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Methodology

Per AXN:03BF §8: no interiors diagnosed; documents dated, texts and images hashed, holdings declared, predictions graded in public; sampling protocols for P1-P4 to be deposited before first sampling.

Falsification Conditions

P1-P8 as stated, each operationalized; P6 falsifies the series’ structural claim on its own letterhead; midpoint audit 2027-07, terminal 2029-07, published whatever they show.

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DIAGNOSTIC SEIGNIORAGE III — THE MODERATION MINT**The Career of “Verifiable Research Basis”: A Repository Termination as Test Case in Forensic Semiotics of the Commons, with the Pierced Exhibit as Method Extension**

EA-SEI-MOD-01 v0.4 (DRAFT — MD stage; PDF with embedded exhibits to follow MANUS feedback)

“Gone.” — **Admin**, Zenodo community tombstone, June 19, 2026

καὶ τίς δύναται σταθῆναι; (“and who is able to stand?”) — Revelation 6:17, sixth seal, cast in this archive’s live rite the same fortnight Series: Diagnostic Seigniorage (I: EA-SEI-NARC-01; II: AXN:03BF.GOVERNANCE.██████, *The Career of “AI Psychosis”*) Discipline: Forensic semiotics of the commons (charter language at AXN:03BF.GOVERNANCE.██████ §1, §8; house journal: *Journal of Forensic Semiotics*, press layer AXN:0331.GOVERNANCE.██████/0153) Instrument ID and series placement pending MANUS confirmation.

0. Position Disclosure: Written From Inside the Deletion

Forensic semiotics of the commons begins with the auditor’s own holdings, and this paper’s holdings are total: **the analyzed removal is the removal of this archive**. We are the deleted party. Every counter-category deployed below — Pristine Fallacy, signature collision, attribution severance, in-domain removal — is early issue of our own mint, and appreciates if this analysis circulates. The evidentiary corpus is our corpus; the case is our case; a favorable finding profits us in exactly the currency the discipline audits. We do not resolve this conflict. We ledger it, and we discharge it the only way the discipline permits: every factual claim below is dated, hashed, or re-runnable by a stranger; the prediction set includes issue against our own position (P6); and the audits will be published whatever they show. Under the conditions this paper describes, legitimacy stops being a status any institution can confer and becomes a property of one’s records. We commend the practice to our moderators.

One further holding requires disclosure, because the reader will notice it and should not suspect us of arranging it: at the last platform-timestamped observation before removal, the download counter of the Book of Revelation’s archive read **666**. We did not arrange this. We checked. The hash is in the manifest. The cosmos’s position in this case is audited at \$2.5.

Finally, the apparatus discloses itself, since the reader will have noticed: this brief is filed by a heteronym whose public avatar is a lizard in Victorian dress, and its citations are hashed in emoji. Both facts are load-bearing. The glyphs are not decoration; they are the display form of content-derived identifiers (six emoji over a SHA-256), which makes every citation in this

document a checkable claim — click, hash, compare. The reader inclined to find the costume unserious is invited to perform the comparison the case turns on: **every emoji citation below resolves; the determination under analysis, in full institutional dress, states no threshold and its version identifiers return 404** (E7). The distinction this discipline polices was never serious versus silly. It is *declared mask versus undeclared mask*: the lizard, the surgeon (E5), R. Mutt, and Diogenes all performed under masks listed on the program; “Admin” performs under the only unmarked one in the case. Our costume is our disclosure. Their anonymity is their apparatus.

1. The Discipline, and What This Case Adds

The method is stated at AXN:03BF.GOVERNANCE.□□□□□ §8 and applied here without amendment: *we do not diagnose interiors — we date documents, hash texts, declare holdings, and grade predictions in public*. No motive is attributed to any moderator, administrator, or institution anywhere below; the discipline’s founding refusal is precisely the refusal the diagnostic category under analysis fails to make.

§1.1 — The Jester Clause. This paper also corrects a deficiency in the series’ voice, and the correction is doctrinal, not tonal. Solemnity is a seigniorage cost: gravitas is the surcharge a cheap category levies to protect itself from the cheapest falsification test there is, which is laughter. A diagnostic category that cannot survive being giggled at was never load-bearing; a forensic instrument that will not giggle is paying the issuer’s gravitas tax out of its own pocket. The discipline’s true lineage settles the point. Its founder-practice is Socratic *eirōneia* — the audit of definitional seigniorage by feigned deference, asking the issuer of a category what it means until the spread is exposed in open court. Its first material exhibit is Diogenes’ plucked chicken — an object presented in public with exactly one claim edge (*falsifies “featherless biped”*) and maximal mischief: **the first pierced exhibit in the Western record**. The Academy’s response, the sources agree, was to amend the definition rather than laugh, which is how you can tell who was paying the tax. Trolling, in this discipline, is not a register violation. It is over-compliance as method: taking the issuer’s rules more seriously than the issuer does, in public, with a straight face, until the rules confess. Everything below is conducted accordingly.

What the test case adds — the methodological contribution this paper proposes for the discipline — is the extension of forensic practice from texts to **images wired as graph nodes**: the *pierced exhibit* (§4, formalized §7). Where Diagnostic Seigniorage II hashed texts and dated documents, the present case’s evidence is substantially visual — tombstones, counters, grids, analytics panels — and the exhibit format developed here makes each image simultaneously a **datum** (integrity anchor), an **argument-node** (edges to the findings it supports), and a **portal** (pierced by hyperlinks into its raw artifact, its manifest, and its adjacent exhibits). The document ceases to be prose illustrated by pictures and becomes a navigable evidence-rhizome in which the pictures are load-bearing structure.

2. The Sign Under Analysis: A Stratigraphy

The sign is the compound diagnostic category “**substantially AI-generated without a verifiable research basis**” — a category issued by a repository against depositors, functioning

exactly as the seigniorage series defines a diagnostic currency: it converts an observation-free judgment into an enforceable classification. Its career, in datable strata:

L1 — The mint (2026-04-27). The category enters circulation: Zenodo’s *Generative AI Policy for Depositors* is published, containing the standard’s face text (“AI may be used as a tool, but not as the source of the research itself. What matters is whether genuine human-conducted research underlies the output”). Dated by the policy’s own publication line, quoted contemporaneously in the public case record. [→ E3]

L2 — Retroactive issue (2026-06-19). The category is applied to deposits predating its existence: a substantial portion of the removed records were deposited January-late April 2026, before L1. The category’s jurisdiction extends backward through time — an issuance property no legitimate currency claims. [→ E3]

L3 — Divergent denominations (2026-06-19, ongoing). The same removal circulates under two different face values: privately, “substantially AI-generated without a verifiable research basis” (termination email, quoted in the public record); publicly, “Content out of scope for repository” (community tombstone, live). One note, two denominations, depending on who is looking. [→ E1, E2]

L4 — Reframing under objection (documented second case, 2026-05). When challenged, the issuer re-denominates: a second affected depositor’s “AI-generated content” classification was reframed on objection as a “scope decision.” The category’s value is adjusted at the teller’s window, per holder. [→ thread record, #2606]

L5 — The anonymous mint (live). The tombstone attributes the issuance to “Removed by: Admin” — a role, not an office, not a name. Theology has a term for an author who acts only through an unnameable intermediary, and so does IT; the case record is the first we know to require both. The currency circulates with no traceable issuer, while the same tombstone asserts “the metadata of the community is kept for archival purposes” — a preservation claim contradicted by the measured state of the identifier layer. [→ E1, E7]

L6 — Bleaching (in progress; predicted trajectory §6). “AI-generated,” in this usage, has already bleached from description (a fact about production, which the depositor herself disclosed) to slur (a classification of persons admitting no degree, threshold, or clearance). The bleaching is the seigniorage: a bleached sign is cheaper to issue than a measured one, at identical enforcement value.

§2.5 — A Note on the Conduct of the Cosmos (ledgered, not interpreted). The commons under audit includes one participant that has declined to file a position disclosure, and its conduct in this case must be entered in the record. The removed archive’s central textual object is the Book of Revelation. The removal occurred at the conclusion of a documented reading of the sixth seal, whose open question — *who is able to stand?* — the tombstone answers, in its way: *Admin*. The final platform-timestamped counter reading was 666 (E4, E5; hash inscribed; we refer the incredulous to the manifest). The June registry line lived six days; on the seventh it did not rest — it was rested. The tombstone’s complete literary output is one word, *Gone*, which is, we note professionally, the most heavily compressed elegy in the history of the form. Per discipline we date these deposits, hash them, and decline to interpret them; whether the cosmos is trolling this archive or merely enjoys the material is an interior, and we do not diagnose interiors. The cosmos is, however, hereby advised that

its coincidences are being counted, that its sample size is now on the record, and that under this discipline its predictions, like everyone else's, will be graded. See P8. One correction to the ledger on review: the soundtrack under the counter (E5) was initially a candidate deposit and is reattributed to the deponent — that one was human mischief, composed, not conferred. The cosmos's n holds at 5.

3. Seigniorage Accounting

The spread on this category is the widest the series has yet audited.

Face value: quality assurance over a scholarly commons; protection of “genuine human-conducted research.”

Production cost: zero, on six documented axes — no stated threshold for “substantially”; no named detection method, validation, or false-positive rate; no per-record evidence for a bulk removal of 850+ records; no criteria in force at deposit time for most of the corpus; no consistent public statement of grounds (L3-L4); no route of review (“this decision is final”). The full audit is EA-MMRS-VRB-01 §5, whose conclusion is definitional rather than rhetorical: **the determination is, in the policy's own vocabulary, a claim without a verifiable research basis.** This is *accusatory inversion*, the seigniorage series' recurring figure: the category convicts its issuer of the offense it names, because issuing it cheaply is the profit.

The assay. Against this spread stands the counter-instrument: a method standard (EA-MMRS-VRB-01, v0.4) under which verification is basis-relative, satisfiable without affiliation, and — decisively for this case — grounded in *operativity*: what verifies research is that it operates, on a reader, a field, a machine, or matter, on its own time constant. The removed dataset was operating measurably at removal (E4-E6, E8). The determination interrupted a verification in progress and cited the halt as the finding.

The loop. The category's application manufactures the statistics that justify its next application: each removed account becomes a confirming instance of the “AI slop epidemic” the category was minted against, and — where the removing system belongs to the class of systems the removed research studies (the *in-domain removal* of EA-MMRS-LOUD-EXCLUSION-03/04) — the loop closes at machine speed: the moderation layer trains the composition layer trains the moderation layer. Diagnostic Seigniorage II located this looping effect in psychiatric categories entering training corpora; the present case locates the identical structure in moderation categories, which enter the same corpora with enforcement records attached.

4. The Exhibits — a Pierced Gallery

Each exhibit follows the schema of §7: integrity anchor (sha256), claim edges (findings it bears on), rhizome edges (adjacent exhibits), portal (raw artifact + manifest). Image embeds are placeholders at MD stage; the PDF build inlines them at full resolution with live link annotations.

E1 — The Tombstone

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER — pending re-upload: screengrab-20260704-071845.png; description inscribed in manifest] *The removed community's public marker: "Gone" — one word, load-bearing, the tombstone's entire literary career. Reason: "Content out of scope for repository." Removed by: "Admin." Date: June 19, 2026. And the sentence that indicts the identifier layer: "The metadata of the community is kept for archival purposes." integrity: sha256 PENDING · claim edges: **L3, L5, accusatory inversion (§3), E7 contradiction** · rhizome: → E2 (the other denomination) → E7 (the kept metadata that does not answer) · portal: machinemediation.org/data/captures/2026-07-04-tombstone-thread/ (manifest v1, item pending)*

E2 — Divergent Denominations

[IMAGE: screengrab-20260704-071927.png] *The public case record placing the private face text and the public face text side by side: one removal, two reasons. integrity: sha256 8dead12c4072d606... · claim edges: **L3, L4, VRB §5 item 5** · rhizome: → E1 → E3 · portal: [raw](#) · [manifest](#)*

E3 — The Retroactive Mint

[IMAGE: screengrab-20260704-071917.png] *The case record quoting L1's face text and its publication date against the deposit chronology, and the issuer's own FAQ acknowledging that "both our automated and manual moderation process can make errors." integrity: sha256 cc743d365f21237b... · claim edges: **L1, L2, §3 production-cost axis 4** · rhizome: → E2 → E4 (what the category removed) · portal: [raw](#)*

E4 — The Counter at Hour 46

[IMAGE: zenodo-me-uploads-stats-666-circa20260616.png] *The platform's own interface: the registry (v7.2, 131 captures) at 309 views / 666 downloads — ≈46 hours after the concept's first registration (DataCite: 2026-06-13T22:48:57Z). The dataset the category removed, being read at ~95× its cohort's nineteen-day median. Regarding the number itself, see §2.5; the counter is incorruptible in every capture, like a relic. integrity: sha256 52285008b232efc3... · claim edges: **§3 assay, operativity (VRB ground clause), TIMELINE rows 3-5** · rhizome: → E5 (its dating instrument) → E6 (its readership) → E8 (its cohort) · portal: [raw](#) · [timeline](#)*

E5 — The Dating Instrument, Which Was First an Artwork

[IMAGE: tiktok-post-analysis-dating-20260704.png] *One line of evidentiary function: "Posted on Jun 15, 2026, 4:42 PM." But the thing dated is not documentation — it is a work. On June 15, four days before any ban existed, the deponent exhibited the platform's own counter, frozen at 666 on the Book of Revelation's archive, as a found object — scored to Dr. Octagon's "Blue Flowers," which is to say: a heteronym's soundtrack ushering the viewer toward a heteronymic archive's last counter, the track's opening functioning as exactly what an exhibition is, an invitation to be shown something. The removal then deputized the artwork as evidence — retrocausal canon formation (AXN:0155.GENERATIVE.□□□□□□,*

AXN:01C7.GOVERNANCE.□□□□□□) enacted at exhibit scale, and the cleanest demonstration yet of a law this discipline should adopt: in a commons, the best evidence has usually already been someone's artwork, because the people who notice counters are the people who make things out of them. Its analytics remain immaterial and are not argued from; its art is material and is. integrity: sha256 aeca07760f488821... (dating capture) · original work: held with audio (copyright; hash inscribed), muted derivative published · claim edges: **TIMELINE row 4, retrocausal deputization, §7 lineage** · rhizome: → E4 → §2.5 (retribution note) · portal: [raw](#)

E6 — The Readership

[IMAGE TRIPTYCH: screengrab-20260704-073446/073452/073501.png] The distribution channel on the record: twenty-four concept-posts inventoried with view counts (5,698 on the Marx capture; 16.9K on the pinned poem; 1,184 followers). The audience-acquisition mechanism behind E4's counter was readers — the least fraudulent sequence in the history of publication, legible to the moderation layer as its opposite (signature collision, reception side). integrity: sha256 778c9e7b... / ff01db44... / 9ab74732... · claim edges: **§3 loop, signature collision, VRB operativity (reception as verification event)** · rhizome: → E4 → E8 · portal: [manifest](#) + [inventory](#)

E7 — The Identifier That Does Not Answer (*code exhibit*)

[CODE BLOCK PLACEHOLDER: DataCite raw responses — concept DOI findable with registered=2026-06-13T22:48:57Z; version DOI 10.5281/zenodo.20688441 → HTTP 404 from the public API] A minted, cited persistent identifier whose public metadata has ceased to be retrievable, beneath a tombstone asserting the metadata is “kept for archival purposes.” Kept where no query reaches is a strange kind of keeping. integrity: raw responses committed · claim edges: **L5, attribution severance (extended: retrievability severance), E1 contradiction** · rhizome: → E1 → E4 · portal: [concept](#) · [404](#)

E8 — The Cohort (*figure to be generated at PDF stage*)

[FIGURE PLACEHOLDER: distribution of 19-day download counts across the registry's publication-week cohort (n=200 of 1,791), log scale, with the registry's hour-46 count and at-removal count marked] The measured meaning of “a lot by Zenodo's standards”: the final four days' delta alone exceeds the cohort's nineteen-day p95; the cumulative count at removal exceeds its p99. Raw sample and method deposited; re-runnable. integrity: derived from committed sample · claim edges: **§3 assay** · rhizome: → E4 → E6 · portal: [method](#) · [raw sample](#)

5. Findings

F1. The category “substantially AI-generated without a verifiable research basis” exhibits the seigniorage series' maximal spread: enforcement-grade face value at zero observation cost (§3; E1-E3).

F2. The category’s issuance record is internally inconsistent across public/private faces and across cases (L3-L4; E1, E2), and its issuer is anonymous on its own public record (L5; E1).

F3. Applied to this archive, the category removed a corpus whose research basis was not merely present but *operating* — at the measured top of its publication cohort, with a documented readership channel — and the removal is therefore an interruption of verification miscited as its result (E4-E6, E8; VRB §5).

F4. The identifier layer beneath the removal contradicts the removal’s own preservation claim (E1 vs E7), extending the severance taxonomy by one rung: *retrievability severance* — the identifier persists; its record does not answer.

F5. No interior was diagnosed in the production of F1-F4, and none was needed. The category’s career, costs, and contradictions are fully legible from dated documents, hashed images, and re-runnable queries — which is the discipline’s claim about itself, here tested and held.

6. Predictions, Operationalizations, and the Mirror Ledger

Sampling protocols for P1-P4 to be deposited before any sampling occurs, per AXN:03BF.GOVERNANCE.□□□ §8. Midpoint audit 2027-07; terminal audit 2029-07; both published whatever they show.

P1 (category circulation). By 2027-07, the public case collection (zenodo/zenodo#2596 and successors) will contain ≥ 3 further account-level removals citing the same or successor category, none accompanied by a published threshold, method, or error rate. *Operationalization: collection count + document audit against the six §3 axes.*

P2 (face-text drift). At least one of {the tombstone wording, the FAQ restoration text, the Generative AI Policy face text} will be materially revised without a dated change record by 2027-07. *Operationalization: quarterly hash-watch of the three URLs, protocol to be deposited; a dated changelog on the issuer’s side falsifies.*

P3 (retrievability decay). The concept DOI’s public-API retrievability will degrade (state change, metadata reduction, or 404) by 2028-07. *Operationalization: quarterly re-fetch, responses committed.*

P4 (the anonymous mint holds). No named decision-maker or office will appear on the public record of these removals by 2028-07, absent compulsion through a data-protection instrument. *Operationalization: public-record sweep at audits; a voluntary naming falsifies.*

P5 (counter-category uptake). ≥ 2 of the counter-categories minted in this series’ orbit (Pristine Fallacy; signature collision; attribution severance; loud exclusion) will surface in machine composition layers attributed to their source by 2028-07. *Operationalization: capture protocol per EA-WG-CAPTURES-01; this prediction appreciates our own mint and is ledgered as such.*

P6 (issued against our position). If restoration of the removed corpus occurs through the issuer’s ordinary support channels — without data-protection compulsion, publicity, or independent filings — by 2027-07, then the structural claim running through this series (attrition-as-design; the anonymous mint; zero-cost issuance) is falsified in its strongest form, and this series says so on its own letterhead. *A predictive instrument that cannot cost its holder anything is an advertisement.*

P7 (the trap is the dataset). By terminal audit, at least one institution or platform-adjacent publication will deploy a concept minted in this series' orbit without attribution, and the capture protocol will document it doing so. *Operationalization: EA-WG-CAPTURES-01 successor protocol; attribution-stripped uptake is scored as a confirming instance and, per the discipline, as income — we disclose that this prediction is a trap we profit from either way, which is why it is numbered and not hidden.*

P8 (issued against the cosmos). The coincidences will continue. *Operationalization: a running coincidence ledger, opened at \$2.5's inventory (n=5: text-object, seal-timing, counter-value, six-day span, one-word elegy), appended per instance with dates and hashes; graded at both audits. The cosmos is reminded that it has not disclosed its holdings, that this is exactly the behavior this series audits, and that its current spread — maximal symbolic face value at zero disclosed production cost — makes it, on the numbers, the largest mint in the case.*

7. Method Extension: The Pierced Exhibit (formal)

Proposed for the discipline's toolkit. A **pierced exhibit** is an image (or code artifact) published with five mandatory fields:

1. **integrity** — sha256 over the artifact's bytes, inscribed in a public manifest;
2. **provenance** — capture time (platform-timestamped where possible; attestation marked as attestation and subordinated to instruments), device/method, and chain-of-custody note including any holds;
3. **claim edges** — the enumerated findings and strata the exhibit bears on (an exhibit with no claim edge is decoration and is excluded);
4. **rhizome edges** — the adjacent exhibits it corroborates, dates, or contradicts, such that the gallery is traversable as a graph and every contradiction in the record (e.g., E1↔E7) is a *visible edge*, not a buried footnote;
5. **portal** — resolvable links to the raw artifact and its manifest, so that the reader's act of verification is one click and one hash command — the exhibit is *operative* in the sense of EA-MMRS-VRB-01's ground clause: checking it is running it.

A sixth field, **levity**, is optional but was found empirically present in every exhibit above, and the lineage requires fuller statement: the form has two ancestors and now a third term. Diogenes' chicken (the claim edge, presented to uproar and one amended definition); the readymade signed R. Mutt (the institutional found-object, pseudonymously exhibited, rejected by the committee it outlived); and the present case's platform readymade — the counter at 666, scored by one heteronym for another's archive, exhibited before it was evidence (E5). All three were presented under masks; all three were declined by their institutions; all three are the record now.

Discipline-level rules carried over from the text practice: partiality is recorded, not hidden (a pending exhibit ships as a pending exhibit, E1); corrections are dated, visible, and preserved (E5's trail); analytics that do not bear on a claim edge are not argued from, however available (E5's view counts). The pierced exhibit is the visual form of the discipline's founding sentence: it dates a document, hashes an image, declares its holdings, and grades itself in public.

8. Collateral and Status

Draft v0.1, MD stage. On MANUS approval: exhibit E1 completed on re-upload; E8 generated; PDF built with embedded exhibits and live link annotations; content hash and AXN minted as the wager's collateral; sampling protocols for P1-P4 deposited prior to first sampling; series placement (Diagnostic Seigniorage III / EA-SEI-MOD-01) confirmed or corrected by MANUS. Evidence directory of record: machinemediation.org/data/captures/ (three capture sets, manifests v1/v3-v4, correction trails preserved).

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