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The Disclosure Velocity Index

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What it measures

The DVI quantifies one question: how fast is institutional engagement with UAP moving? It measures institutional behavior, not the phenomenon. The index rises when governments, legislatures, scientific bodies, financial actors, and media engage with the subject in documented ways. It takes no position on what UAP are, and neither does anyone who uses it. It measures what institutions do, not what is true. The full method is published so the index can be audited and recomputed from the public dataset.

The formula

$$\mathrm{DVI} = 10 \times \log_2(D_{36} / D_0) / \log_2(128)$$

- **D_{36}** is the weighted density of qualifying events over the trailing 36 months (weighted events per year).
- **$D_0 = 0.300$** is the historical baseline: the average annual density of qualifying events across 1946–2016, before the modern acceleration.
- **$\log_2(128) = 7$** normalizes the scale, so a density 128× the baseline would read as 10.

The logarithm is deliberate. Each additional point represents roughly a doubling of weighted signal density relative to baseline, so moving from 5 to 6 is a doubling, not a single increment. This mirrors seismic and volatility scales, where the measured quantity spans orders of magnitude.

The weighting

Each qualifying event carries one of three weights:

- **1.0, formal institutional action:** a binding or structural act, such as creating a permanent office, passing or depositing legislation, a co-signed official report, an executive directive, or sworn legislative testimony. *Example: AARO (2022)*.
- **0.8, secondary institutional signal:** a substantive but less structural act, such as a single hearing, a program disclosure, or a formal risk classification by a major private institution. *Example: Deloitte's 2026 risk classification*.
- **0.5, credentialed signal:** an on-record statement by a credentialed individual in a professional but not fully institutional capacity, or an individual peer-reviewed publication.

The three tiers are intentionally coarse. Finer weights would imply a precision the underlying judgments do not have.

Inclusion and exclusion

An event qualifies only if it is both (1) attributable to a named institution or credentialed individual, and (2) documented in a primary or on-record source. Excluded: anonymous claims, sightings and videos as such (the index measures institutional response, not phenomena), media commentary, and rumor. These exclusions make the dataset smaller and its movements defensible.

The rolling window

The DVI uses a 36-month rolling window, not a cumulative count, so isolated historical events do not permanently inflate it. This is why the historical curve shows real past waves (the Project Sign / Grudge / Blue Book era; the national programs of the late 1970s) that each reverted to near zero as activity faded. The index rises only when engagement clusters and sustains. The 1946–2016 average sits near 0.6.

The current reading

DVI 6.8 (July 2026). D_{36} ≈ 8.1 weighted events/year; against $D_0 = 0.300$, the ratio is ≈ 27. Through the formula: $\log_2(27) \approx 4.76$, and $10 \times 4.76 / 7 \approx 6.8$. The "27× baseline" figure is simply that ratio. The full dataset is public: remove events you find too weak, downgrade weights you find too generous, and recompute. Counting only events weighted 0.8 and above yields 6.7, so the score rests on the formal events, not the marginal ones.

On the scale and its thresholds

The band boundaries (Baseline 0–3, Monitor 3–5, Readiness 5–7, Activation 7–9, Critical 9–10) are interpretive, not natural law. Nothing physical happens at exactly 7.0 that does not happen at 6.9. The bands are a reading aid: they translate a continuous number into a small set of postures, the way a credit rating translates a continuous default probability into letters. The distinction between 6.8 and 7.1 is not a claim that one is categorically different from the other; it is that a round threshold gives an organization a pre-agreed, non-arbitrary point at which to change what it does, decided in calm rather than argued in the moment. The value of the threshold is that it is fixed in advance, not that 7.0 is uniquely correct. An organization is free to set its own boundary at 6.7 or 7.3; what matters is choosing one and committing to it.

Band	Range	Meaning
Baseline	0–3	Historical background rate
Monitor	3–5	Elevated activity; preparedness review warranted
Readiness	5–7	Sustained engagement; active preparation warranted
Activation	7–9	Critical threshold; full organizational activation
Critical	9–10	Maximal institutional engagement

What it is, and is not

The DVI is a transparent, rules-based, auditable measure of institutional engagement over time. It is not a prediction of whether or when disclosure will occur, a probability estimate, a claim about the phenomenon, or a validated actuarial instrument. It is a monitoring index meant to prompt examination and escalation of preparedness, never to trigger any automatic action on its own. It is published in full so it can be challenged; corrections and additional verified events are welcome.

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