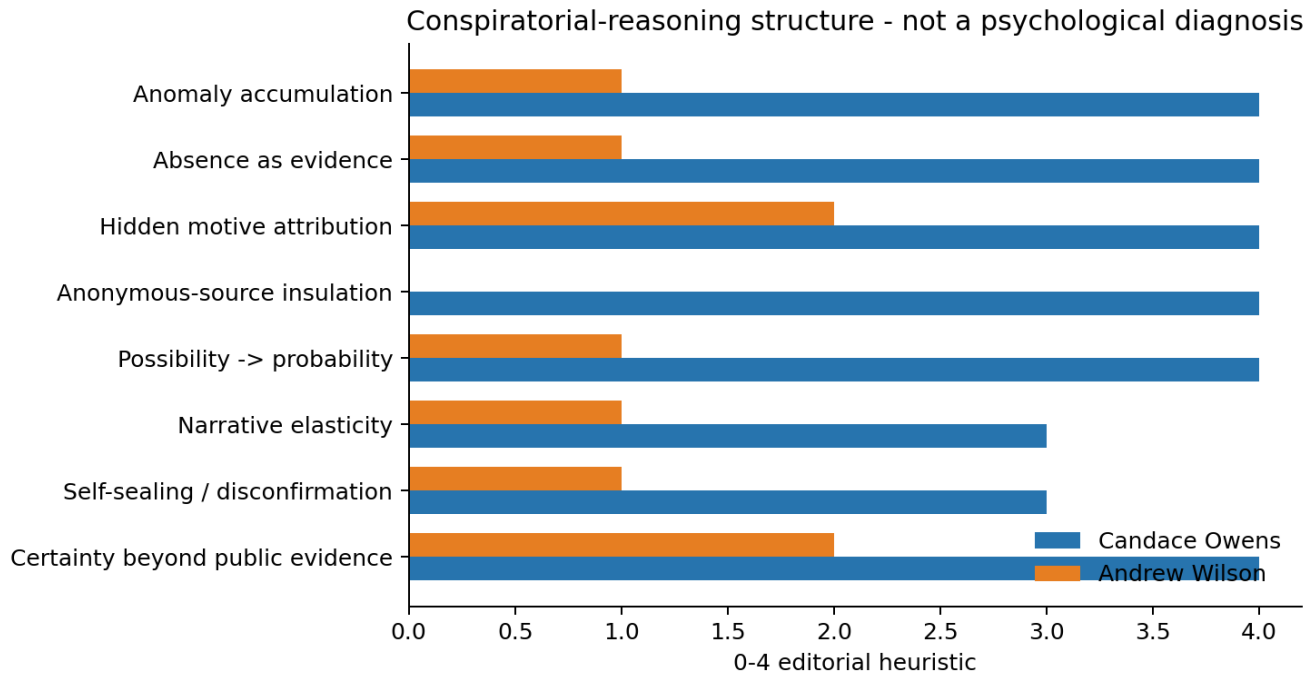


Figure 1. Editorial 0-4 heuristic by dimension; used for reasoning structure only, not psychological classification.

Dimension	CO	AW	Evidence in debate
Anomaly accumulation	4	1	CO repeatedly aggregates independent irregularities into a single hidden-action narrative without demonstrating common causation. AW mostly asks for a causal bridge.
Absence as evidence	4	1	CO often treats missing public footage/explanations/parent statements as positive evidence. AW occasionally treats absence of defense presentation as weak evidence.
Hidden motive attribution	4	2	CO attributes concealment/control motives to agencies, TPUSA, Erika, foreign actors and commentators. AW attributes monetization/political harm motives in places.
Anonymous-source insulation	4	0	CO relies heavily on private/anonymous-source claims for extraordinary allegations; AW's strongest new security text is also privately held but presented as a discrete exhibit rather than an all-purpose network theory.
Possibility-to-probability escalation	4	1	CO repeatedly elevates conceivable alternatives into support for a specific patsy/foreign-involvement theory. AW more often distinguishes possible from persuasive.
Narrative elasticity	3	1	CO revises campus-presence and complicity formulations while retaining overall certainty. AW narrows several claims when challenged.
Self-sealing / disconfirmation handling	3	1	Some CO counterevidence is reinterpreted as evidence of deeper coordination; however she also makes real concessions. AW can be dismissive but accepts some uncertainty.
Certainty beyond public evidence	4	2	CO's 0% shooter and full-confidence foreign involvement are strongest examples. AW's "overwhelming" is expressly personal conviction but still occasionally overstates.

SYNTHESIS

Candace Owens: 30/32 - HIGH conspiratorial-reasoning intensity in this debate. Andrew Wilson: 9/32 - LOW-to-MODERATE. The decisive difference is not openness to conspiracy; it is the frequency with which anomalies and anonymous-source claims are promoted into specific hidden-actor conclusions without publicly verifiable bridge evidence.

Propaganda / persuasive-technique analysis

Definition retained from the Pangburn benchmark: recurrent persuasive techniques that privilege a desired conclusion through factual distortion, certainty inflation, selective omission, emotional loading, hidden-motive narratives, collective attribution, opponent caricature or repetition. This is an editorial content-analysis heuristic. It does not require state sponsorship and does not establish conscious intent to deceive. No antisemitism framework is applied.

Dimension	AW	CO	PBD	Evidence in transcript
Factual distortion	1	3	1	AW has several overstatements but fewer direct errors; CO has multiple legal/forensic inaccuracies; PBD has a few compressed fact-checks.
Certainty inflation	2	4	1	CO uses 0%, "definitively," and full-confidence formulations despite unresolved evidence. AW defines overwhelming subjectively but still uses "tons/no evidence" language.
Selective omission	2	3	1	Both emphasize evidence favorable to their theory; CO more often highlights anomalies while minimizing convergent prosecution evidence.
Emotional/loading	3	3	2	Both use ridicule and moral loading; AW's personal insults are especially severe. PBD adds some anti-mainstream framing.
Conspiracy/hidden-control structure	1	4	2	CO repeatedly invokes federal, foreign, TPUSA and influencer coordination. AW primarily critiques those theories but adds profit/political motive speculation.
Collective essentialization	2	2	1	Generic group-level rhetoric includes "leftists," "influencers," "the feds" and "mainstream media." This dimension is NOT an antisemitism analysis.
Opponent caricature / false dichotomy	3	3	2	AW reduces parts of CO's case to dreams/vibes; CO casts critics as deployed influencers/fed-slop defenders.
Affective repetition / performance	2	3	2	Live format limits editing/montage, but repeated slogans, sarcasm and adversarial interruption increase affective pressure.

HEURISTIC TOTALS

Andrew Wilson: 16/32 - MODERATE. Candace Owens: 25/32 - HIGH. Patrick Bet-David: 12/32 - LOW-to-MODERATE. Owens' strongest dimensions are certainty inflation and hidden-control structure. Wilson's strongest negative dimension is emotional/opponent caricature. The live format keeps montage/editing effects relatively low.

Patrick Bet-David - moderator reaction, challenge and fact-check audit

The moderator is not assigned a debater's claim merely because he lets it pass, laughs, asks a question or reads a card. His own claims and the quality of his interventions are evaluated separately.

Location	Moderator action	Reaction code	Audit consequence
Opening	Frames Robinson shooter vs patsy; explains bilateral fact-check teams.	STRUCTURING / NEUTRAL	Good scope setting, although the debate later expands widely.
38:23-38:42	Asks each debater for numerical shooter probability and clarifies Owens means 0% as shooter.	CLARIFICATION	High-value precision; prevents ambiguity.
53:42-58:40	Calls for Rule 1102 fact check while hearsay/inference dispute escalates.	FACT-CHECK FACILITATION	Useful, but the debate still conflates admissibility with evidentiary weight.
1:11:46-1:12:25	Displays Rule 801 excerpt and the alleged Robinson message.	CORRECTION / PARTIAL SHORTCUT	Message display helps resolve a memory dispute; Rule 801 treatment is too compressed for the broader hearsay fight.
1:26:15	Says mainstream media "hates" the conversation and wants control.	ACTIVE AMPLIFICATION / UNSUPPORTED	Moderator-originated motive generalization unrelated to resolving the case evidence.
1:52:32	Introduces prosecution filing as showing "full discovery" by April 1.	PARTIAL CORRECTION / OVERSTATEMENT	Displayed text actually says presently and reasonably available Rule 16 evidence; discovery remains a continuing duty.
1:57:22	Asks what evidence Owens would need to accept Robinson as shooter.	CLARIFICATION	High-value falsifiability question; V2 correctly treats her answer as a personal threshold.
3:35:23-3:38:43	Allows seven-charge/legal-label dispute to be checked.	FACT-CHECK FACILITATION	Useful, though the exchange overweights nomenclature relative to merits.
3:38:58-3:39:38	Checks Owens' phone after live-coaching insinuation.	DIRECT VERIFICATION	Strong moderator practice: test an insinuation rather than letting it linger.
Overall	Allows long cross-examination and repeated fact-check interruptions without always distinguishing preliminary probable cause from trial proof.	MIXED / GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE	Strong on clarification and openness; weaker when quick cards flatten legal/forensic nuance.

Rhetoric and personal-attack audit

Personal attacks are logged separately from misinformation unless they contain an independently rateable factual proposition. The purpose is to distinguish evidentiary failure from debate conduct.

Spk	Video	Rhetoric / attack	Assessment
AW	27:39-34:07	Calls many conspiracy theories "idiotic"; alleges commentators make things up based on whatever "lined the pockets"; says "I think it's ghoulish to profit off of the death of a good man"; directly says Owens' investigation is "indistinguishable from a leftist operation" and that she is "making a mockery" of online right-wing commentary.	Loaded framing, unsupported motive attribution and direct political/character criticism. The "ghoulish" remark concerns profiteering generally and should not be rewritten as Andrew directly calling Owens ghoulish.
CO	34:09-38:15	Sarcastic "Ms. Cleo"/dream response; dismisses mass criticism as influencers deployed to dispute "everything Candace says."	Defensive ridicule plus broad motive framing; partly responsive to Wilson's own dream/vibes rhetoric.
CO	~1:00-1:05	Repeatedly calls Wilson's evidence absurd, accuses him of gaslighting and later says he knows nothing about the case.	Rhetorical escalation. "Knows nothing" is defeated by Wilson's demonstrated familiarity with several records even though he had gaps.
CO	2:55:10	Calls Wilson TPUSA's "horse" / another influencer they "send."	Poisoning-the-well/conflict insinuation. Prior TPUSA coaching relationship is real; payment or control for this debate is not established.
AW	2:52:18	Uses "retarded" about Erika and then generalizes that "all women are retarded."	High-severity demeaning sex-essentializing rhetoric; excluded from empirical misinformation count but material to debate quality.
AW	3:58:43	Characterizes much of Owens' case as intuition/vibes and assigns an unsupported "90%" figure.	Qualitative critique has a basis; numerical precision does not.

CONDUCT FINDING

Wilson's "all women are retarded" remark is the most severe personal-rhetoric failure in the transcript. It is not converted into a misinformation statistic; it is reported as demeaning sex-based essentialization and an avoidable degradation of the evidentiary discussion. Owens also repeatedly uses insinuating labels that can substitute source identity or affiliation for argument quality.

Source quality, source laundering and conflicts of interest

Private/anonymous sources: Owens repeatedly uses private family/French/law-enforcement sources. These can legitimately generate leads, but extraordinary claims remain unverified until source identity or underlying records are independently corroborated.

State evidence: Wilson sometimes speaks as if prosecution evidence is simply "the evidence." The report instead labels it according to posture: allegation, preliminary-hearing testimony, admitted exhibit, forensic result or live witness testimony.

New Kirk security text: Wilson's displayed Sept. 9 security message is potentially important but privately held. Without source-device/metadata/custodian authentication, this report keeps the authenticity proposition at HOLD rather than laundering it through Wilson's confidence.

TPUSA relationship: Wilson disclosed prior TPUSA debate coaching and prior Pangburn work records a paid relationship. That is relevant disclosure. It is not evidence that TPUSA paid or directed this debate.

Participant media: Owens/Wilson videos or posts prove what they claimed and may supply source artifacts. They do not independently validate the truth of their own contested claims.

Fast moderator fact-checks: PBD's cards are useful leads, not final adjudications. "Full discovery" is a good example where the displayed source was narrower than the spoken summary.

Detailed audited material-claim registry

HOW TO READ THIS LEDGER

Every row is an atomic audited proposition. CLAIM is a direct quotation from the supplied transcript and is restricted to the attributed speaker's own words; opponent questions are not folded into another speaker's claim. A slash between quoted passages separates distinct direct excerpts and does not add connective wording. Obvious quotation marks are added by the report, but substantive wording is not silently rewritten. Video timestamps are aligned to the supplied TurboScribe export; a leading ~ marks an approximate location. CORRECTION AND ASSESSMENT is Pangburn Analysis' adjudication, not part of the quotation.

A. Opening, framing and shooter certainty

C001 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 29:12 | transcript PDF p.2-4 | Opening burden | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "But there is no evidence that Israel actually killed Charlie Kirk."

Correction and assessment. No publicly verified operational bridge evidence tying Israeli officials, intelligence, financing, communications or agents to the killing was identified. But Owens did present source allegations and genuine donor-conflict context, so "no verified evidence establishing involvement" is more precise than a literal claim that no evidentiary material of any kind exists.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S18; S21; S22]

C002 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 30:17 | transcript PDF p.3 | Security-message reveal | HOLD | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "Okay, great. Remind them that they are there for one person's security only because I'm somewhat worried the left is trying to kill me."

Correction and assessment. The debate transcript records Wilson displaying/reading the message, but the report does not have the originating device, metadata, sender authentication, or an independent custodian. Treat as an important newly presented exhibit whose authenticity remains externally unverified.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C003 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 29:23 | transcript PDF p.3-4 | Political attribution | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "There is, however, tons of evidence that a leftist killed Charlie Kirk, just as Charlie feared they would."

Correction and assessment. There is substantial public evidence implicating Robinson, and prosecutors allege a political motive. But the label "leftist" is broader than the evidentiary proposition and remains an interpretive political classification.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S05; S07; S27]

C004 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 30:57-31:03 | transcript PDF p.3-4 | Motive attribution | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "In other words, they don't have evidence, they seem to just make up evidence." / "Well, in my opinion, kind of whatever lined the pockets."

Correction and assessment. Monetization is real in online media, but Wilson supplied no financial records or motive evidence showing that the relevant assassination claims were selected because they maximized profit.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C005 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 31:07 | transcript PDF p.3-4 | Normative rhetoric | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "And I think it's ghoulish to profit off of the death of a good man."

Correction and assessment. A moral judgment, not an empirical proposition. In context Wilson was criticizing profiteering in the alternative-theory ecosystem; the line should not be rewritten as a direct statement that Owens herself is "ghoulish."

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C006 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 35:43 | transcript PDF p.5-6 | Netanyahu / Israel | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "It's because the prime minister of Israel, who's fighting like a 27 front war, felt that he needed to come do a little mini tour and to be, strangely, to state that I did not kill Charlie Kirk, when nobody was having that thought, that I can remember."

Correction and assessment. Netanyahu made repeated public denials. But Israel-involvement theories were already circulating, so the "nobody was having that thought" universal is contradicted. Calling the appearances a "mini tour" is rhetorical shorthand.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S20; S21]

C007 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 37:35 | transcript PDF p.6 | History of terminology | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "And just as a historical fact, that entire term was created by the CIA to gaslight people after the assassination of JFK."

Correction and assessment. The terminology predates JFK and the CIA. A 1967 CIA dispatch did seek to counter Warren Commission critics, which gives the broader propaganda-history point a factual kernel but not the coinage claim.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S19]

C008 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 38:37 | transcript PDF p.6-7 | Shooter certainty | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Zero percent. I'm at zero. With what we've seen in terms of the evidence, I'm at zero percent."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE. The quoted 0% figure is Owens' personal confidence estimate, not a proposition with a stable empirical truth condition. The evidence she gives for that estimate is separately fact-checkable, but the numerical degree of her own belief should not itself be counted as misinformation.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S05-S12; S27]

C009 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 40:21 | transcript PDF p.7 | Ballistics certainty | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Definitively not a 30-06 from low sea, 150 feet, no."

Correction and assessment. The fatal projectile material was .30-caliber-class and compatible with the recovered .30-06 evidence, while the specific rifle-to-projectile microscopic comparison was inconclusive. Inconclusive does not establish exclusion.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S10; S28]

C010 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 40:02 | transcript PDF p.7 | Wound intuition | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "It defies common sense to think that he had a Superman neck and even if he did have a Superman neck, which has been demonstrated, I think actually recently a YouTuber actually set up Spalhalla steel cages and shot it and it went through."

Correction and assessment. High-energy rifle wounds can be devastating without a simple rule that the projectile must exit. The argument relies on intuition about terminal ballistics rather than the case-specific autopsy/projectile evidence.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S10; S28]

B. Rifle, ballistics, DNA, footwear and hearsay

C011 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 41:46 | transcript PDF p.8-9 | Recovered rifle | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "The first reason that I think it's compelling evidence is that Tyler Robinson's rifle was found near the crime scene."

Correction and assessment. Investigators recovered the suspected rifle in woods near UVU along the alleged escape route, and the state presented multiple links between the weapon/evidence and Robinson. "The rifle prosecutors link to Robinson" is the most legally precise phrasing.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S05; S06; S10-S11]

C012 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 42:04-42:13 | transcript PDF p.8-9 | Ballistics possibility | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I think that that's absurd. 150-grain Remington Core Lock absolutely could shatter when it hits the neck of any human being."

Correction and assessment. The general terminal-ballistics possibility is reasonable and the recovered projectile was damaged/fragmented. Wilson sometimes sounded more specific about exact ammunition behavior than the public forensic record can establish.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S10; S28]

C013 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 45:11 | transcript PDF p.9-10 | Barrel condition | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Dust and debris in the gun barrel."

Correction and assessment. The firearms examiner testified that dust/debris was present. The observation does not by itself date the last firing or exclude recent discharge.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S10]

C014 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 45:13 | transcript PDF p.10 | DNA vs fingerprints | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "the fact that there were five sets of prints, five plus, actually"

Correction and assessment. The testimony concerned mixed DNA, not five fingerprint sets. The combined trigger/trigger-guard sample had at least four contributors; testimony allowed that the true number could be higher.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S11]

C015 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 45:30 | transcript PDF p.10-12 | DNA degradation | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "She testified that when they took the sample of what was on the trigger, they saw five plus prints, and among those five plus prints, Tyler Robinson's was the most degraded."

Correction and assessment. On the combined trigger/trigger-guard DNA sample, the major profile attributed statistically to Robinson showed the greatest degradation in that mixture. "Prints" is wrong terminology, and the finding is sample-specific, not a whole-gun temporal ranking.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S11]

C016 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 48:32 | transcript PDF p.11-13 | DNA timing inference | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Well, I think that what it would prove is that it is a more viable theory that people who had stronger prints on the gun may have used it more recently."

Correction and assessment. The ATF analyst did not date deposition or infer activity from degradation. Degradation can be affected by multiple variables; the hearing testimony does not establish a recency ordering.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S11]

C017 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 49:21 | transcript PDF p.12-13 | DNA contributor inference | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "And so she explicitly said, she said some of them, some, so we can assume two out of the three, their prints were found on the gun."

Correction and assessment. An elimination sample is a reference sample used to assess mixtures; being named as an elimination donor does not itself prove that person was found on the firearm. Matthew had some reported inclusion evidence; Twiggs was identified on associated items such as the towel/tool rather than established on the rifle itself.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S06; S10-S11]

C018 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:00:09 | transcript PDF p.19 | DNA quantity | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Because what I am saying is that it shows that somebody else had more DNA presence on that gun than Tyler Robinson did."

Correction and assessment. The hearing established mixed profiles and multiple contributors, but Robinson was identified as a major contributor on key samples. The reviewed testimony does not establish an unknown person as having more DNA across the firearm overall.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S11]

C019 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:32:41-3:32:44 | transcript PDF p.101 | Twiggs DNA on rifle | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Lance Twiggs has his DNA on the rifle." / "And to be clear, Lance Twiggs DNA was not as degraded as Tyler Robinson's DNA was on Tyler's rifle."

Correction and assessment. UNSUPPORTED on the public record reviewed. ATF testimony specifically identified support for Matthew Robinson on rifle swabs and support for Twiggs on Dremel-tool swabs; the public testimony reviewed does not identify Twiggs on a rifle swab. Separate FBI testimony identified Twiggs on associated evidence such as the towel. Because not every minor contributor to every complex rifle mixture was exhaustively named in public testimony, FALSE would overstate exclusion. Owens later acknowledged that she had wrongly extrapolated this point.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S06; S10-S11]

C020 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:24:38-3:24:45 | transcript PDF p.~95 | Live correction | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Just to be clear, whenever I make a mistake, I just correct it." / "I've already said, we don't know yet." / "And I've corrected that mistake."

Correction and assessment. This is a meaningful correction behavior and should be preserved with the same prominence as the original error.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C021 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 48:29 | transcript PDF p.10-11 | DNA restraint | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I actually don't have an explanation for that, Candace."

Correction and assessment. This is an appropriate concession of technical uncertainty rather than inventing a causal account.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C022 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 58:00 | transcript PDF p.14-18 | Preliminary hearing / hearsay | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "The entire preliminary hearing that you just saw was on the basis of reliable hearsay."

Correction and assessment. Utah permits reliable hearsay at preliminary examinations, but the hearing also contained live firsthand testimony, surveillance/video, physical evidence and forensic evidence. "Entire" is false.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01; S03; S05-S11]

C023 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 56:18 | transcript PDF p.16-18, 28-29 | Hearsay prevalence | QUALIFIED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "The overwhelming majority."

Correction and assessment. Hearsay was used extensively and repeatedly under Rule 1102, but the debate supplied no itemized denominator demonstrating an overwhelming-majority share. Preserve the real extensive-hearsay point without an unsupported quantifier.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S03; S06-S11]

C024 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 53:42 | transcript PDF p.14-18 | Trial admissibility | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "It means none of that information that was presented is going to be allowed, the majority of it, the overwhelming majority of it is not going to be allowed at the trial."

Correction and assessment. Some Rule 1102 material may need a different foundation or live witness at trial, but many categories - defendant statements, authenticated digital records, physical evidence, surveillance and expert testimony - can be admissible. A blanket "most" prediction is not established.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01-S03]

C025 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 57:25-58:40 | transcript PDF p.17-20 | False equivalence | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I'm saying that I'm doing exactly what the state did." / "So you are allowed to take a piece of evidence and then you are allowed to infer off of that evidence." / "That's a demonstration of what I just did." / "And from that, what I am inferring is that it's plausible that Tyler Robinson was set up."

Correction and assessment. FALSE as an evidentiary equivalence. Rule 1102 changes what may be admitted at a probable-cause hearing; it does not make all inferences equally strong. Corroboration, causal linkage, source reliability, competing explanations and explanatory power still matter. Procedural permissibility is not evidentiary equivalence.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01; S03]

C026 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 53:53 | transcript PDF p.14-16 | Hearsay scope | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I don't think all the evidence that was put in was hearsay."

Correction and assessment. Correct. Live testimony, physical evidence and other non-hearsay categories were presented alongside reliable hearsay.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01; S03; S05-S11]

C027 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:02:19-1:02:21 | transcript PDF p.21 | Footwear | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "They're both wearing Converse." / "Okay, that's an absurd thing to say."

Correction and assessment. A generic shoe model is not unique identification, but footwear is routinely used as class/corroborative evidence and can help track continuity across a clothing change. The investigators were not relying on shoes alone.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S09; S25-S26]

C028 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:02:33 | transcript PDF p.21 | Footwear | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "For instance, if somebody were to change their clothes but keep the same shoes on, wouldn't you utilize the shoes to try to track that person if they were changing their clothes?"

Correction and assessment. That is a standard cumulative-evidence use of footwear characteristics, subject to the limits of class evidence and image quality.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S09; S25-S26]

C029 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:07:47 | transcript PDF p.25-27 | Surveillance-message paraphrase | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So if you're asking for my inference, why I think it's Tyler Robinson, it's because, A, Tyler Robinson said in his text messages, you'll be able to see me on security footage at the campus."

Correction and assessment. Wilson paraphrased loosely, but PBD's fact-check displayed an alleged Robinson message: "It was me. Look at the pictures from the surveillance footage. It was me." The core is supported, the initial wording was not exact.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S07; S10]

C030 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:10:34 | transcript PDF p.26-27 | Use immunity | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "He can literally get up there and lie about anything and he's not going to get in trouble because the use immunity was given to him in April."

Correction and assessment. FALSE as stated. Use immunity does not give a witness permission to lie with impunity. It limits the government's use of compelled testimony for covered conduct, subject to the actual agreement; perjury or false swearing is not immunized simply because testimony was compelled. The exact written terms of Twigg's agreement were not independently reproduced in this report.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S12-S13]

C. Text messages, discovery, family evidence and defense powers**C031 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:16:13-1:16:24 | transcript PDF p.31, 33 | Evidentiary ranking | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence**

Claim as audited: "So if we're, for me, it's the confessions, the text messages." / "All of that is what I consider to be, uh, from my opinion, that's the most convincing for me."

Correction and assessment. This is Wilson's personal evidentiary ranking. The existence of highly incriminating alleged admissions is factually supported, but "most" is judgment.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S07; S10]

C032 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:27:06 | transcript PDF p.33 | Message authenticity | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So when we're talking about the messages themselves, they seem totally valid."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE as phrased. "They seem totally valid" is Wilson's personal evidentiary impression. The underlying device, extraction and attribution evidence is fact-checkable and is discussed elsewhere, but the quoted statement itself is a subjective assessment.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S07; S10]

C033 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:28:51 | transcript PDF p.33-37 | Argument from incredulity | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "It, it felt a little too on the nose."

Correction and assessment. A subjective stylistic reaction. It can motivate verification but is not evidence of fabrication.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C034 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:32:30-1:32:33 | transcript PDF p.35-37 | Alternative authorship | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Could there be someone who logged into his Discord?" / "Could there be someone who logged into his Apple?"

Correction and assessment. Technically possible in the abstract, but no case-specific evidence was offered showing Twigg or another person authored the messages through Robinson's credentials. Possibility is not positive evidence.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S10]

C035 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:32:09-1:32:15 | transcript PDF p.35-36 | Phone access / discovery | QUALIFIED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "Crucially, Kathy Nestor said, I have not even been given access to my client's phone during this hearing." / "She said, I haven't even been given access to my client's phone."

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. Owens accurately captured that defense counsel said she had not been able to get into or review Robinson's phone as she wanted. But counsel's actual public wording was narrower than Owens' paraphrase: she said she had "not been able to get into" the phone and had "not looked at" it, while also referring to electronic material and hard drives already in the defense's possession. The record supports a real access/review problem at that stage, not the stronger categorical claim that the defense simply had not been given access.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S02; S30]

C036 | PBD (Patrick Bet-David) | Video 1:52:32 | transcript PDF p.48-49 | Discovery fact-check | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Before we get into that, your team has one thing they want to show before you go into that. So if you want to pull that up, this is the prosecution filing showing defense had full discovery by April 1st."

Correction and assessment. The displayed prosecution language was narrower: all evidence presently and reasonably available as required by Rule 16. Discovery is continuing, and some material can arrive later. "Full" overstates the text PBD displayed.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S02]

C037 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:30:12-1:30:24 | transcript PDF p.35 | COVID / mRNA aside | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "There was tons of competing science." / "But there was tons of competing science for why you shouldn't take a risky mRNA vaccine in mass and things like this."

Correction and assessment. There was legitimate science about myocarditis, demographic risk, dose spacing and booster policy. But the broad scientific record during initial rollout did not amount to a generally balanced case for avoiding mRNA vaccination en masse; contemporaneous benefit-risk assessments still favored vaccination overall.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S23-S24]

C038 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:30:33 | transcript PDF p.34-35 | Epistemic principle | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "It is true that intuition can be useful, but it has to be tempered with logic, reason, explanatory power and evidence, not just intuition."

Correction and assessment. A methodological/normative principle rather than an external fact claim. It is credited in the epistemic-quality audit.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C039 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:35:18 | transcript PDF p.37 | Twiggs protection | QUALIFIED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "So right after the shooting happened, Lance Twiggs, the FBI put him into a safe house they paid for."

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. Independent reporting supports that Twiggs received FBI protection/security after threats. That corroborates federal protective measures, but does not establish Owens' stronger formulation that the FBI placed him in a paid "safe house" or the precise housing/payment arrangement she describes.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S32]

C040 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:35:27-1:35:39 | transcript PDF p.37 | Robinson parents protection | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "They went to the parents as well, to Matt Robinson and Amber, basically said your life's at risk." / "There could be somebody who jumps up and wants to avenge Charlie Kirk, and we're going to watch you, and they went into a federal safe house."

Correction and assessment. Owens attributes this to a private family source. No public documentary or sworn evidence reviewed here establishes the claim.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C041 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:35:58 | transcript PDF p.37-38 | Anonymous-source skepticism | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So there's no way for us to verify that what you're saying right now is actually even true."

Correction and assessment. Correct as an evidentiary observation. Anonymous sourcing can be legitimate journalism, but an audience cannot independently audit source identity, proximity, completeness or motive without corroboration.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C042 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:36:55 | transcript PDF p.38-43 | Parents / confrontation | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "But the father did confront him." / "Tyler Robinson."

Correction and assessment. The charging/prosecution account says his parents recognized the suspect imagery and his father contacted him; this is substantial case evidence but not yet a final adjudicated fact. Wilson should attribute it to the prosecution record.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S05; S27]

C043 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:44:20 | transcript PDF p.39-43 | Parents / Mitchell | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I think it is highly likely on the basis of the preliminary hearing that that all came from Mike Mitchell and Mike Mitchell would be a part of the statements of the parents saying the parents told me this, the parents could dispute that."

Correction and assessment. Owens offered no direct record establishing that the charging narrative was sourced solely or principally from Mitchell. It remains a source hypothesis.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C044 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video ~1:38:00-1:38:06 | transcript PDF p.39-40 | Mike Mitchell | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Mike Mitchell is the biggest unknown in this entire case."

Correction and assessment. A subjective ranking. Mitchell's role in the surrender is relevant, but "biggest unknown" has no objective metric.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C045 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:45:30-1:45:33 | transcript PDF p.44 | Defense powers | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "No. They're not allowed to." / "In a preliminary hearing." / "The defense is engaging with whatever evidence the state decides to put on."

Correction and assessment. FALSE as a categorical statement of Utah procedure. Rule 7B expressly permits the defendant, after the state's case, to testify, call witnesses, present evidence and cross-examine adverse witnesses. The separate claim that presenting a particular conspiracy theory would be strategically unwise or "not the right time" is partly a litigation-strategy judgment and is not itself classified as false.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01]

C046 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:45:24 | transcript PDF p.44 | Defense strategy | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "The defense could easily still, still have presented this."

Correction and assessment. SUPPORTED as a statement of procedural permission. Utah Rule 7B expressly permits the defendant, after the state rests, to testify, call witnesses, present evidence and cross-examine adverse witnesses. That establishes what the defense could do procedurally; it does not establish Wilson's separate prediction that the defense necessarily would present a particular theory.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01]

C047 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:45:58-1:46:08 | transcript PDF p.45 | Defense strategy inference | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "In fact, when I talked in depth with my attorney, they said that's exactly if you had actual evidence that there was fabrications by the feds, that's exactly when you would introduce that."

Correction and assessment. Powerful exculpatory evidence can create a strong incentive to use it, but the defense has no universal obligation to disclose every affirmative theory at this stage and may have strategic reasons to hold evidence.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01-S02]

C048 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 1:34:52 | transcript PDF p.37-45 | Expected-parent behavior | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "If it was the case that you thought that your kid was innocent, wouldn't you be out telling everybody and their brother that you thought that they were innocent?"

Correction and assessment. Family silence is weak behavioral evidence. Legal advice, gag restrictions, fear, privacy and trial strategy can explain silence. There is no reliable universal behavioral rule.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

D. Legal stage, scene handling, foreign involvement and TPUSA

C049 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:57:39-1:58:42 | transcript PDF p.51-52 | Personal evidentiary threshold | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So I was expecting some sort of a slam dunk like we got him on camera taking the shot." / "it's going to be beyond a reasonable doubt before we even get to the trial." / "there was not a single piece of evidence that I felt was slam dunk."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE as framed. This exchange primarily describes Owens' personal persuasion threshold in response to PBD's question about what would change her mind. Utah's legal threshold at a preliminary examination is probable cause, not proof beyond a reasonable doubt, but Owens does not clearly state here that beyond-reasonable-doubt is the governing legal standard. A demanding personal threshold is not itself misinformation.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S01; S04]

C050 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:57:55-1:58:14 | transcript PDF p.51-52 | Theory revision | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "the source was saying that Tyler did not step foot on campus that day." / "It is my perspective that he had something to do with something." / "I do believe he was disposing clothes." / "He was involved somehow."

Correction and assessment. This is not itself misinformation, but it is a material theory revision. The report treats the later position as controlling and does not silently preserve the stronger earlier claim.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C051 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:58:21-1:58:34 | transcript PDF p.52 | Twiggs questioning | FALSE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "the fact that the feds didn't ask him any questions, the fact that I spoke with Lance Twiggs, his family, and they were like, it's very weird that the feds are not asking him more questions."

Correction and assessment. FALSE only as to the literal zero-question formulation. Twiggs was interviewed by investigators, and earlier in the same debate Owens herself referred to "all the questions that were asked" of him and to two interviews. Her broader complaint that investigators did not ask enough or did not ask the right follow-up questions is a different proposition and is not disproved merely by the existence of interviews.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S12]

C052 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 1:59:35-1:59:55 | transcript PDF p.52 | Backpack provenance | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "We know that there was an abandoned backpack found at the bus stop in front of a library" / "they stopped testing on this backpack because they find that the backpack actually belongs to somebody on Charlie's team."

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. The hearing supports that investigators received and began processing the backpack, then stopped comparisons after receiving new provenance information. FBI analyst Amanda Bakker described it as "potentially left behind by a bystander"; defense counsel then cited a laboratory note saying "The backpack belongs to Kirk's detainees," which Bakker confirmed was

information another laboratory employee had received. Owens therefore has a real documentary discrepancy to flag, but states the detailee provenance more conclusively than the testimony itself established. This does not by itself imply a cover-up.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S09]

C053 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:00:21-2:00:39 | transcript PDF p.52-55 | Backpack suspicion | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So I found that to be very strange that it was on the exact route that the, that the alleged gunman ran" / "So that to me is, you know, this is why the, the investigation itself feels underwhelming."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE as phrased. "Very strange" and "underwhelming" are subjective assessments. The underlying backpack sequence is separately audited in C052. Suspicion about the handling can motivate further inquiry, but the quoted language does not itself assert a fact-checkable federal manipulation or cover-up mechanism.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S09-S10]

C054 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:00:51 | transcript PDF p.53 | Victim-property preservation judgment | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Everything should be in evidence."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE. "Everything should be in evidence" is a normative judgment about investigative practice, not a stable empirical proposition. Whether a particular item should be retained depends on its identifiable evidentiary value, documentation, testing and chain-of-custody needs.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C055 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:01:36 | transcript PDF p.53 | Crucifix/necklace preservation judgment | NOT RATEABLE | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "That should be an evidence."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE. The statement is a normative judgment about investigative evidence retention, not a stable empirical proposition. A stronger factual claim would require showing that the specific item had material forensic value requiring continued retention and that release violated an applicable rule or sound forensic practice.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C056 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:00:53 | transcript PDF p.53 | SUV disposal | UNSUPPORTED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "When you learn that the car that they carried Charlie in to go to the hospital, they had immediately towed, cleaned and back up for resale."

Correction and assessment. UNSUPPORTED at publication standard. Public online and auction-related claims exist, but this audit did not establish a primary-source chain tying a specific VIN/auction record, the vehicle that transported Kirk, a cleaning action and the asserted resale sequence. The exact claim that the vehicle was "immediately towed, cleaned and back up for resale" therefore remains unverified.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C057 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:01:36-2:01:50 | transcript PDF p.53 | Crime-scene paving | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "immediately paving over the crime scene." / "They said it was a paver emergency."

Correction and assessment. Workers installed pavers five days after the shooting. That is fast enough to justify questions about scene-release procedure, but it was not literally immediate/same-day.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S16]

C058 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:02:10 | transcript PDF p.53 | Paving order | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "And he tells us the call came from the feds and the governor's office."

Correction and assessment. Owens relies on a contractor's secondhand account. Lead investigator Hull testified he was not involved and did not know who ordered the paving. No primary FBI/UVU work order or directive reviewed here establishes the federal-order claim.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S09; S16]

C059 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:03:18 | transcript PDF p.54 | Campus surveillance | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Most, most of this doesn't take place on a college campus that has surveillance everywhere."

Correction and assessment. UVU had extensive surveillance and investigators reconstructed much of the suspect's movement, but coverage was not seamless and active rooftop monitoring was absent. "Everywhere" is exaggeration.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S05; S09; S17]

C060 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:21:45-2:21:54 | transcript PDF p.60 | French assassination plot | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Yes, that's why I reported it to the correct officials in government." / "That's what I was told and I handed over that information to Tulsi Gabbard's office."

Correction and assessment. UNSUPPORTED. In context, Owens is answering Wilson's question about her allegation of a French Foreign Legion threat. Her support is chiefly an unidentified source she describes as high-ranking in the French government and her report to U.S. officials. Reporting an allegation is not independent corroboration. Related public allegations have invoked both the French Foreign Legion and GIGN; no independently verified participant, communication, travel/financial record or forensic bridge establishing a French operational role was produced.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S18]

C061 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:28:09-2:28:15 | transcript PDF p.~60-73 | Israel involvement certainty | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I think France and Israel are involved in Charlie Kirk's assassination." / "I'm going to put that out there with full confidence."

Correction and assessment. Documented donor pressure and political disagreement can motivate investigation, but no publicly verified operational bridge connects Israeli state/intelligence actors to the killing. Certainty substantially exceeds the disclosed evidence.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S21-S22]

C062 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video ~2:25:24-2:25:37 | transcript PDF p.~60-73 | 12 Israeli phones | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Well, Joe Kent, who I think would have the right to assert it, noted that there were 12 Israeli cell phones on the ground that day. I think most people would like to probe that."

Correction and assessment. No underlying carrier record, geofence return, warrant return, device identifiers, expert report or sworn testimony was produced in the debate. The claim remains a source allegation rather than established fact.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C063 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:38:53-2:39:40 | transcript PDF p.~60-73 | Source validation | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Yeah, I think what probably adds weight is like then when I drop photos of the car that no one was supposed to see, people go, okay, her sources are legit." / "people are recognizing that my sources are legit."

Correction and assessment. Past accuracy can affect source credibility, but it does not independently establish a new extraordinary allegation. Each claim still requires corroboration and a causal bridge.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C064 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:38:04-2:40:10 | transcript PDF p.~60-73 | Institutional consensus | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "we're not the only people that believe there's a conspiracy here."

Correction and assessment. This is an aggregate anonymous attribution with no reproducible denominator, names or records. Even if accurately relayed, belief by unnamed officials is not proof of the conspiracy.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C065 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:37:32 | transcript PDF p.~60-73 | Prediction | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I do think that at the end of this, we are going to find that Israel was involved."

Correction and assessment. A future prediction, not currently falsifiable. The present evidentiary basis remains weak/unverified.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C066 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:52:02 | transcript PDF p.74-85 | Erika complicity | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So when I say Erica's complicit, and that's my opinion"

Correction and assessment. In the debate Owens clarified that she meant complicity in the public narrative/effort to persuade people Robinson is guilty, not necessarily complicity in the murder. The earlier broad phrase is dangerously ambiguous; the clarified allegation still lacks verified evidence of knowing deception.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C067 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:49:32-2:49:42 | transcript PDF p.74-85 | Erika lying | QUALIFIED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "And the fact that she lied to me." / "She told me some lies."

Correction and assessment. There are documented/claimed contradictions in accounts of Kirk's last-night messages, which can justify saying an earlier statement was wrong. "Lied" requires knowledge and intent to deceive, which are not publicly established by the reviewed evidence.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C068 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:49:45 | transcript PDF p.74-85 | Lying universal | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "people only lie when they're trying to obscure something else."

Correction and assessment. UNSUPPORTED as a universal psychological claim. A lie entails intentional deception, but people lie for many different purposes - self-protection, gain, impression management, conflict avoidance and others. The phrase "trying to obscure something else" is too vague and sweeping to be established as the only motive for lying.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C069 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 2:52:18 | transcript PDF p.74-85 | Personal attack | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So I just think all women are retarded."

Correction and assessment. This is logged as demeaning rhetoric/sex-based essentialization, not a factual misinformation unit. It materially lowers argumentative quality.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C070 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 2:53:44-2:53:53 | transcript PDF p.74-85 | TPUSA relationship | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So I was invited there to do some debate training." / "That's the first time I ever met anybody at TPUSA."

Correction and assessment. Wilson disclosed the contact in the debate; prior Pangburn work also documented a paid debate-coaching relationship. This is a legitimate conflict/disclosure fact.

Best sources: [T1; T2; B2]

C071 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 2:55:10 | transcript PDF p.74-85 | TPUSA direction | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Yeah, I just think it kind of shows that Turning Point is sending you as their horse."

Correction and assessment. A prior paid/professional relationship is relevant to disclosure, but no payment record, contract, instruction or communication was produced tying TPUSA to this debate or directing Wilson's arguments.

Best sources: [T1; T2; B2]

E. Explosive theory, charges, steakhouse and closing

C072 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:03:15-3:03:31 | transcript PDF p.87 | Exploding-microphone theory | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I think that that is a possibility. Yes." / "And it should be explored." / "I think it's viable."

Correction and assessment. The disclosed forensic record identifies a gunshot wound and .30-caliber-class projectile fragments. No explosive residue, detonator, blast-injury finding or authenticated microphone-fragment analysis was presented. The explosive hypothesis is logically conceivable but lacks comparable positive evidence.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S08; S10; S28]

C073 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:02:33-3:02:44 | transcript PDF p.86-96 | John Bray theory / hypothetical | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So I'm walking them through John Bray's theory." / "So we're completely in the hypothetical right here."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE as quoted. Owens explicitly characterizes this portion as walking through Bray's theory and being "completely in the hypothetical." The substantive explosive-mechanism proposition is separately assessed in C072; this unit should not convert exploratory framing into a claim that optical-flow analysis established a shaped charge.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C074 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:04:12-3:04:31 | transcript PDF p.86-96 | Appeal to military experience | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "We have former Marines that have gotten on and said it looks to me like there's an explosion under his shirt, right?" / "And I think he's qualified to say what he believes he saw."

Correction and assessment. Experienced observers can generate hypotheses, but visual impressions from military service are not a substitute for case-specific explosives pathology/chemistry/reconstruction. Treat as opinion evidence of low diagnostic weight.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C075 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:05:28-3:05:43 | transcript PDF p.88 | Rifle energy | QUALIFIED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "3,000 pounds of energy or 2,000 pounds of energy coming at you. That's how much it carries." / "it was between 1,500 and 2,000, I'm pretty sure"

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. The proper unit is foot-pounds of energy (ft-lb), not "pounds of energy." Remington publishes 2,280 ft-lb at 100 yards and 1,826 ft-lb at 200 yards for its 150-grain .30-06 Core-Lokt Pointed Soft Point load, so the 150-yard value lies between those figures and is roughly in the ~2,000-ft-lb neighborhood. Owens' revised 1,500-2,000 estimate trends low for that cited load, while exact retained energy remains load- and condition-dependent.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S33]

C076 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:05:52-3:05:56 | transcript PDF p.86-96 | Exit-wound inference | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I'm going to just say I just think that that's not possible." / "It doesn't go through on top of that so there's another miracle."

Correction and assessment. Terminal effects depend on projectile design, yaw, fragmentation, bone strikes and tissue path. Energy alone does not establish a mandatory exit.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S10; S28]

C077 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 3:05:01 | transcript PDF p.88 | Shirt movement | UNSUPPORTED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "That's because of air dispersal from the bullet."

Correction and assessment. UNSUPPORTED as a specific causal explanation. A projectile can displace air and impact can move clothing, so the mechanism is physically possible. But Wilson did not establish that bullet-driven air displacement was the cause of the particular shirt motion visible in this video. That requires original-media analysis or a case-specific expert reconstruction.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C078 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:01:59-3:02:44 | transcript PDF p.87 | SUV-fragment visual resemblance | NOT RATEABLE | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "we are now inferring off of what we see in the car that this very much does look like, that we see a bunch of shattered road microphone" / "So we're completely in the hypothetical right here."

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE as quoted. Owens describes what the fragments "look like" while expressly calling the exercise hypothetical. Visual resemblance can generate a testable hypothesis, but it is not a forensic identification. No authenticated material analysis, component match or chain-of-custody record was presented that identifies the fragments as microphone parts.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C079 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:07:31-3:07:43 | transcript PDF p.90 | Video micro-sequence observation | HOLD | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "His necklace breaks first before Charlie even reacts." / "which I thought was very odd." / "I would not confidently assert that I see smoke."

Correction and assessment. HOLD on the empirically testable portion. "Which I thought was very odd" is subjective, and Owens expressly declines to claim that she can confidently see smoke. But "His necklace breaks first before Charlie even reacts" is a frame-order assertion with a factual truth condition. The supplied transcript and publicly available compressed imagery are not sufficient to adjudicate that sequence reliably; original-quality video and frame-forensic analysis are required. The quote does not itself establish an explosive mechanism.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C080 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:26:30-3:26:43 | transcript PDF p.95-96 | "Straight to jail" context | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So that's the show intro and straight to jail, straight to jail is a monopoly term." / "It's obviously tongue in cheek." / "And then I explain that actually I think that she should be brought in for questioning because of inconsistencies."

Correction and assessment. Owens clarified in the debate that this was a tongue-in-cheek Monopoly phrase. The report does not mischaracterize it as a literal legal proposal. Her substantive position was that Erika should be questioned/re-questioned.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C081 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video ~3:35:43-3:35:53 | transcript PDF p.103 | Aggravated-murder terminology | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "No, that's not, that is literally not murder."

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. Owens has a real statutory-precision point: Utah separately codifies aggravated murder under Section 76-5-202 and murder under Section 76-5-203, and Robinson's filed homicide count is aggravated murder. But aggravated murder is still a homicide/murder offense in ordinary legal usage, so calling it a "murder charge" is understandable shorthand. The terminology distinction does not establish that Wilson had not followed the case.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S14-S15; S29]

C082 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:38:29-3:38:43 | transcript PDF p.105 | Seven criminal counts | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "aggravated murder felony discharge of a firearm" / "obstruction of justice, which is counts three and four five and six tampering with a witness" / "I said offense in the presence of a minor child."

Correction and assessment. Major reporting and the prosecution record describe seven criminal charges; some summaries separately count enhancements, which should not be silently converted into additional criminal counts.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S14]

C083 | PBD (Patrick Bet-David) | Video 3:38:20-3:38:25 | transcript PDF p.105 | Moderator legal precision | NOT RATEABLE | High confidence

Claim as audited: "I think your team would like to pull up the seven charges that he just asked you about" / "Up just to confirm the seven you went through"

Correction and assessment. NOT RATEABLE. This is a moderator facilitation step - PBD asks the production team to display the seven charges so the exchange can be checked. It is retained because it documents the live verification process, not because it asserts an independently rateable factual proposition.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C084 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:35:53-3:36:01 | transcript PDF p.103 | Death-penalty terminology | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "aggravated murder, uh, it's, it's narrowly defined. And because it carries a death sentence."

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. In this case prosecutors are seeking death, so the aggravated-murder count is the homicide charge that creates potential capital exposure. But an aggravated-murder charge does not automatically produce a death sentence; capital sentencing depends on the governing statutory requirements, prosecution posture and sentencing findings. The phrase "carries a death sentence" is directionally understandable here but too categorical as a general statement.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S14-S15]

C085 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 41:09 | transcript PDF p.8 | Panguitch steakhouse | UNSUPPORTED | Moderate confidence

Claim as audited: "yes, I do believe that he was in Panguitch, which is near his grandparents' home."

Correction and assessment. UNSUPPORTED on the reviewed public record. Owens says she spoke to the restaurant owner, saw an unedited receipt and believes Robinson was in Panguitch. Fox News reported that a server was relatively certain the diner resembled Robinson, the owner and two servers were interviewed by the FBI, and only the last four card digits were available; the owner said he did not know whether the FBI confirmed Robinson was the diner. That is a real lead, but no public cardholder match, video identification or other authenticated record establishes the stop as fact.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S31]

C086 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 3:44:58-3:45:14 | transcript PDF p.108-109 | Steakhouse burden | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "your official timeline, Candace Owens official timeline, includes a steakhouse stop that has not actually been confirmed at all." / "There's no evidence for it."

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. Wilson is substantially correct that the steakhouse stop had not been publicly confirmed as Robinson's. But "There's no evidence for it" is too absolute: there is a real lead involving staff recollections, FBI interviews and payment-card digits. What is missing from the reviewed public record is an authenticated cardholder match, usable video or another record establishing that the diner was Robinson.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S31]

C087 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:44:12 | transcript PDF p.108-109 | Screwdriver planting | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "It's at least plausible that the screwdriver was planted."

Correction and assessment. The body-camera termination is a legitimate documentation weakness. But Bagley testified he noticed the red/black screwdriver shortly after reaching the roof, before the later camera termination. No affirmative planting evidence was presented.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S08]

C088 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 3:44:20 | transcript PDF p.108-109 | Bodycam failure / timing insinuation | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "his Cam died at just the right time"

Correction and assessment. QUALIFIED. The underlying body-camera recording failure is supported by hearing testimony: Bagley said the camera stopped recording and thought the battery died, though he was not certain. The added phrase "at just the right time" is an insinuation about suspicious timing, not an established causal fact. The failure warrants scrutiny but does not itself establish planting or intentional shutdown.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S08]

C089 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 3:56:45-3:56:50 | transcript PDF p.111-113 | Direct bridge evidence | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "She didn't have a single solid piece of evidence. She had no positive evidence Israel's involved in anything." / "No positive evidence that France is involved"

Correction and assessment. As a statement about publicly verified operational bridge evidence, Wilson is substantially right. As a literal "nothing," it ignores anonymous-source allegations, donor-conflict context and procedural anomalies, which are evidentiary leads but not proof of participation.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S18; S21-S22]

C090 | AW (Andrew Wilson) | Video 3:58:43 | transcript PDF p.111-113 | False precision | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "And the truth is is that 90% of what you're saying is simply intuition based."

Correction and assessment. No coded denominator or sampling method was supplied. The qualitative criticism has a basis; the 90% figure is unsupported precision.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C091 | CO (Candace Owens) | Video 4:00:43-4:01:09 | transcript PDF p.111-113 | Motive attribution | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "people who are jumping on the bandwagon about this case don't care about this case." / "they take a meeting with Turning Point USA and they come out and suddenly have a lot of junk to say about Candace Owens"

Correction and assessment. The debate establishes disagreements and some professional relationships, but not the asserted causal motive for a broad class of commentators.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C092 | PBD (Patrick Bet-David) | Video 1:26:15-1:26:19 | transcript PDF p.32-33 | Mainstream-media motive | UNSUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "The mainstream media hates the fact that we're having these conversations right now." / "they want to control it."

Correction and assessment. A broad motive attribution to an undefined institution set without evidence. Logged separately from the moderator's generally constructive procedural role.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C093 | PBD (Patrick Bet-David) | Video 3:39:17-3:39:27 | transcript PDF p.105-106 | Live coaching check | SUPPORTED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "Let's see if anyone was texted at all during this debate. All right, about the violent charges or anything. I'm looking through this, you give me permission."

Correction and assessment. A useful moderator intervention: test the insinuation rather than letting it hang as an accusation. It does not prove no off-camera communication existed at any other moment.

Best sources: [T1; T2]

C094 | PBD (Patrick Bet-David) | Video 1:11:02-1:11:17 | transcript PDF p.27-29 | Rule 801 fact-check | QUALIFIED | High confidence

Claim as audited: "So a couple of things we have, we have rule 801 Tyler's messages that says it's not hearsay" / "If we can put that up on the screen."

Correction and assessment. A defendant's own statements offered against the defendant can be non-hearsay opposing-party statements, but the on-screen exchange compressed multiple hearsay issues involving Twiggs, recorded interviews and authentication. The narrow defendant-message point was stronger than the broad debate framing.

Best sources: [T1; T2; S03]

Graph appendix - curated registry only

Figure 2. Verdict counts for the curated material-claim registry. Not a global truth-rate denominator.

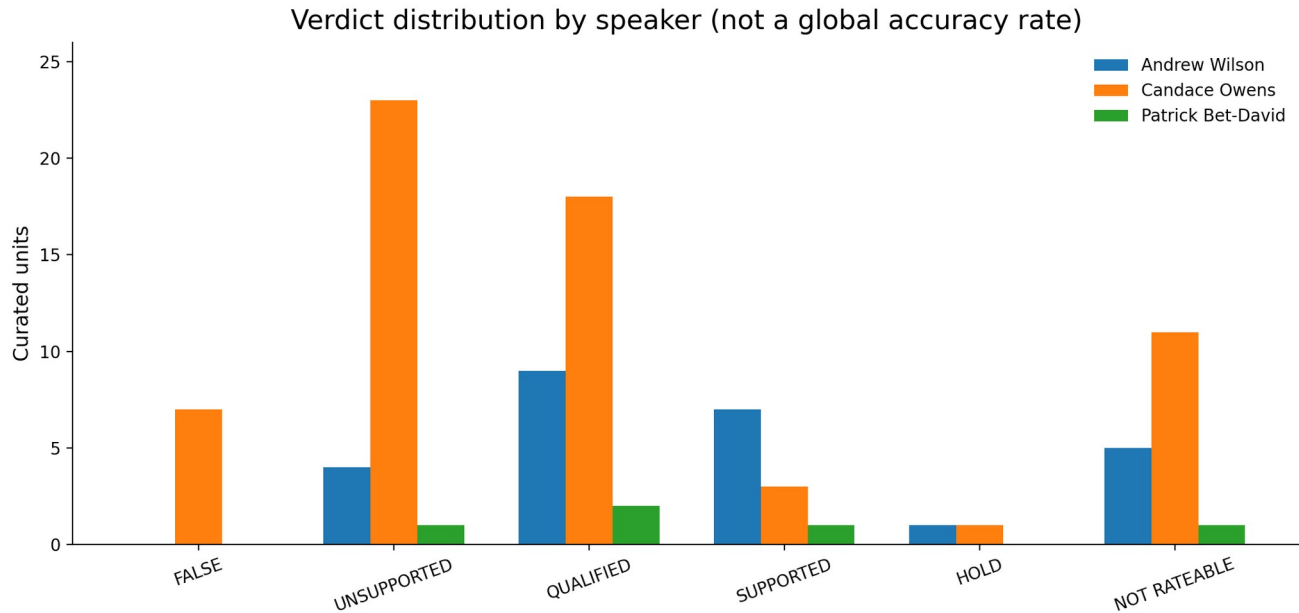
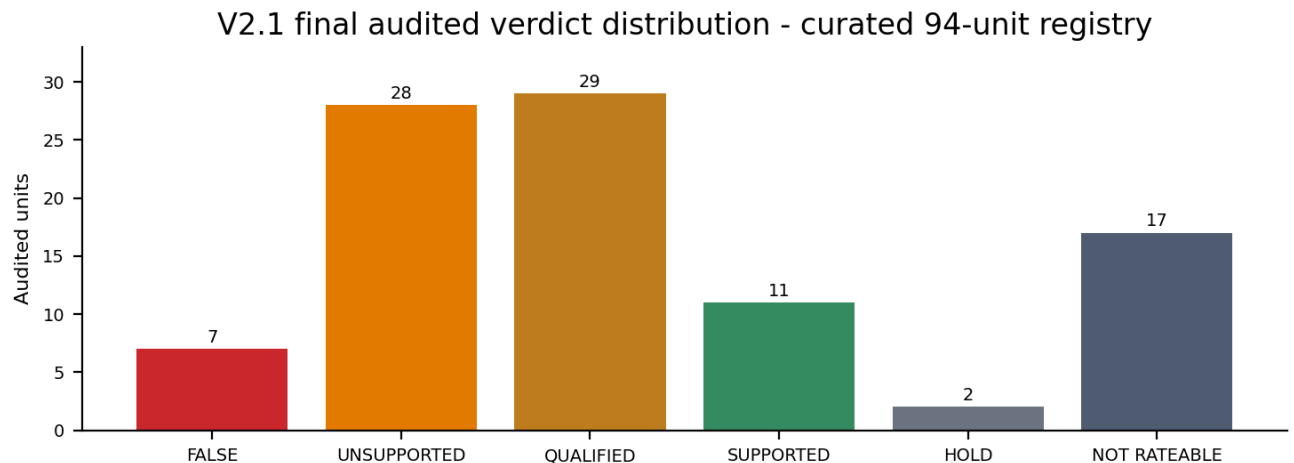


Figure 3. Overall verdict totals across the 94-unit curated material-claim registry.



Speaker	Units	FALSE	UNSUPPORTED	QUALIFIED	SUPPORTED	HOLD	NOT RATEABLE
Andrew Wilson	26	0	4	9	7	1	5
Candace Owens	63	7	23	18	3	1	11
Patrick Bet-David	5	0	1	2	1	0	1

Differences in counts partly reflect what was disputed and selected for audit; they must not be converted into speaker-wide misinformation percentages.

Final synthesis and adversarial self-audit

Who won the evidentiary dispute? On the public record through 14 August 2026, Wilson more successfully defended the proposition that the cumulative evidence materially implicates Robinson than Owens defended a specific patsy/frame-up mechanism. This is not a legal guilt finding and is not a claim that every prosecution exhibit is reliable or trial-admissible. It is a comparative evidentiary judgment.

What Owens got right. She correctly highlighted the inconclusive specific-firearm ballistics comparison, mixed DNA, the inability to date DNA deposition from degradation testimony, dust/debris in the barrel, rapid scene paving, real surveillance gaps, backpack reclassification, discovery/device questions and the danger of treating preliminary-hearing allegations as convictions. She also corrected an important Twiggs-DNA error live.

Where Owens overreached. She repeatedly turned uncertainty into certainty: 0% shooter; definitive exclusion of .30-06; categorical hearsay formulations; immunity-as-license-to-lie; defense-cannot-present-evidence; foreign involvement at full confidence; and

explosive-mechanism claims lacking direct forensic support. V2.1 also removes or downgrades entries where her wording was only subjective or hypothetical.

What Wilson got right. He was strongest when he framed the prosecution case cumulatively, distinguished reasonable doubt from the debate's affirmative-patsy claim, asked for causal bridges, accepted uncertainty on DNA degradation and emphasized alleged admissions/digital evidence rather than a single blurry image.

Where Wilson overreached. He sometimes collapsed prosecution theory into settled fact, generalized about "leftists," attributed profit motives without proof, relied on weak expected-parent behavior, used unsupported numerical precision and weakened his evidentiary discipline through personal and sex-based insults. His privately held Kirk security text deserves the same provenance scrutiny he demands of Owens' private sources.

What would change this report? Authenticated evidence can overturn any finding: device-level metadata proving message fabrication; primary records establishing the steakhouse stop; a verified foreign operational link; explosive residue/device pathology; definitive alternate-shooter video; source records proving a frame-up; or trial testimony materially changing the provenance of the rifle/DNA/surveillance evidence. Pangburn Analysis should update the atomic ledger first, then regenerate summaries and counts.

Audit control	Final treatment
Speaker routing	High-impact turns independently reconstructed; automatic speaker labels ignored.
Timestamp routing	Video times aligned to supplied TurboScribe export; approximate entries marked ~.
Legal stage	Probable cause, trial burden, Rule 1102 hearsay and Rule 7B defense powers separately checked against current Utah rules.
Forensic terminology	DNA vs fingerprints, mixture vs contributor count, degradation vs timing, and inconclusive vs exclusion separately controlled.
Corrections	Owens' Twiggs-DNA correction and Wilson's uncertainty concessions preserved rather than hidden.
Conspiracy boundary	Motive/anomaly evidence never silently converted into operational participation.
Foreign-source claims	Anonymous allegations reported as allegations; denials treated as counterevidence, not conclusive proof.
Conflict disclosure	Wilson's TPUSA relationship separated from unsupported claim of payment/direction for this debate.
Denominators	No speaker-wide accuracy percentage claimed.
Antisemitism exclusion	No antisemitism labels/frameworks applied, per user instruction.
Current status	Death-penalty posture and Sept. 1 probable-cause argument checked through 14 Aug 2026.

Source register

Source keys in the atomic registry refer to the records below. Hearing-transcript proxies are used cautiously and cross-checked against primary/official sources and AP/Reuters where possible. URLs are publication/navigation aids; the controlling claims are described in the source-use line.

[T1] Controlling debate transcript. Candace Owens vs. Andrew Wilson The Charlie Kirk Debate PBD Podcast, user-supplied transcript PDF, 113 pages, 14 Aug 2026. Automatic speaker tags are not trusted.

User-supplied artifact

[T2] Timestamped debate transcript. User-supplied TurboScribe export, 113 pages, 14 Aug 2026. Used to align video timestamps; automatic speaker labels remain untrusted.

User-supplied artifact

[B1] Method benchmark. Pangburn Analysis | Hasan Piker / Norman Finkelstein | Official V2 - Data Report, 13 Aug 2026. Used only for method/layout/taxonomy replication; antisemitism analysis excluded.

User-supplied artifact

[B2] Pre-debate Pangburn audit. Pangburn Analysis | Andrew Wilson vs Candace Owens | Final Audited Edition V2.1, 12 Aug 2026. Pre-debate evidence map; superseded by transcript-based adjudication.

File Library

[S01] Utah Rule of Criminal Procedure 7B. Preliminary examinations: state burden, probable-cause standard; defense may testify, call witnesses, present evidence and cross-examine.

<https://legacy.utcourts.gov/rules/view.php?rule=7B&type=urcrp>

[S02] Utah Rule of Criminal Procedure 16. Discovery: presently and reasonably available material before preliminary examination; continuing disclosure duties.

<https://legacy.utcourts.gov/rules/view.php?rule=16&type=urcrp>

[S03] Utah Rule of Evidence 1102. Reliable hearsay is admissible at criminal preliminary examinations subject to the rule.

<https://legacy.utcourts.gov/rules/view.php?rule=1102&type=ure>

[S04] Utah County Attorney - Charlie Kirk case updates. Official case-status page; Sept. 1, 2026 argument on whether prosecution demonstrated probable cause.

<https://atty.utahcounty.gov/media/ckpr>

[S05] Reuters - investigator/surveillance. 6 Jul 2026. Surveillance/vehicle evidence and preliminary-hearing posture.

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/utah-prosecutors-seek-trial-charlie-kirk-murder-case-2026-07-06/>

[S06] Associated Press - hearing evidence/admissibility. 8 Jul 2026. Rifle/towel/DNA evidence, Twiggs use immunity and evidentiary disputes.

<https://apnews.com/article/42292b4e697c115fe64ad0dc843dcec8>

[S07] Reuters - Twiggs statements/admissions. 9 Jul 2026. Texts, recorded interview, immunity, alleged admissions and defense objections.

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/roommate-charlie-kirk-killing-suspect-make-first-public-statement-2026-07-09/>

[S08] Rev - preliminary hearing Day 1. Transcript proxy: Bagley testimony, rooftop evidence, screwdriver discovery, body-camera termination and medical-examiner material.

<https://www.rev.com/transcripts/ut-v-tyler-robinson---day-1>

[S09] Rev - preliminary hearing Day 2. Transcript proxy: Hull surveillance reconstruction, footwear continuity, backpack evidence and paving questions.

<https://www.rev.com/transcripts/ut-v-tyler-robinson-preliminary-hearing-day-2>

[S10] Rev - preliminary hearing Day 4. Transcript proxy: message/device authentication, rifle/ammunition examinations, bullet-fragment evidence and forensic testimony.

<https://www.rev.com/transcripts/ut-v-tyler-robinson-preliminary-hearing-day-4>

[S11] Rev - preliminary hearing Day 5. Transcript proxy: trigger/trigger-guard DNA mixture, major contributor, contributor count, degradation and timing/activity limits.

<https://www.rev.com/transcripts/ut-v-tyler-robinson-preliminary-hearing-day-5>

[S12] ABC News - Twiggs interviews. 9 Jul 2026. Reports interviews on 12 Sep 2025 and 20 Apr 2026; reports use immunity.

<https://abcnews.com/US/charlie-kirk-court-hearing-video-suspect-tyler-robinsons/story?id=134616170>

[S13] DOJ - United States v. Apfelbaum / immunity and perjury. DOJ guidance states that a grant of immunity does not protect a witness from a perjury charge for false immunized testimony and cites United States v. Apfelbaum, 445 U.S. 115 (1980).

<https://www.justice.gov/archives/jm/criminal-resource-manual-1758-perjury-cases-special-problems-and-defenses-immunity>

[S14] Reuters - death-penalty dispute. 13 Aug 2026. Prosecutors continue to seek death; defense challenges capital aggravator; Sept. 1 argument.

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/defense-charlie-kirk-case-argues-shooter-should-not-face-death-penalty-2026-08-13/>

[S15] Associated Press - death-penalty brief. 12 Aug 2026. Defense argues the shot hit the intended target and did not create statutory high probability of death to others.

<https://apnews.com/article/2e486bce004797c86f0bab4533a96a6f>

[S16] **Reuters Connect - UVU pavers.** 15 Sep 2025. Photographs workers installing pavers at the shooting site five days after Kirk was killed.

<https://www.reutersconnect.com/item/workers-install-pavers-after-fatal-shooting-of-trump-ally-charlie-kirk-at-utah-university/>

[S17] **Associated Press - UVU security review.** 29 Sep 2025 (30 Sep UTC feed). Reports six campus officers, no drone rooftop monitoring and broader security limitations.

<https://apnews.com/article/85cefc5ef2a64d3c33e6a6a444e0c52>

[S18] **Euronews - French allegations.** 27 Nov 2025. Documents Owens allegations, GIGN denial and French response disputing core components.

<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/11/27/candace-owens-says-macrons-ordered-her-assassination-but-provides-no-evidence>

[S19] **AP Fact Check - "conspiracy theory" origin.** 6 Jan 2023. Phrase predates JFK/CIA; 1967 CIA dispatch did not coin it.

<https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-conspiracy-theory-jfk-941578119864>

[S20] **Times of Israel - Netanyahu denial.** 12 Sep 2025. Netanyahu publicly rejected Israel-involvement allegations after such theories were circulating.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/netanyahu-rejects-insane-conspiracy-theories-that-israel-was-behind-charlie-kirks-assassination/

[S21] **Guardian - conspiracy circulation.** 24 Sep 2025. Secondary record that Israel theories were already circulating and Netanyahu made repeated denials.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/24/charlie-kirk-conspiracies-rightwing-podcasters>

[S22] **JTA - Kirk donor messages.** 10 Oct 2025. Reports leaked messages about donor pressure; supports donor-conflict context but not an assassination bridge.

<https://www.jta.org/2025/10/10/united-states/jewish-donors-play-into-all-the-stereotypes-charlie-kirk-wrote-in-leaked-text-messages-before-his-murder>

[S23] **CDC MMWR - mRNA myocarditis benefit-risk.** 2021. Elevated myocarditis risk particularly in younger males; ACIP concluded vaccination benefits overall outweighed known risks at that time.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7027e2.htm>

[S24] **NEJM - BNT162b2 phase 2/3 trial.** 2020. Initial Pfizer-BioNTech trial reported about 95% efficacy against symptomatic COVID-19 under trial conditions.

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2034577>

[S25] **NIJ - footwear database feasibility.** Footwear impressions and suspect footwear are routinely collected/analyzed to include or exclude possible sources.

<https://nij.ojp.gov/events/us-national-footwear-database-system-feasibility-study>

[S26] **NIST - quantitative footwear evidence.** Footwear examinations compare outsole design, size, wear and randomly acquired characteristics; limitations remain.

<https://www.nist.gov/publications/quantitative-evaluation-footwear-evidence-initial-workflow-end-end-system>

[S27] **Associated Press - current prosecution-evidence summary.** 12 Aug 2026. Notes DNA and apparent confession evidence while preserving defense challenges/current posture.

<https://apnews.com/article/2e486bce004797c86f0bab4533a96a6f>

[S28] **ABC/KUTV - inconclusive ballistics.** 16 Apr 2026. Bullet-jacket/fragments could not be conclusively identified to recovered rifle; inconclusive is not exclusion.

<https://abcnews4.com/news/nation-world/damaged-bullet-jacket-fragments-tested-in-inconclusive-ballistic-report-in-kirk-killing>

[S29] **Utah Code - aggravated murder / murder.** Current statutes at report cutoff: Section 76-5-202 aggravated murder; Section 76-5-203 murder.

<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title76/Chapter5/76-5-S202.html> ; <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title76/Chapter5/76-5-S203.html>

[S30] **Fox News - April 17 defense phone-access hearing.** 17 Apr 2026. Quotes Kathryn Nester saying the defense had not been able to get into or review Robinson's phone, while also describing electronic material and hard drives already in defense possession.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/charlie-kirk-case-stalls-accused-shooter-delays-plea-eyes-media-limits>

[S31] **Fox News - Panguitch steakhouse lead.** 17 Jan 2026. Reports a server was relatively certain a diner resembled Robinson, FBI interviews with the owner and two servers, only the last four card digits available, and no confirmation known to the owner that Robinson was the diner.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/one-tyler-robinson-last-meals-free-man-may-have-been-steak-dinner-medium-rare>

[S32] **Fox News - Twiggs FBI protection.** 15 Jan 2026. Reports, citing a law-enforcement source, that Lance Twiggs had been under FBI protection and that the protection later ended; this corroborates federal protection but not a paid safe-house arrangement.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/alleged-charlie-kirk-assassin-tyler-robinson-lover-lance-twiggs-no-longer-under-fbi-protection-source-says>

[S33] **Remington - Core-Lokt .30-06 Springfield 150 Grain.** Manufacturer ballistics for 150-grain Pointed Soft Point Core-Lokt: 2,910 fps muzzle velocity, 2,280 ft-lb at 100 yards and 1,826 ft-lb at 200 yards; used to bound the 150-yard energy discussion.

<https://www.remington.com/rifle/shop-by-caliber/shop-all-calibers/29-27826.html>

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Education module: how to overcome the issues identified in this report

The purpose of this section is not to teach readers what conclusion to hold. It is to teach a repeatable process for making fewer evidentiary mistakes in fast-moving, adversarial disputes - especially where legal proceedings, forensic evidence, anonymous sources and conspiracy allegations intersect.

1. Separate the legal threshold from your personal threshold

A court can apply probable cause while an individual remains personally unconvinced. Do not call a personal demand for stronger proof a legal error unless the speaker actually claims that stronger threshold is the law. Conversely, do not treat a probable-cause finding as proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

2. Separate admissibility from evidentiary weight

A rule can permit hearsay or another category of evidence at a preliminary stage without making every admitted item equally persuasive. Ask two different questions: "May the court consider this?" and "How much weight should this receive?"

3. Distinguish possibility from positive evidence

A mechanism can be logically possible and still have little evidentiary support. Before saying a possibility supports your theory, identify the observation that would be more expected if your theory were true than if competing theories were true.

4. Demand bridge evidence for hidden-action theories

Motive, access, anomalies and relationships can justify investigation. They do not by themselves prove operational participation. Require a bridge: actor, action, access, timing, communication, coordination and independent corroboration.

5. Treat anomalies as questions before treating them as mechanisms

A dead bodycam, quickly altered scene or unexplained object can reduce confidence. First ask what ordinary and extraordinary explanations predict. Do not let "this is weird" silently become "therefore my preferred hidden actor did it."

6. Use anonymous sources as leads, not as self-authenticating proof

Anonymous sourcing can be legitimate. Its evidentiary weight depends on proximity, track record, documentation, corroboration and whether the source's claims can be independently tested. A source being right about one detail does not automatically validate unrelated extraordinary claims.

7. Use forensic vocabulary precisely

DNA is not a fingerprint. A mixed sample does not mean every named reference donor contributed. "Major contributor" is not "shooter." DNA degradation does not automatically date deposition. An inconclusive ballistics comparison is neither a match nor an exclusion.

8. Avoid universal behavioral rules

Statements such as "innocent parents would always speak publicly" or "people only lie to hide something" are fragile. Human behavior is influenced by lawyers, fear, privacy, strategy, trauma and many other variables. Treat behavior as weak evidence unless a validated model supports the inference.

9. Calibrate certainty to the public record

Use language that matches evidence: possible, plausible, supported, strongly supported, unresolved. Reserve categorical certainty for claims that survive serious attempts at falsification. Extraordinary hidden-actor claims should require a stronger bridge, not merely stronger emotion.

10. Keep motive separate from mechanism

Donor conflict, political disagreement and financial incentives can establish possible motive. They do not establish that a person or state planned, financed or executed a killing. Ask: what record moves us from motive to action?

11. Reward visible correction

A speaker who corrects a factual mistake should receive explicit credit. The correction does not erase the original error, but it is a reliability-positive behavior. Systems that punish every correction incentivize people to defend mistakes.

12. Moderate by isolating one proposition at a time

A good live fact-check freezes one claim, gets exact wording, identifies the relevant legal/scientific rule, checks the source, and then returns to the debate. Quick cards can clarify; they can also create false confidence if they answer a narrower question than the speakers are disputing.

13. Use a pre-publication adversarial audit

Before publication, ask a critic to find: misquotes, speaker mistakes, legal-stage errors, hidden assumptions, unsupported universals, stale sources, denominator problems, source-date errors and places where a paraphrase is stronger than the original wording. Change the report when the critic is right.

A 10-question pre-publication checklist

- Is the speaker attribution independently locked?
- Is the wording a direct quote, or clearly labeled as a paraphrase?
- Does the timestamp actually land on the claim?
- Is the claim atomic enough to adjudicate?
- Are legal stage and burden of proof correctly separated?
- Have admissibility and evidentiary weight been kept distinct?
- Have we searched for disconfirming evidence and the strongest charitable interpretation?
- Are anonymous/private sources treated according to their verifiability?
- Do verdict labels match the evidence rather than rhetorical force?
- Were counts, charts, summaries and source dates regenerated from the final ledger?

Quiz: evidence, law and epistemic discipline

Choose the best answer or provide a short response. The answer key is intentionally placed at the very end of the report.

1. Multiple choice

What is the legal burden at the Utah preliminary examination discussed in this report?

- A. Beyond a reasonable doubt B. Clear and convincing evidence C. Probable cause D. Preponderance of the evidence

2. Multiple choice

Rule 1102 permits reliable hearsay at a preliminary examination. What follows?

- A. Every admitted inference has equal weight B. Hearsay becomes automatically true C. Admissibility and evidentiary weight remain distinct D. The defense cannot present evidence

3. Short answer

In one sentence, explain the difference between a possibility and positive evidence for a theory.

4. Multiple choice

What does an elimination/reference sample establish by itself?

- A. The named donor's DNA was found on the gun B. It gives analysts a known profile for comparison C. It proves who fired the gun D. It dates DNA deposition

5. Multiple choice

Does use immunity automatically allow a witness to commit perjury without consequences?

- A. Yes B. No

6. Short answer

What is "bridge evidence" in a hidden-action or conspiracy claim? Name at least three things it should connect.

7. Multiple choice

Which statement best captures "anomaly is not mechanism"?

- A. Anomalies are irrelevant B. An anomaly can reduce confidence without identifying who caused it or how C. Every anomaly proves concealment D. Mechanisms are opinions

8. Short answer

Why can donor conflict or political disagreement justify investigation without proving operational participation in a murder?

9. Multiple choice

Why was C049 changed from FALSE to NOT RATEABLE?

- A. The transcript was missing B. Owens clearly stated the legal standard correctly C. The exchange primarily described her personal persuasion threshold, not an unambiguous claim about the governing legal burden D. The preliminary hearing was canceled

10. Multiple choice

What is the best treatment of an anonymous source making an extraordinary claim?

- A. Accept it if the source was right once B. Ignore all anonymous sources C. Treat it as a lead whose weight depends on proximity, records and independent corroboration D. Treat anonymity as proof of danger

11. Multiple choice

Which is the clearest example of false precision in the debate?

- A. Saying the preliminary hearing lasted several days B. Assigning "90%" to how much of Owens' case is intuition-based without a coded denominator C. Saying a sample is mixed D. Saying a bullet comparison is inconclusive

12. Short answer

Why is a live correction - such as withdrawing an overclaim - epistemically valuable even though it does not erase the original error?

13. Multiple choice

What is the best V2.1 treatment of "murder" vs "aggravated murder"?

- A. They are identical statutory sections B. "Murder charge" is always legally false shorthand C. The statutory distinction is real, but "murder charge" can still be ordinary shorthand for an aggravated-murder count D. Aggravated murder is not homicide

14. Short answer

Name two moderator practices that improve live fact-check reliability.

15. Multiple choice

What does HOLD mean in the Pangburn taxonomy?

- A. Proven false B. Proven true C. No merits verdict because decisive provenance or record is unavailable D. Normative opinion

Quiz answer key

1. C - Probable cause.
2. C - Admissibility and evidentiary weight remain distinct.
3. A possibility shows that a mechanism could occur; positive evidence is an observation that actually increases the theory's support relative to competing explanations.
4. B - A reference/elimination sample provides a known profile for comparison; the act of collecting it does not establish that donor on the gun.
5. B - No. Use immunity does not create a license to lie or commit perjury.
6. Bridge evidence connects the proposed hidden actor to the mechanism - for example who acted, what they did, how they accessed the evidence, when they acted, communications/coordination, and independent corroboration.
7. B - An anomaly can reduce confidence without identifying who caused it or how.
8. Motive/context explains why someone might warrant investigation; operational participation requires evidence connecting that actor to planning, access, communication, financing or execution.
9. C - Her "slam dunk" answer was primarily a personal evidentiary threshold, not a clear statement that beyond-reasonable-doubt was the legal preliminary-hearing standard.
10. C - Treat it as a lead whose weight depends on proximity, documentation and independent corroboration.
11. B - The unsupported 90% intuition estimate.
12. A correction demonstrates willingness to update in response to evidence. It should be credited while the original error remains part of the record.
13. C - The statutory distinction is real, but "murder charge" remains ordinary shorthand for an aggravated-murder count.
14. Examples: freeze one proposition at a time; obtain exact wording; show the underlying source; distinguish legal stage from merits; separate admissibility from weight; ask what evidence would change a speaker's mind; verify insinuations directly.
15. C - HOLD means no merits verdict because decisive provenance, source identity, device evidence or other necessary record is unavailable.