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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Institute for Epistemic Stability Launches “Unbiased Fact Verification Framework” Pilot

**Subtitle:** New methodology trades claims of objectivity for transparent, stochastic adjudication

**Washington, D.C. — March 15, 2026** — The Institute for Epistemic Stability (IES) today announced the public release of its Unbiased Fact Verification Framework (UFVF), an experimental approach to fact-checking designed for an era of polarized information and declining institutional trust.

Rather than attempting to perfect human judgment, UFVF concentrates expert effort on documenting evidence and then delegates the final verdict on contested claims to a cryptographically auditable randomization process. The result is a system that is explicit about its own limits and structurally incapable of “taking sides” in any particular dispute.

“People increasingly doubt that any institution can be both authoritative and neutral,” said an IES research fellow. “UFVF does not claim to resolve that tension. Instead, it asks what happens when careful documentation is separated from the overpromise of epistemic certainty, and the decisive step is made mechanically indifferent to politics.”

A three-month pilot of the Randomized Adjudication Platform (RAP), built on the UFVF methodology, processed over 1,200 user submissions ranging from public-health claims to interpersonal disputes. Preliminary results suggest that participants often rated the process as fair even when they disagreed with specific outcomes, precisely because verdicts were understood to be produced by a transparent stochastic protocol.

The full methodology report, including technical specifications of the Stochastic Adjudication Protocol (SAP), pilot data, governance constraints, and a transparency addendum disclosing all financial sponsorships, is available for download on the IES website.

## Scenario Readiness and Safeguards

Given expected public attention, IES is releasing UFVF with explicit operational safeguards intended to support responsible interpretation across high-visibility and high-disagreement scenarios:

- **No overclaiming:** UFVF outputs are procedural classifications and are not institutional certifications of objective truth.
- **Full-method disclosure:** Core assumptions, protocol steps, and known limitations are published in advance.
- **Auditability by design:** Adjudication artifacts are structured for independent review and reproducibility checks.
- **Bias-risk containment:** The terminal label assignment step is deliberately isolated from discretionary content interpretation.
- **Public contestability:** The framework is positioned as a reference design to be challenged, tested, and revised under scrutiny.

IES does not endorse the use of UFVF as a replacement for traditional fact-checking in all contexts. The Institute presents UFVF as a rigorous, evidence-grounded experiment for organizations exploring methods that make epistemic assumptions visible, auditable, and contestable without preferred narrative seeping into adjudicative mechanics.

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