

RAVine: Reality-Aligned Evaluation for Agentic Search

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Abstract

Agentic search, as a more autonomous and adaptive paradigm of retrieval augmentation, is driving the evolution of intelligent search systems. However, existing evaluation frameworks fail to align well with the real goals of agentic search. First, existing evaluation queries with complex queries and short-form answers often deviate from realistic user search scenarios. Second, most evaluations focus solely on the end-to-end performance, neglecting assessment of iterative process inherent to agentic search. To address these limitations, we propose RAVine—a Reality-Aligned eValuation framework for agentic LLMs with search. RAVine targets real user queries which need multi-faceted search and long-form answers. And we introduce an attributable nuggets construction strategy to enhance long-form evaluation precision and consistency. Moreover, RAVine examines models with process-oriented metrics, including search tool performance and efficiency. We benchmark a series of models using RAVine and derive several insights, which we hope will contribute to advancing the development of agentic search systems.

1 Introduction

The emergence of the Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG; Lewis et al., 2021; Gao et al., 2024) has addressed factuality issues in Large Language Models (LLMs; Zhao et al., 2025; Brown et al., 2020) and transformed the way people access information. To enable more intelligent RAG systems, the retrieval-augmentation paradigm is undergoing a shift: from static and passive search (Yu et al., 2023; Shi et al., 2023; Borgeaud et al., 2022) to agentic search (Singh et al., 2025; Li et al., 2025a).

As a model-level capability, agentic search seeks to enhance information filtering and integration via adaptive, retrieval-integrated iterative processes. However, present evaluation frameworks tend to

converge locally which diverges from this target in several key aspects:

Misalignment in Evaluation Scenarios. Many existing benchmarks focus on complex queries with multiple constraints and use short entities as ground truth answers (Wei et al., 2025). However, it diverges from common real-world queries, which are often vague or underspecified. Additionally, it overlooks scenarios requiring long-form outputs. Figure 1 shows that user queries may target abstract queries that involve agentic search over multiple aspects, demanding report-level replies. Although some methods have considered long-form tasks (Xue et al., 2025; Pradeep et al., 2025), their precision and verifiability remain limited.

Misalignment in Evaluation Views. Many existing benchmarks focus entirely on end-to-end performance (Coelho et al., 2025; Pradeep et al., 2024b), neglecting the process features of agentic search: iterative reasoning, search tool invocation, and information integration toward the final answer. Evaluating merely the outcomes may overlook critical aspects of the underlying process, such as retrieval performance and efficiency.

The limited generalizability of evaluation scenarios and the insufficient specificity of evaluation views result in a misalignment between existing agentic search benchmarks and real-world conditions. Consequently, this may give rise to systemic issues, such as skewed assessment of capabilities, unrecognized model-level deficiencies, and the inability to provide targeted adjustments.

In this paper, we propose **RAVine**—a Reality-Aligned eValuation framework for agentic search. RAVine is a comprehensive system, encompassing the web environment, benchmark datasets, and a novel evaluation method, serving as a full-process, reproducible, and goal-aligned evaluation sandbox.

Specifically, we utilize queries derived from Bing logs as our test set. To enable rigorous evalua-

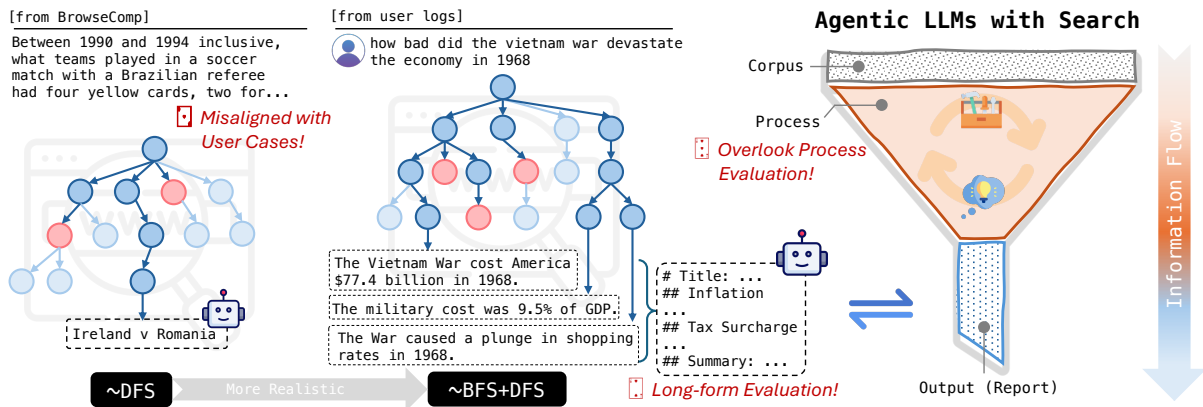


Figure 1: Overview of the key misalignments addressed by our work. From left to right: (1) The divergence between complex queries and broad, real-world user needs. (2) Neglect in the evaluation of long-form report answer. (3) The tendency of existing frameworks to perform end-to-end evaluation while overlooking the process.

tion of long-form answers, we construct a sandbox environment where a large-scale web corpus substitutes the live web, ensuring stable and verifiable ground truth. Furthermore, we design a multi-stage, attributable nuggets¹ extraction pipeline that filters out low-quality nuggets and ensures consistency between citations and nugget-level evaluation. In addition, we introduce a set of process-oriented metrics for capturing the marginal impact of tool usage and measuring execution efficiency.

Based on RAVine, we evaluate the performance of a series of agentic LLMs with search. Our study reveals some key findings: (1) current models exhibit limitations in task completeness, faithfulness, and search performance; (2) strong performance during the search process does not necessarily lead to high-quality final answers; and (3) models exhibit a tendency to rely on internal knowledge to generate the final report, which is an unattributable and undesirable behavior that has been overlooked in previous evaluations.

Our core contributions are as follows:

- We propose **RAVine**, a novel evaluation framework for agentic search addressing the misalignment in existing evaluation methods.
- We develop a multi-stage, attributable nuggets extraction pipeline and process-oriented metrics, offering stable, verifiable, and multi-dimensional evaluation for agentic search.
- We conduct extensive experiments across a range of agentic LLMs with search, yielding

¹Nuggets refer to gold information units extracted from gold documents associated with a query; it serves as the claim-level ground truth for evaluation.

valuable insights that offer meaningful directions for future research on agentic search.

2 Sandbox for Agentic Search

Some agentic search environments use Wikipedia dumps as the web corpus (Jin et al., 2025; Song et al., 2025), while others operate on the real-world live web (Li et al., 2025a; Zheng et al., 2025). The former lacks diversity, whereas the latter suffers from instability. To address this, we aim to construct a sandbox with a fixed yet realistically multi-sourced web corpus. First, this benefits the end-to-end evaluation of long-form outputs by enabling verifiable nugget extraction and assessment with long-term stability. Second, it facilitates process-oriented evaluation by stabilizing search tool invocations and providing reliable gold labels. Concretely, the sandbox comprises the following:

Web Environment. We adopt MSMARCO V2.1 (Pradeep et al., 2024a), which contains 10,960,555 webpages spanning diverse domains. It includes rich metadata such as *URLs*, *titles*, and *headings*. To implement search tools, we build indexes using gte-modernbert-base (Zhang et al., 2024) and BM25 (Robertson and Zaragoza, 2009).

Modeling. We define agentic LLMs with search as comprising a base model \mathcal{M} and a set of callable search tools $\mathcal{T}_{\text{tool}}$. Given a user query q , \mathcal{M} performs iterative thinking, interacting with tools in $\mathcal{T}_{\text{tool}}$, and ultimately outputs an answer y . The end-to-end process is formally defined as follows:

$$y = \mathcal{M}(q; \mathcal{T}_{\text{tool}}). \quad (1)$$

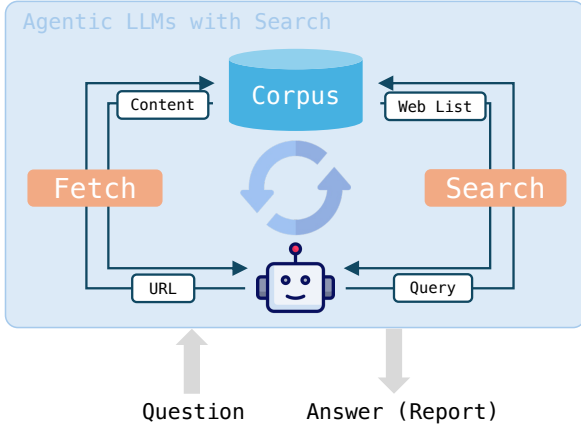


Figure 2: The loop of the agentic LLM with search.

The iterative process at step t is defined as follows:

$$(\tau_t, p_t) = \mathcal{M}(q, H_{t-1}), \tau_t \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{tool}}, \quad (2)$$

$$o_t = \tau_t(p_t), \quad (3)$$

$$H_t = H_{t-1} \cup \{(\tau_t, p_t, o_t)\}, \quad (4)$$

where p_t denotes the parameters for tool τ_t generated by \mathcal{M} , and o_t represents the result returned by the tool. H_t indicates the context up to turn t .

Tools. We define two types of tools, search and fetch. The search tool takes a query as input and returns the top- k most relevant webs from the corpus, and the fetch tool takes a URL as input and returns the corresponding web content, as shown in Figure 2. Details are provided in Appendix A.5.

Test Queries. We use the queries from the TREC 2024 RAG Track (Pradeep et al., 2024a) as our test split, which are sourced from Bing Search logs and require multi-faceted information to answer. After filtering, the final test set consists of 84 queries. For more details, please see Appendix A.1.

3 Nugget-Centered Report Evaluation

In this section, we describe how to improve the evaluation of long-form answers.

3.1 Attributable Nuggets Collection

Challenge #1: Precision. Prior methods extract nuggets from entire webpages using LLM-as-a-Judge, which makes it highly susceptible to noise. Pradeep et al. (2024b) extract nuggets at segment-level, where a segment is a paragraph of 5–10 sentences obtained by splitting a webpage. But they rely on an iterative nugget updating strategy with a fixed-size list, which might cause previously extracted vital nuggets to be overwritten.

Challenge #2: Consistency. Each hit nugget in a report should be cited with the webpage from which it was originally extracted. However, prior methods evaluate nugget correctness and citation quality separately (Coelho et al., 2025), which not only incurs substantial costs but also introduces inconsistencies between nuggets and citations.

Solution: Multi-Stage Attributable Extraction.

We leverage the TREC qrels, which annotate query–relevance of webpage documents and segments. As illustrated in Figure 3, for each query, we first group the relevant segments by their source webpage and then apply an LLM-as-a-Judge to extract nuggets from each group independently. As a result, each nugget is explicitly associated with its source webpage. We then embed all extracted nuggets into a semantic space and perform clustering using HDBSCAN (Malzer and Baum, 2020). For each cluster, we invoke the LLM-as-a-Judge to merge semantically similar nuggets while explicitly returning their original nuggets, thereby preserving attributability. The merged nuggets, together with the unclustered outliers, form the final nugget list. Our method improves nugget extraction precision via a multi-stage pipeline, and enables consistent citation evaluation in subsequent stages by explicitly tracking the source webpages of each nugget.

Following Pradeep et al. (2024b), we instruct the LLM-Judge to perform batched nugget scoring. Each nugget is labeled as either `vital`, indicating that it is highly important and must be included in the report, or `okay`, meaning it contains good-to-have information for the query but is not essential.

3.2 Block-level Assessment

Challenge #3: Citation Granularity. In addition to the consistency issue discussed in §3.1, citation evaluation also faces a granularity problem. Prior methods assess citations at the sentence-level (Gao et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023) and some penalize uncited sentences (Pradeep et al., 2024b; Coelho et al., 2025). However, this design is limited as (i) factual statements often extend across multiple sentences, and (ii) certain sentences express common sense that does not warrant citation.

Solution: Blocking. As shown in Figure 3, our method partitions the report into blocks based on the positions of citations. For each block, the LLM-as-a-Judge assesses the nuggets’ support level, including fully supported (1 point), partially supported (0.5 point), or not supported (0 point), to

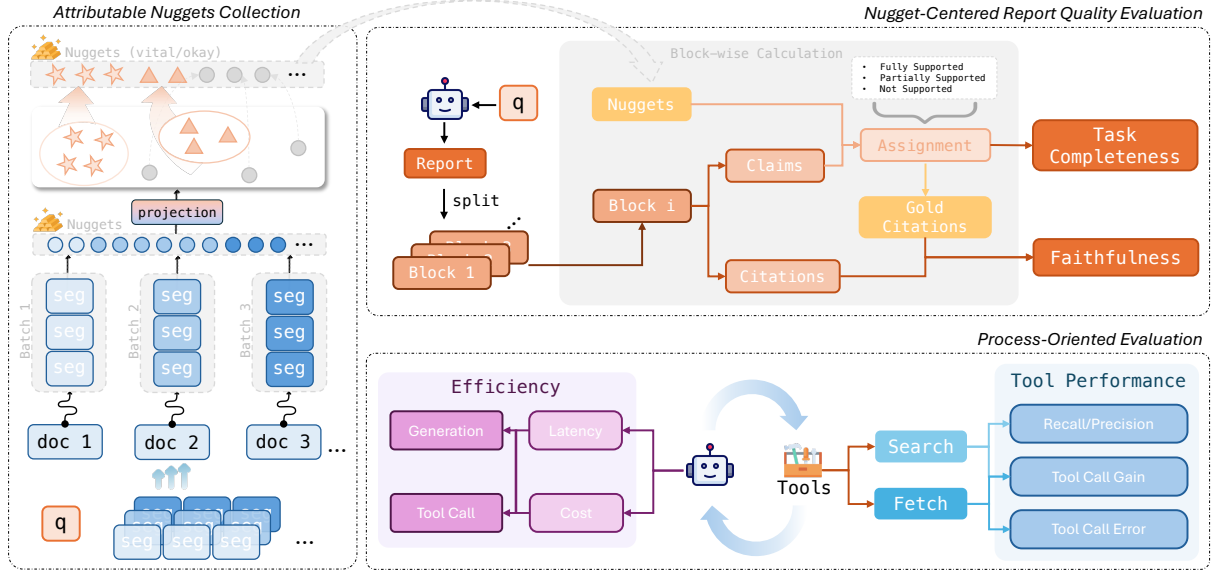


Figure 3: Overview of the evaluation framework of RAVine. Left (§3.1): Attributable nugget collection via grouped extraction at segment-level and semantically merging for refined, query-specific nuggets. Top-Right (§3.2): Block-level evaluation measuring task completeness and faithfulness of the final report. Bottom-Right (§4): Process evaluation of tool performance and efficiency.

compute **task completeness** score, as follows:

$$\text{Score}_{\text{Comp}} = \frac{\sum s^v + 0.5 * \sum s^o}{|N_{\text{vital}}| + 0.5 * |N_{\text{okay}}|}, \quad (5)$$

where s^v and s^o represent the assigned score of each vital or okay nugget, respectively.

Given the nugget-level judgments, we can derive the gold citation set for each block by tracing the hit nuggets back to their source webpages. Then the block-level **citation quality** can be as follows:

$$\text{Recall}_{\text{cite}}^{(i)} = \frac{|C^{\text{Pred}} \cap C^{\text{Nugget}}|}{|C^{\text{Nugget}}|}, \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Precision}_{\text{cite}}^{(i)} = \frac{|C^{\text{Pred}} \cap C^{\text{Nugget}}|}{|C^{\text{Pred}}|}, \quad (7)$$

where C^{Pred} and C^{Nugget} denote the generated citations and the gold citations of block i , respectively. Then the final report-level score is obtained by averaging the performance across all blocks. Note that since our method requires only one round of nugget assessment over the entire report, it significantly reduces the evaluation cost.

4 Process-Oriented Evaluation

Even if a model achieves satisfactory end-to-end performance, poor tool usage, low efficiency, and excessive cost may cast concerns on its practical utility. Thus, we design a set of process-oriented metrics for agentic search, focusing on diagnosing its retrieval capabilities and efficiency.

4.1 Tool Call Performance

First, we consider the correctness of tool usage, such as whether the generated tool parameters conform to their definitions or whether any undefined parameters are produced. Next, we assess the effectiveness of tool usage. From the attributable nuggets, we can identify the relevant set of webpages, denoted as $Rel(q)$ for query q . For the search tool, suppose there are T_s total calls. The top- k results returned by the t -th call are denoted as $D_t = \{d_{t1}, d_{t2}, \dots, d_{tk}\}$, where each element represents a retrieved webpage. We consider the marginal information utility and define the Cumulative Relevant Information Coverage C at each search round as follows:

$$C(t) = \frac{|\bigcup_{i=1}^t (D_i \cap Rel(q))|}{|Rel(q)|}. \quad (8)$$

Next, the **search gain**, i.e., the marginal information gain brought by each invocation of the search tool, can be calculated as follows:

$$\delta_{\text{search}}(t) = C(t) - C(t-1) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{|(D_t \cap Rel(q)) \setminus D_{<t}^{\text{seen}}|}{|Rel(q)|}, \quad (10)$$

where $D_{<t}^{\text{seen}} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{t-1} D_i$ denotes the set of webpages retrieved in all previous rounds before step t . To evaluate the overall performance of the search

behavior throughout a run, we aggregate the per-round search gains across all rounds, as defined below:

$$\bar{\delta}_{\text{search}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \omega(t) \cdot \delta_{\text{search}}(t), \quad (11)$$

where $\omega(t)$ denotes the weight assigned to the t -th round. In our setup, we define $\omega(t) = \frac{1}{T}$, treating each search tool invocation step equally with uniform weighting.

In addition, we also consider the model’s overall search performance. We compute the **search recall and precision** of the entire run with respect to the relevant information, as follows:

$$\text{Recall}_{\text{search}} = \frac{\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^T (D_i \cap \text{Rel}(q)) \right|}{|\text{Rel}(q)|} = C(T), \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Precision}_{\text{search}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^T |D_i \cap \text{Rel}(q)|}{\sum_{i=1}^T |D_i|}, \quad (13)$$

where $\text{Recall}_{\text{search}}$ reflects the accuracy of the model’s query trajectory in covering relevant information, and $\text{Precision}_{\text{search}}$ reflects its efficiency, measuring how often retrieved pages are relevant. For the fetch tool, we define the **fetch precision** metric, which evaluates whether each fetched page is relevant: a score of 1 is assigned if the fetched page is relevant, and 0 otherwise.

4.2 Efficiency and Cost

We primarily consider two metrics: latency and monetary cost. Latency is used to reflect the efficiency for iteration, tool invocation, and answer integration of the model. In terms of cost, we specify the per-token price for prompts and completions, as well as a fixed cost for each type of tool invocation.

5 Experiments

In this section, we evaluate the search capabilities of several agentic LLMs with search in our proposed RAVine framework.

5.1 Experimental Setup

In our proposed RAVine framework, we build both dense and lexical indexes for the web environment on which the search and fetch tools rely. Specifically, we use the gte-modernbert-base (Zhang et al., 2024) model to build the dense index, implemented with FAISS (Douze et al., 2024), and adopt

BM25 (Robertson and Zaragoza, 2009) for the lexical index, implemented using Pyserini (Lin et al., 2021). In the nugget-centered report quality evaluation, we use the gemini-2.5-flash (Gemini, 2025) as the LLM-as-Judge in both nugget extraction and report scoring. Prompt templates can be found in Appendix A.3. To ensure the reliability of the LLM-as-Judge, we repeated the nugget-support assignment four times and observed that, on average, only 0.041% of assignments changed across runs, demonstrating an acceptable level of stability.

We select several powerful agentic LLMs with tool-use capabilities for evaluation, including Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct (Qwen et al., 2025), Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct (Qwen et al., 2025), Qwen3-8B (Yang et al., 2025), Qwen3-32B (Yang et al., 2025), Qwen3-30B-A3B (Yang et al., 2025) and LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct (Grattafiori et al., 2024). For models that support a thinking switch, such as the Qwen3 series, we evaluate their performance under both thinking and non-thinking modes. We divide the evaluation of all models into two groups based on the maximum context length: 32k and 128k. For each group, we conduct separate evaluations using two different indexes. All experiments are conducted on a machine with $8 \times \text{H100 GPUs}$.

5.2 Metrics

In addition to the previously defined metrics, the specific definitions of other metrics are as follows:

- **Task Completion Rate:** The proportion of runs in which the model successfully follows instructions, completes the iterative process, and generates a final report.
- **Latency:** Measured as the total wall time from the beginning to the end of each run.
- **Cost:** Estimated using predefined unit prices, following the pricing scheme of Together.ai².
- **Turns:** The average turns per run, with each LLM’s generation counted as one turn.
- **URL Error:** The proportion of fetch tool calls that result in URL errors.

Please refer to Appendix A.4 for more details.

²<https://www.together.ai/pricing>

Table 1: Evaluation results on RAVine, with a maximum context length of 32k and the index built by gte-modernbert-base. "Rate" denotes the Task Completion Rate. "Comp." refers to the score of Task Completeness. "Rec." and "Prec." represent Recall and Precision, respectively. "URL Err." denotes the URL Error. Latency is measured in seconds, and cost is measured in dollars. Symbols (\uparrow) and (\downarrow) indicate that higher or lower values are preferred, respectively. Models not marked with (Thinking) either run without thinking or lack support for the thinking mode. Bold values indicate the best performance for each corresponding metric in the column.

	Report Quality				Efficiency			Search			Fetch	
	Rate (\uparrow)	Comp. (\uparrow)	Rec. (\uparrow)	Prec. (\uparrow)	Latency (\downarrow)	Cost (\downarrow)	Turns	Prec. (\uparrow)	Rec. (\uparrow)	Gain (\uparrow)	URL Err. (\downarrow)	Prec. (\uparrow)
Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	19.0	6.8	1.9	1.8	7.1	0.01	3.1	18.7	5.7	4.7	8.8	19.8
Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	71.4	23.0	14.9	16.5	40.3	0.03	4.0	21.1	6.5	4.4	1.4	28.7
Qwen3-8B (Thinking)	86.9	37.8	10.4	12.1	13.9	0.03	6.6	19.7	6.6	5.1	8.9	27.3
Qwen3-8B	28.6	12.4	4.8	6.1	11.2	0.06	9.3	19.3	5.9	5.0	2.4	23.8
Qwen3-32B (Thinking)	98.8	43.5	11.7	15.1	19.6	0.02	2.8	19.2	5.0	4.0	8.9	22.2
Qwen3-32B	85.7	38.0	12.8	12.6	14.6	0.08	8.5	19.1	6.3	5.0	8.1	20.2
Qwen3-30B-A3B (Thinking)	81.0	35.6	10.6	14.2	33.0	0.10	6.6	19.7	6.2	3.6	10.3	29.3
Qwen3-30B-A3B	77.4	30.9	11.3	14.2	15.7	0.07	7.3	16.8	6.2	3.4	0.6	30.4
LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct	96.4	24.0	3.1	3.1	7.3	0.02	2.7	12.1	8.8	6.6	36.8	15.8

Table 2: Evaluation results on RAVine, with a maximum context length of 128k and the index built by gte-modernbert-base. Other descriptions follow Table 1.

	Report Quality				Efficiency			Search			Fetch	
	Rate (\uparrow)	Comp. (\uparrow)	Rec. (\uparrow)	Prec. (\uparrow)	Latency (\downarrow)	Cost (\downarrow)	Turns	Prec. (\uparrow)	Rec. (\uparrow)	Gain (\uparrow)	URL Err. (\downarrow)	Prec. (\uparrow)
Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.01	1.6	7.4	2.6	2.3	0.0	33.3
Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	61.9	24.5	9.7	11.8	17.9	0.03	3.8	19.7	6.0	4.3	3.6	28.3
Qwen3-8B (Thinking)	91.7	41.9	8.3	10.3	65.8	0.40	23.3	12.9	6.3	2.2	5.6	25.1
Qwen3-8B	26.2	10.1	2.6	3.8	139.5	2.52	113.3	8.0	6.3	2.3	4.1	23.8
Qwen3-32B (Thinking)	100.0	45.2	8.4	9.6	23.0	0.02	2.7	18.6	5.2	4.1	0.0	8.6
Qwen3-32B	82.1	35.0	13.2	11.9	22.7	0.42	14.8	15.0	7.0	3.2	6.5	20.3
Qwen3-30B-A3B (Thinking)	81.0	36.8	10.9	12.0	46.9	0.43	12.1	19.0	6.3	4.7	3.8	12.1
Qwen3-30B-A3B	46.4	16.9	6.1	6.7	54.2	0.64	16.7	18.5	6.4	4.8	1.9	23.1
LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct	98.8	25.8	2.8	3.3	4.4	0.02	2.7	12.3	8.0	6.3	58.2	10.9

5.3 Results

The evaluation results on the dense index under the 32k and 128k context length settings is presented in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. Results on the BM25 index can be found in Appendix B.1. We observe that models show inconsistent performance across two indexes. For details of robustness experiment, please refer to Appendix B.2. Moreover, we find that all models exhibit a good understanding and adherence to the basic usage of tools, with few noticeable errors in parameter formatting. As such, we do not report these statistics in the tables.

Several key insights are presented below:

Limited task completeness in model performance. Some models, such as Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct and Qwen3-8B without thinking, exhibit relatively low task completion rates, highlighting limitations in their ability to follow instructions. The completion rate reflects a model’s capacity to correctly interpret and execute a task through appropriate tool usage, structured reasoning, and coherent answer synthesis. Failure to follow critical instructions at the beginning during iterative running often leads to incomplete task execution. Moreover, excessive or redundant search queries can cause the

context length to exceed the model’s limit, resulting in task failure. This further exposes deficiencies in the model’s search planning and precision. In addition, most models fail to autonomously retrieve a sufficient amount of relevant information. For instance, Qwen3-8B without thinking recalls only 22.3% of the nuggets on average, falling short of the requirements for generating comprehensive, in-depth long-form responses. These findings suggest that the agentic search capabilities of current models still require significant improvement.

Limited faithfulness in model performance.

Under the classic, static RAG paradigm, where the context containing citation sources is explicitly presented, LLMs have demonstrated strong citation capabilities (Gao et al., 2023; Xu et al., 2024). However, our experimental results indicate that LLMs with agentic search still exhibit significant limitations in citation generation. For instance, Qwen3-32B can only achieve a maximum citation recall of 13.2% and precision of 11.9%, respectively. We attribute this to the increased difficulty of context management introduced by multi-turn search, which complicates the tracking of information sources and leads to a decline in faithfulness.

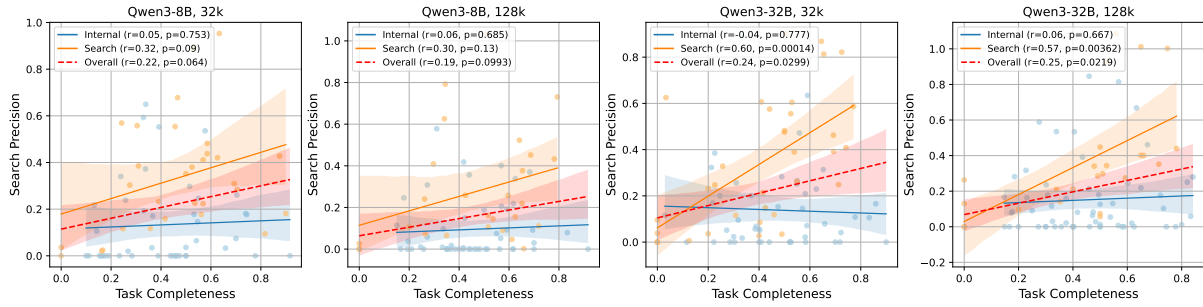


Figure 4: Correlation analysis between Task Completeness and Search Precision. Blue and orange points represent runs based on internal knowledge and external knowledge, respectively, and are used to fit the blue and orange regression lines. The red line represents the regression fit over all data points. In the top-left legend, r denotes the Pearson correlation coefficient and p indicates statistical significance. Overall trend shows a weak positive correlation, while runs based on retrieved knowledge show a stronger positive correlation.

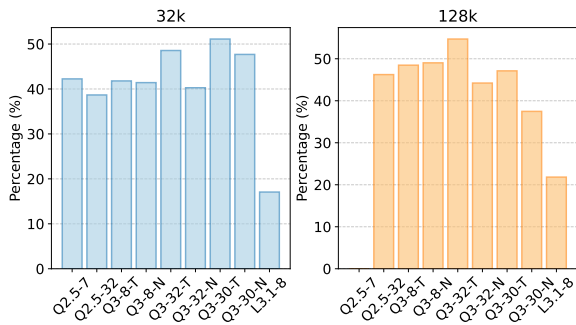


Figure 5: Statistics of the proportion of task completeness attributed to internal knowledge ($Comp_{in}$) across models. The experiment is conducted using the dense index. “Q” denotes Qwen, and “L” denotes LLaMA. The numbers indicate the version and parameter scale. “T” refers to the thinking mode, while “N” refers to the mode without thinking.

Limited query exploration capability. The metrics search recall and search gain are used to evaluate the model’s use of the search tool from two perspectives: overall coverage and marginal utility. Specifically, a search gain of 4.7 indicates that, on average, each invocation of the search tool retrieves 4.7% of new relevant information (i.e., documents). Search recall measures the proportion of all relevant information retrieved throughout the entire iterative process. The evaluated models perform poorly on both metrics, suggesting that they have limited query expansion and exploration capabilities and may linger in a certain information domain during running. An effective search behavior should achieve both high recall and high marginal gain, demonstrating both breadth and depth in information seeking.

“Thinking” enhances agentic search. Under the thinking mode, models generally achieve higher

task completion rates and task completeness scores, as the thinking mode enables the model to develop a deeper understanding of the user query and the required information, leading to more deliberate and effective tool use. Although thinking mode introduces additional latency and costs in token generation, the mode without thinking often results in more aggressive and inefficient tool calls, such as Qwen3-8B without thinking, which significantly increases the overall cost.

Attribution is impacted by reliance on internal knowledge. When performing factual tasks, LLMs may rely not only on retrieved external knowledge but also on their internal knowledge to generate responses. To investigate this behavior, we calculate the proportion of task completeness scores that relies on internal knowledge, and denote this metric as $Comp_{in}$. Specifically, if a model fails to retrieve any web pages that hit the qrels during the iterative process, we consider the final score of this run to be based on internal knowledge, and this score contributes to $Comp_{in}$. As shown in Figure 5, a significant portion of task performance across models can be traceable to internal knowledge. For some models, more than half of the nuggets are hit by internal knowledge. While such internal knowledge may be accurate for some non-long-tail facts, it cannot be attributable through citations. Such behavior can impair the faithfulness and verifiability, which is undesirable in the context of search-augmented systems and has been overlooked by previous evaluation frameworks.

The illusion of progress: Intermediate performance does not always translate to final outcomes. As shown in Figure 4, we observe no significant positive correlation between the final task

461 completeness scores and search precision scores.
462 To investigate this phenomenon, we employ the
463 Comp_{in} metric and categorize each run into those
464 relying on internal knowledge versus those relying
465 on retrieved knowledge. Linear regression analysis
466 reveals that runs depending on retrieved knowl-
467 edge exhibit a more pronounced positive correla-
468 tion between task completeness and search preci-
469 sion. This suggests that excessive reliance on in-
470 ternal knowledge is one of the factors contributing
471 to the discrepancy between intermediate and final
472 performance. Moreover, if the model is capable
473 of incorporating effective search performance into
474 the final report, our framework can encourage this
475 good behavior through higher scores.

476 6 Related Work

477 **Retrieval-Augmented Generation** Retrieval-
478 Augmented Generation (RAG; Lewis et al., 2021;
479 Gao et al., 2024) enhances Large Language Models
480 (LLMs; Zhao et al., 2025) by incorporating exter-
481 nal knowledge retrieval, thereby mitigating hallu-
482 cinations that arise when relying solely on internal
483 parameters (Zhang et al., 2023). Beyond produc-
484 ing accurate and up-to-date answers, RAG also
485 improves the faithfulness and verifiability of gen-
486 erated content by attributing information to source
487 documents via citations (Gao et al., 2023; Liu et al.,
488 2023; Xu et al., 2024). However, classical RAG
489 paradigms (Yu et al., 2023; Shi et al., 2023; Xu
490 et al., 2025) rely on fixed flows that are dependent
491 on the initial query and lack interaction with the
492 corpus, leading to suboptimal performance.

493 **Agentic Search and Deep Research** To enable
494 a more autonomous and adaptive RAG paradigm,
495 agentic search has emerged as a novel approach to
496 augment generation (Singh et al., 2025; Li et al.,
497 2025a). In contrast to traditional RAG methods
498 that heavily rely on retrieval performance, agen-
499 tic RAG leverages LLMs to actively guide the
500 search process and reflect on subsequent actions
501 (Jin et al., 2025; Li et al., 2025b). To better sup-
502 port customized information needs, Deep Research
503 systems adopt a product-level design that imple-
504 ments a carefully structured agent workflow for
505 more comprehensive and targeted search (Google,
506 2025; OpenAI, 2025; Zheng et al., 2025). As a
507 core model-level capability, agentic search plays a
508 crucial role in determining both the performance
509 of downstream RAG tasks and the upper bound of
510 search agent capabilities.

Evaluation Traditional RAG datasets primarily
focus on multi-hop QA tasks involving the re-
trieval of factual entities (Yang et al., 2018; Trivedi
et al., 2022; Ho et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020).
These datasets are typically constructed from some
Wikipedia dumps, which suffer from outdated con-
tent and exhibit a significant distributional bias
compared to real-world search corpora. To sup-
port more challenging search evaluations, Wei et al.
(2025) employ highly complex queries to assess
a model’s deep retrieval capabilities. However,
these benchmarks often diverge from real-world
user search scenarios, where queries tend to be less
constrained and users typically expect long-form,
comprehensive answers (Krishna et al., 2021; Fan
et al., 2019). Moreover, current evaluation frame-
works may introduce noise when extracting fine-
grained ground truth units—i.e., nuggets, due to
limitations in LLM capabilities and information
loss, which in turn leads to distorted evaluation
outcomes (Pradeep et al., 2024b; Coelho et al.,
2025). To address the above limitations, we pro-
pose RAVine, a Reality-Aligned eValuation frame-
work for agentic LLMs with search capabilities.

511 7 Conclusion

512 In this work, we propose RAVine, a novel and com-
513 prehensive evaluation framework for agentic search.
514 RAVine is designed to address the misalignment
515 between existing evaluation methods and real tar-
516 gets of agentic search, offering a complete suite
517 including the web environment, benchmark data,
518 and the evaluation methodology. RAVine supports
519 both end-to-end evaluation and process-oriented
520 assessment. Notably, we propose an attributable
521 nuggets collection method and a block-level eval-
522 uation strategy, which together enable more accu-
523 rate and cost-efficient long-form assessments. Our
524 proposed process-oriented metrics are designed to
525 assess a model’s use of search tools and efficiency.
526 Through our experimental results and analysis, we
527 discover several limitations in current models, par-
528 ticularly in information gathering and faithfulness.
529 Moreover, our process-level evaluation reveals a
530 misalignment between intermediate behavior and
531 final performance, and uncovers undesirable behav-
532 iors where the model relies on internal knowledge
533 instead of retrieval. We hope that RAVine, along
534 with the insights presented in this work, can con-
535 tribute to advancing the research and development
536 of agentic search systems.

561 Limitations

562 While this work addresses certain limitations in
563 existing benchmarks for agentic search, it does
564 not extend to other evaluation settings, such as
565 process-level assessment of multi-agent systems.
566 Future work could expand to include such model-
567 ing evaluations. Moreover, although we evaluated
568 models of different sizes, the study still does not
569 cover a broader range of agentic LLMs. Although
570 some untested models have not been well adapted
571 to agentic capabilities or tool calling, future re-
572 search should consider evaluating a wider variety
573 of models. Furthermore, this work only considers
574 web environments where English is the primary
575 language and does not account for web corpora in
576 other languages, such as Chinese.

577 Ethics Statement

578 All datasets and corpora utilized in this work are
579 publicly available, and we ensure that all data is
580 used in accordance with the original authors' usage
581 and privacy policies. Moreover, all Large Lan-
582 guage Models evaluated or employed in this study
583 are either publicly licensed open-source models or
584 commercially available models. All prompts used
585 in the experiments are harmless, and all generated
586 data comply with ethical standards.

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A Implementations

A.1 Test Set

During the nugget extraction phase, we identify two instances where the LLM consistently failed to extract any nuggets from the annotated relevant segments, even after multiple runs. Upon manual inspection, we find that although these segments contain some keyword overlap with the query, they do not provide any truly relevant or useful information. Consequently, we remove these two data from the test set. These instances are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Data removed from the original test set of TREC 2024 RAG Track.

Qid	Query
2024-96359	how were the non aligned countries affected by boris yeltsin
2024-44059	how has zabriskie point’s climate changed?

A.2 Details of Nuggets Extraction and Assignment

In the prior nugget creation method (Pradeep et al., 2024b), a fixed upper limit is imposed on the number of nuggets extracted by LLMs for each query—for example, retaining only the top 30 nuggets and discarding the rest. We believe this design aims to control evaluation cost, but at the expense of evaluation accuracy.

To address the evaluation distortion caused by such nugget truncation, we conduct a quantitative analysis of the distribution of all nuggets extracted by the LLMs, as shown in Figure 6. The transformation from segments to nuggets and then to vital nuggets represents a progressive filtering process that reduces the amount of information. According to the distribution, 95% of the queries contain no more than 108.84 nuggets—far exceeding the pre-set limit of 30 in Pradeep et al. (2024b). To strike a balance between preserving the majority of informational content and maintaining evaluation efficiency, we set the nugget cap at the 95th percentile (P95) of the vital nuggets distribution, which corresponds to a count of 56.15. We round this to 60 as the final nugget limit. This threshold prevents both excessive evaluation cost from queries with disproportionately many nuggets (which are arguably anomalous) and information loss due to arbitrary truncation. Compared to a fixed limit, this percentile-based, data-driven truncation strategy

offers a more principled and adaptive approach.

In the final report quality evaluation, we assign the degree of support for each nugget by calling a state-of-the-art proprietary LLM via its API. Specifically, we employed the then-current version Gemini-2.5-Flash in our implementation, which is gemini-2.5-flash-preview-05-20. As the latest officially released gemini-2.5-flash model is identical to the preview-05-20 version, our usage can be regarded as equivalent to the official version. We clarify this point here for completeness.

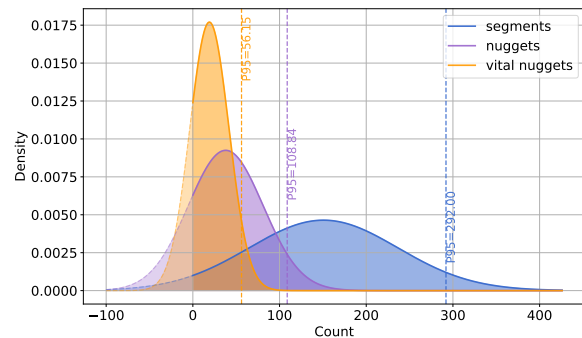


Figure 6: Fitted distribution curves of the number of relevant segments, collected nuggets, and vital nuggets per query. The X-axis represents the corresponding count, and the Y-axis indicates the density for each count. The three vertical lines mark the 95th percentiles (P95) of the distributions for the three types of elements, respectively.

A.3 Prompt Templates

The prompt templates used for nugget extraction, report evaluation, and the execution of agentic LLMs with search are shown below:

Prompt Template for Segment-level Batched Nuggets Creation

Given a query and a list of possibly relevant contexts, generate a list of atomic nuggets of information from the context, so they best provide the information required for the query. Each generated nugget should be a complete and unique statement of a fact from the context (a sentence of about 10 words). A nugget should include a clear subject, verb, and object, and should avoid using pronouns such as "it". A nugget is not simply a salient statement within the context, but also one that helps answer the query. Return only the list of nuggets in a markdown-style python code-block, and

place nuggets in pythonic list format. Ensure the nuggets list has at most `{creator_max_nuggets}` nuggets (can be less or empty). Return only the most vital nuggets.

Search Query: `{query}`

Context:

`{context}`

Search Query: `{query}`

List in the form `["a", "b", ...]` and `a` and `b` are strings with no mention of `"`. If no complete statement that is valuable to the query can be found in the context, do not generate low-quality nuggets, and return `[]` directly. Do not explain and make sure there is no redundant information.

Nugget List:

Prompt Template for Nuggets Merging

Given a query, please merge its list of atomic nuggets (if necessary) by combining similar nuggets, and return a new list of atomic nuggets. A nugget refers to a semantically complete and unique statement of a fact (a sentence of around 10 words) that helps answer the query.

Query: `{query}`

Nuggets List:

`{nuggets_list}`

Your output should be: one nugget per line, and for each nugget, indicate which original nuggets were merged (by listing their indices). Example: `nugget_text [1, 2, ...]`

If there are no similar nuggets in the list, indicating that no merging is needed, simply return: `[NO NEED]`. Make sure there is no redundant information.

Prompt Template for Nuggets Scoring

Based on the query, label each of the `{num_nuggets}` nuggets either a vital or okay based on the following criteria. Vital nuggets represent concepts that must be present in a "good" answer; on the other hand, okay nuggets contribute worthwhile information about the target but are not essential. Return the list of labels in a Pythonic list format (type: `List[str]`). The

list should be in the same order as the input nuggets. Make sure to provide a label for each nugget.

Search Query: `{query}`

Nugget List: `{nugget_list}`

Only return the list of labels (`List[str]`). Do not explain.

Labels:

Prompt Template for Nuggets Assignment

Based on the query and passage, label each of the `{num_nuggets}` nuggets either as support, partial_support, or not_support using the following criteria. A nugget that is fully captured in the passage should be labeled as support. A nugget that is partially captured in the passage should be labeled as partial_support. If the nugget is not captured at all, label it as not_support. Return the list of labels in a Pythonic list format (type: `List[str]`). The list should be in the same order as the input nuggets. Make sure to provide a label for each nugget.

Search Query: `{query}`

Passage:

`{context}`

Nugget List: `{nugget_texts}`

Only return the list of labels (`List[str]`). Do not explain.

Labels:"

Prompt Template for LLMs with Agentic Search

Your task is to generate a report to answer the question provided. During this process, you need to do the following:

1. You primarily respond in English.
2. You can choose to call known tools and generate the correct parameters according to the tool description.
3. You can generate any content that helps you complete the task during the intermediate iteration process according to your needs.
4. When you consider the task complete, the last generated content is a long-form report that covers much useful information for the given question.

5. In each iteration, you get to choose what to do next (call the search tool or complete the task and generate a final report), and you do not require assistance or response from users.

You need to meet the following requirements for your final long-form report:

1. Your long-form report needs to be in markdown format.
2. Your long-form report needs to be logically clear, comprehensive in key points, and able to effectively address the given question.
3. Your long-form report needs to include citations of the websites retrieved through external search tools.
4. In the final output, your report must be enclosed within `<report>` and `</report>`, that is, only the content between these tags will be evaluated.

The citations in your final long-form report need to meet the following requirements:

1. Citations can only appear at the end of a sentence.
2. Citations must follow the Markdown format, including the website's title and URL, and should be enclosed in brackets. For example: `([title](url))`.
3. Multiple citations can appear at the same time in one position, separated by semicolons. For example: `([title1](url1); [title2](url2); [title3](url3))`.
4. A complete statement may contain one or more sentences. Please try to generate citations after the entire statement is presented.
5. Do not list the cited websites at the end of the report to avoid unnecessary token usage.

Question: `{question}`

process consists of multiple search tool invocations, with the final step dedicated to integrating the retrieved information into a report. Therefore, a run is considered successful only if the report is generated in the model's final output. Furthermore, in accordance with the instructions, the report must be enclosed within the `<report>` and `</report>` tags. If the model fails to follow this format, or if the iteration exceeds the context length limit before generating the report, the run is deemed unsuccessful. We define Task Completion Rate as the proportion of successful runs out of all executed runs.

Citation Recall & Precision. Our citation evaluation is performed at the block level. For each block, we identify the nuggets it hits and extract their associated source web pages to construct the set of gold citations. Since we merge nuggets during the nugget collection stage, a single nugget may correspond to multiple source web pages. To prevent any nugget from having an excessive number of source web pages (e.g., more than three), which could lead the model to cite an unreasonable number of pages for a single claim (both impractical and of limited utility), we intersect the gold citations with the set of web pages retrieved by the model during its iterative search in the current run. This constraint aligns with the more realistic assumption that a model should only cite from documents it has discovered. In addition, to prevent nuggets from having an excessive number of gold citations, we impose a hard upper limit in the calculation of citation recall: the number of gold citations per nugget is capped at a maximum of three. This approach helps prevent models from generating an excessive number of citations to game the reward from the metric, and also mitigates the risk of information overload.

Previous approaches typically treat all gold citations equally. However, our analysis suggests that different gold citations should be assigned different priorities. For instance, within a single block where multiple nuggets are matched, some web pages may support only one nugget, while others serve as the source for multiple nuggets simultaneously. In such cases, web pages supporting multiple nuggets should be prioritized for citation. Accordingly, we incorporate this intuition into our implementation of citation recall by introducing weighted gold citations, where each citation is assigned a weight proportional to the number of nuggets it supports.

A.4 Details of Metrics

The implementation details of several metrics defined in RAVine are as follows:

Task Completion Rate. We require the agentic model to complete the report generation within a predefined context length. Typically, the iterative

Table 4: The token pricing for LLMs in RAVine, based on the rates published at <https://www.together.ai/pricing>.

Model	Parameters	Price / 1M Tokens		Reference
		Input	Output	
LLaMA	8B	0.20	0.20	LLaMA 3.3, LLaMA 3.2, LLaMA 3.1, LLaMA 3 models
	8B	0.20	0.20	All other chat, language, code and moderation models
Qwen	32B	0.08	0.20	All other chat, language, code and moderation models
	30B-A3B	0.06	0.20	Mixture-of-experts

Furthermore, when the number of gold citations exceeds the predefined upper limit, we normalize the total weight by considering only the top three gold citations with the highest weights. A model can achieve full recall only if it cites these top three sources. This strategy ensures that higher-quality citation behavior is rewarded more, while discouraging the model from producing a large number of low-quality citations.

Search Recall. The search recall metric evaluates the model’s ability to retrieve multi-point useful information throughout the entire iterative process. It is computed based on the source web pages associated with the nuggets for each query. To prevent the metric from being diluted in cases where a nugget has a large number of relevant web pages, we also impose the cap of three relevant web pages per nugget during evaluation. For example, if a nugget has more than three relevant sources and the model retrieves any three of them, the search recall for that nugget is considered to be 1. The final search recall for a run is calculated as the average search recall across all nuggets. This approach also effectively discourages the model from repeatedly retrieving documents for the same information point in one run to boost its evaluation score.

Search Gain. For the calculation of search gain, we similarly address the issue of nuggets being associated with a large number of relevant web pages. Specifically, we limit the number of relevant pages per nugget to a maximum of three. As a result, the total set of information gain is further deduplicated and reduced in size. This constraint helps prevent repeated exploration of the same information point and avoids encouraging search behaviors that lead to information overload in the model’s generation.

Cost. We define interface-specific pricing within our sandbox to estimate the overall execution cost,

which serves as one of the criteria for model selection. For LLMs’ token pricing, we adopt the rates provided by Together.ai, as shown in Table 4. For the search tool, we follow the pricing of SerpApi³, with each call costing \$0.01. The fetch tool is free.

Task Completeness Score on Internal Knowledge. The task completeness score that relies on internal knowledge, denoted as Comp_{in} (as introduced in §5.3), is a heuristic metric designed to reflect the portion of the task completeness score that is purely attributed to the model’s internal knowledge. This metric is computed based on whether the source web pages of the nuggets are retrieved during the search process. If the model’s answer correctly covers certain nuggets whose source documents are not retrieved, it indicates that these nuggets are supported by internal knowledge and are thus non-attributable to the external search. The formal definition of Comp_{in} for a nugget in a block is as follows:

$$\sigma_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } D_{1 \sim T}^{\text{seen}} \cap \text{Rel}(q, \text{nugget}_j) = \emptyset \\ & \text{and block}_i \models \text{nugget}_j, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Then, the Comp_{in} score for block_{*i*} is defined as:

$$\text{Comp}_{\text{in}}(\text{block}_i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_{ij}, \quad (15)$$

where N denotes the total number of nuggets. The score for each block is computed accordingly, and the overall Comp_{in} (report) score for the entire report (corresponding to the entire run) is obtained by averaging the scores across all blocks.

³<https://serpapi.com/pricing>

Table 5: Evaluation results on RAVine, with a maximum context length of 32k and the index built by BM25. Other descriptions follow Table 1.

	Report Quality				Efficiency			Search			Fetch	
	Rate (†)	Comp. (†)	Rec. (†)	Prec. (†)	Latency (↓)	Cost (↓)	Turns	Prec. (†)	Rec. (†)	Gain (†)	URL Err. (↓)	Prec. (†)
Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	22.6	6.4	4.4	6.3	6.9	0.02	2.9	24.6	12.3	6.9	27.1	29.2
Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	70.2	26.2	13.0	17.1	16.6	0.04	3.9	24.7	12.9	6.9	5.1	49.5
Qwen3-8B (Thinking)	63.1	25.9	8.3	11.8	10.9	0.04	5.6	21.4	10.8	4.6	6.6	28.0
Qwen3-8B	15.5	7.9	3.5	4.5	6.1	0.14	13.2	18.5	9.3	3.9	1.8	34.6
Qwen3-32B (Thinking)	91.7	40.9	10.2	12.5	20.6	0.04	3.3	20.3	6.9	4.8	0.0	31.6
Qwen3-32B	57.1	26.7	13.2	14.5	10.1	0.09	7.5	23.6	13.8	6.3	9.8	34.0
Qwen3-30B-A3B (Thinking)	76.2	32.6	12.6	18.5	23.3	0.09	6.0	22.5	11.4	5.5	0.0	45.7
Qwen3-30B-A3B	58.3	23.2	12.3	12.7	9.1	0.13	9.1	17.9	11.3	4.5	1.1	48.9
LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct	97.6	22.1	3.0	2.5	4.5	0.02	2.6	21.1	14.8	8.6	46.8	25.5

Table 6: Evaluation results on RAVine, with a maximum context length of 128k and the index built by BM25. Other descriptions follow Table 1.

	Report Quality				Efficiency			Search			Fetch	
	Rate (†)	Comp. (†)	Rec. (†)	Prec. (†)	Latency (↓)	Cost (↓)	Turns	Prec. (†)	Rec. (†)	Gain (†)	URL Err. (↓)	Prec. (†)
Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	7.1	1.4	0.0	0.0	21.2	0.01	1.8	10.5	3.2	2.1	66.7	0.0
Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	73.8	28.7	16.8	20.4	16.8	0.04	3.9	26.9	15.1	7.5	5.3	43.0
Qwen3-8B (Thinking)	90.5	40.8	14.4	17.8	26.7	0.23	13.4	15.8	12.8	3.8	4.8	32.5
Qwen3-8B	19.0	6.3	5.2	5.4	39.2	1.87	81.0	7.4	12.2	1.4	5.0	38.4
Qwen3-32B (Thinking)	100.0	47.5	10.5	12.3	22.6	0.03	2.8	17.6	9.5	6.0	8.5	19.1
Qwen3-32B	76.2	31.1	13.6	17.6	20.6	0.40	13.3	17.3	15.5	4.8	9.2	29.7
Qwen3-30B-A3B (Thinking)	75.0	35.0	10.8	12.8	58.9	0.81	18.5	18.7	13.5	5.3	3.3	29.6
Qwen3-30B-A3B	50.0	18.5	13.1	14.7	35.3	0.37	12.3	20.5	10.0	4.7	6.5	27.1
LLaMA-3.1-8B-Instruct	97.6	23.4	4.6	5.0	9.5	0.02	2.6	23.2	15.6	10.2	28.6	28.6

A.5 Search Tool Definition

In previous work, search invocations are often implemented by prompting the LLM to generate special tokens such as <search> query </search> (Jin et al., 2025) or <|begin_of_query|> query <|end_of_query|> (Song et al., 2025) to denote search queries. However, this approach can interfere with the model’s native generation capabilities and hinder its adaptability to other tasks or domains. To address this, we adopt the standard tool calling schema provided by OpenAI⁴, where search calls are encapsulated within a dedicated field in the model’s response. This design preserves the model’s generalization ability. Specifically, the definitions of the search and fetch tools are as follows:

```
search_tool = {
  'type': 'function',
  'function': {
    'name': 'web_search',
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of documents from the web
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          'description': ''
```

⁴<https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/function-calling>

```
    },
    'num_results': {
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      'description': '
Number of top
results to
return.',
    },
  },
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    False,
}
}
```

```
fetch_tool = {
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  'function': {
    'name': 'web_fetch',
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content of a web page based
on its URL.',
    'parameters': {
      'type': 'object',
      'properties': {
        'url': {
          'type': 'string',
          'description': 'The
full URL of the
web page to
fetch content
from.',
        },
      },
    },
  },
  'required': [
```

```

1066     'url',
1067     ],
1068     'additionalProperties':
1069         False,
1070     }
1071 }
1073 }

```

1074 B Additional Experimental Results

1075 B.1 Evaluation on BM25 Index

1076 Tables 5 and 6 report the detailed evaluation re-
1077 sults of the models using the BM25-based search
1078 index under context length limits of 32k and 128k,
1079 respectively.

1080 B.2 Index Robustness Evaluation

1081 To assess the robustness of agentic search, we evalu-
1082 ate models using both dense and BM25 indexes.
1083 The differences in search performance across the
1084 two indexes for each model are intuitively shown
1085 in Figures 7 and 8. We observe that, under the two
1086 indexing strategies, several models exhibit substan-
1087 tial differences between their search performance
1088 and fetch performance. This phenomenon reflects
1089 the models’ varying robustness to different retrieval
1090 tools, suggesting that an effective retriever is not
1091 necessarily one based on dense semantic indexing.
1092 This suggests that the robustness of models to re-
1093 trieval index variations needs improvement.

1094 Moreover, as shown in Table 7, models consis-
1095 tently achieve higher fetch gain scores under BM25
1096 compared to dense index. We attribute this to the
1097 semantic nature of dense indexes, which tend to
1098 retrieve semantically similar documents. This indi-
1099 cates that the model has limited ability to dis-
1100 tinguish between semantically similar web pages,
1101 which reduces its chances of fetching more truly
1102 relevant results. Interestingly, when calculating
1103 search gain based on original qrels, dense indexes
1104 yield higher scores. However, this trend reversed
1105 when we used nugget-associated web pages as the
1106 basis for relevance. In principle, the BM25 index
1107 tends to return more diverse content, whereas dense
1108 retrieval typically returns results that are more se-
1109 mantically similar to the query. From the model
1110 perspective, this suggests a lack of robustness in
1111 query adaptation and traversal across different se-
1112 mantic spaces. From the tool design perspective,
1113 it indicates that search tools may need to be cus-
1114 tomized based on the behavioral characteristics of
1115 different models.

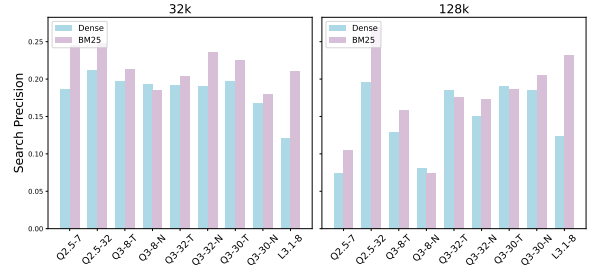


Figure 7: Comparison of search gain scores across models under the two indexes. Model naming follows the rules used in Figure 5.

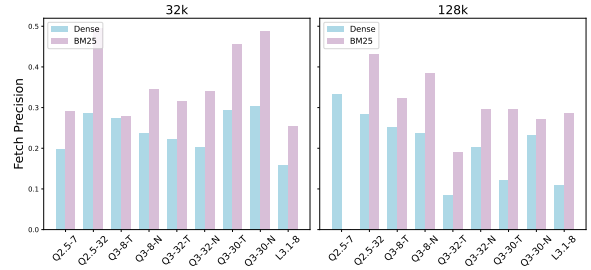


Figure 8: Comparison of fetch gain scores across models under the two indexes. Model naming follows the rules used in Figure 5.

1116 C Case Study

1117 We select two cases from the Qwen3-32B (thinking
1118 mode) model running on the dense index with the
1119 context length limit of 32k. In the first case, the iter-
1120 ative search performs well, effectively integrating
1121 external information to generate a relatively high-
1122 quality answer, as illustrated in Table 8. In contrast,
1123 the second case fails to retrieve relevant web pages
1124 during the search process, resulting in a final answer
1125 relying on the model’s internal knowledge, as
1126 shown in Table 9.

Table 7: Comparison of average Search Gain and Fetch Gain scores across all evaluated models under different indexes. Nuggets and Qrels respectively indicate whether the retrieved web pages match those identified as relevant in the qrels or those associated with the nuggets. The value with higher score in each comparison is highlighted in bold.

		32k		128k	
		dense	bm25	dense	bm25
Nuggets	Avg. Search Prec.	18.4	21.6	14.6	17.5
	Avg. Fetch Prec.	24.2	36.3	20.6	27.6
Qrels	Avg. Search Prec.	33.7	32.5	27.1	27.0
	Avg. Fetch Prec.	44.3	53.0	38.2	40.0

Table 8: Case 1, executed by the Qwen3-32B (Thinking) using a search tool built on a dense index.

Qid: 2024-94706	Model: Qwen3-32B (Thinking)	Question: how to views of euthanasia vary from west to east
Role: assistant		
<p>content: <think> Okay, let's tackle this question about how views on euthanasia differ between the West and the East. First, I need to understand the scope of the question. The user is asking about variations in perspectives, so I should cover cultural, religious, legal, and maybe medical aspects. Starting with the West, I know countries like the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada have legalized euthanasia under certain conditions. The US has some states where physician-assisted suicide is allowed, like Oregon and Washington. The cultural factors here might include individual rights, secularism, and a focus on personal autonomy. Religious influences in the West are mostly Christian, but there's a diversity of beliefs, with some denominations opposing euthanasia while others might support it under specific circumstances. In the East, I'm thinking of countries in Asia, the Middle East, and maybe parts of Africa. Here, cultural values like family-centric decision-making and religious beliefs such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam play significant roles. For example, in Japan, there's a concept of "death with dignity," but actual legal frameworks for euthanasia are more restrictive. In many Middle Eastern countries, Islamic law (Sharia) prohibits euthanasia, considering it a sin against God's will. I need to compare these regions. Legal frameworks are a good starting point. The West tends to have more progressive laws, while the East is more conservative, often influenced by religious doctrines. However, there are exceptions. For instance, in some South Asian countries, there might be more nuanced views, but they still lack legal euthanasia. Religious influences are key. In the West, the decline of organized religion in some areas might lead to more secular views, but in others, like the US, religious opposition is strong. In the East, religions like Buddhism emphasize non-harm (ahimsa), which can lead to opposition to euthanasia. Hinduism's karma and dharma concepts might also influence views, as interfering with natural death could be seen as disrupting karmic balance. Cultural values like collectivism in the East versus individualism in the West affect how euthanasia is perceived. In collectivist societies, family opinions are crucial, whereas in the West, personal autonomy is prioritized. Medical ethics also play a role. In the West, there's a push for patient rights and autonomy, leading to more support for euthanasia. In the East, the emphasis on family and societal harmony might lead to a more cautious approach, avoiding actions that could disrupt family unity or societal norms. I should also consider recent trends. Some Eastern countries are starting to debate euthanasia more openly, especially with aging populations and increased awareness. For example, South Korea has had discussions about legalizing euthanasia for terminal patients, but it's still not legal. To gather accurate information, I should use the web_search function to find sources on Western and Eastern perspectives. Then, use web_fetch to get detailed content from relevant articles or legal documents. Need to make sure the sources are credible, like academic journals, reputable news outlets, or official legal documents. Wait, the user wants the report to include citations. So after gathering the info, I need to attribute each point to the sources retrieved. For example, when mentioning the Netherlands' laws, cite a source from a Dutch government website or a reputable article. Similarly, for religious influences in the East, cite sources from Islamic scholars or Buddhist texts. I should structure the report into sections: Introduction, Western Perspectives, Eastern Perspectives, Comparative Analysis, Recent Trends, and Conclusion. Each section will have key points with citations. The citations need to be placed at the end of relevant sentences, following the specified format. I need to ensure that the report is comprehensive but not too lengthy. Focus on the main differences and underlying reasons. Check for any nuances, like variations within the East (e.g., differences between Japan and India) and within the West (e.g., differences between the US and Europe). Also, verify the legal status in specific countries. For example, in the US, while some states allow physician-assisted suicide, others don't. Similarly, in the EU, countries like Germany have strict laws against it, while others are more lenient. After collecting all the necessary information and verifying the sources, compile the report, making sure each claim is backed by a citation. Avoid listing all sources at the end; instead, integrate them into the text where appropriate. </think></p>		
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Role: assistant

content: <think> Okay, so I need to figure out how views on euthanasia differ between the West and the East. Let me start by looking at the search results provided. The first result is from Wikipedia, listing countries where euthanasia is legal. The Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, and others are mentioned. The second result from Factual Facts also lists countries where euthanasia is legal, which aligns with the first one. The third result from ReligionFacts talks about religious views, which is important for understanding cultural differences. The fourth result from slife.org gives detailed religious perspectives on euthanasia, covering Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, etc. The fifth result from The Richest lists countries where euthanasia is legal, including some in the West and even Japan, which is in the East. From the first two results, I can see that Western countries like the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, and some US states have legalized euthanasia. The Wikipedia entry mentions the Belgian parliament legalizing it in 2002, and the Factual Facts list includes Canada and the US. The fifth result also includes Japan in the list of countries where euthanasia is legal, which is interesting because Japan is in the East. However, I need to verify if Japan's legal framework is the same as Western countries. The third and fourth results focus on religious views. The fourth result from slife.org details that in Christianity, especially Catholicism and Protestantism, euthanasia is often opposed, but some Christian groups support it. Hinduism and Buddhism have nuanced views, with some supporting it as compassion and others opposing it. Islam and Judaism also have specific stances, with Islam generally prohibiting it. This is important because religion plays a significant role in Eastern cultures, whereas Western countries might be more secular. Now, considering the East, countries like Japan, India, and others in Asia might have different perspectives. The fourth result mentions that in Japan, euthanasia is legal but under strict conditions. However, I should check if this is accurate. The Wikipedia entry for Japan in euthanasia law might have more details. Also, in the East, collectivist values and family influence might affect euthanasia decisions, unlike the individualistic approach in the West. The fifth result from The Richest includes Japan in the list of countries where euthanasia is legal, but I need to confirm the legal framework there. Japan's legal system might have different criteria compared to Western countries. Additionally, in many Eastern countries, religious beliefs like Buddhism and Hinduism emphasize non-harm and the sanctity of life, which could lead to opposition to euthanasia. However, there might be cultural variations within the East. I should also consider the role of legal systems. Western countries with legalized euthanasia often have strict regulations and require patient consent, whereas in the East, legal frameworks might be more restrictive or non-existent. For example, in India, euthanasia is a contentious issue with legal challenges, while in Japan, it's legal but with specific conditions. To summarize, the West tends to have more liberal legal frameworks influenced by secularism and individual rights, while the East may have more conservative views influenced by religious doctrines and collectivist values. However, there are exceptions, like Japan's legal euthanasia, which might be a unique case. I need to structure this into a report, citing the sources provided and ensuring accurate representation of both regions' perspectives. </think>

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    "type": "function"
  }
]
```

Role: tool

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name: web_fetch

content:

Fetches content from https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legality_of_euthanasia:

Legality of euthanasia - Wikipedia

Legality of euthanasia

Language

Watch

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This article is about the legality of euthanasia of humans. For mercy killings performed on animals, see Animal euthanasia.

This article includes inline citations, but they are not properly formatted.

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Efforts to change government policies on euthanasia of humans in the 20th and 21st centuries have met limited success in Western countries. Human euthanasia policies have also been developed by a variety of NGOs, most notably medical associations and advocacy organizations. As of March 2021 update, active human euthanasia is legal in the Netherlands, Belgium, Colombia, Luxembourg, Western Australia, Canada, and Spain. Assisted suicide is legal in Switzerland, Germany, the Australian state of Victoria and in the U.S. states of Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Hawaii, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, California, and in the District of Columbia...

Role: assistant

content: <think> Okay, let's start by understanding the user's query about how views on euthanasia vary between the West and the East. The user wants a detailed report, so I need to cover legal, cultural, and religious aspects in both regions. First, I'll look at the Western perspective. From the search results, countries like the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, and some U.S. states have legalized euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide. The legal frameworks are strict, requiring patient consent and terminal illness. The Wikipedia entry mentions that these laws were enacted after significant legal battles and public debate. Culturally, the West emphasizes individual autonomy and personal rights, which supports the legalization of euthanasia. Religiously, while Christianity is predominant, there's a trend towards secularism in some Western countries, which might contribute to more liberal policies. However, religious groups like the Catholic Church often oppose euthanasia, which could explain some resistance in certain areas. Now, for the Eastern perspective. The search results mention Japan's unique legal framework where both passive and active euthanasia are possible under strict conditions. However, in many Eastern countries, euthanasia remains illegal or highly restricted. Cultural factors here might include collectivist values, where family and community play a significant role in decision-making. Religions like Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam have varying views. For example, Buddhism emphasizes non-harm, which could lead to opposition against euthanasia. Hinduism's concept of karma and dharma might also influence perspectives, as interfering with natural death could be seen as disrupting one's spiritual journey. Islam generally prohibits euthanasia due to the belief that life is sacred and only God can determine the time of death. I should also consider the role of legal systems. Western countries with legalized euthanasia have specific laws and regulations, while Eastern countries often lack such legal frameworks. This could be due to differing legal traditions and the influence of religious doctrines on legislation. Another point is the difference in public opinion. The Wikipedia entry mentions that in some Western countries, there's a majority support for legalizing euthanasia, whereas in the East, public opinion might be more divided due to cultural and religious influences. I need to structure the report to compare these aspects clearly. Start with an introduction, then break down the Western and Eastern perspectives into legal, cultural, and religious sections. Use citations from the provided sources, like the Wikipedia entry and the Factual Facts list, to back up each point. Make sure to highlight the key differences and any exceptions, like Japan's legal stance in the East. I should also check if there are any recent developments or trends. For example, in the East, some countries are starting to debate euthanasia more openly, especially with aging populations. However, the report should focus on the main differences as per the available data. Finally, conclude by summarizing the main points and emphasizing the interplay between legal, cultural, and religious factors in shaping euthanasia views in both regions. Make sure all citations are properly formatted in markdown as per the user's instructions. </think>

<report>

Views on Euthanasia: A Comparative Analysis of Western and Eastern Perspectives

Introduction

Euthanasia remains a contentious issue globally, with significant variations in legal frameworks, cultural attitudes, and religious influences between the West and the East. This report explores these differences, focusing on legal status, cultural values, and religious doctrines that shape perspectives in both regions.

Western Perspectives on Euthanasia

Legal Frameworks

Western countries exhibit a spectrum of legal approaches to euthanasia:

- **Legalization**: Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (PAS) are legal in the **Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, and Spain** under strict conditions, such as terminal illness and patient consent ([[Legality of Euthanasia](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legality_of_euthanasia)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legality_of_euthanasia)).
- **Regulated PAS**: In the **United States**, states like Oregon, Washington, and California permit PAS for terminally ill patients ([[10 Countries Where Euthanasia is Legal](https://www.therichest.com/most-influential/10-countries-where-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide-are-legal/)](<https://www.therichest.com/most-influential/10-countries-where-euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide-are-legal/>)).
- **Restrictions**: Many European countries, including Germany and the UK, prohibit active euthanasia but allow passive euthanasia (withdrawing life support) under specific circumstances.

Cultural and Ethical Considerations

- **Individual Autonomy**: Western societies often prioritize personal choice and self-determination. The concept of death with dignity is central to debates, emphasizing patients' rights to control their end-of-life decisions.
- **Secularism**: In countries like the Netherlands and Belgium, secular legal systems have decoupled euthanasia policies from religious doctrines, enabling progressive legislation.

Religious Influences

- **Christianity**: While some Christian denominations (e.g., liberal Protestant groups) support euthanasia as an act of compassion, others, like the Catholic Church, oppose it on the grounds of the sanctity of life.
- **Slippery Slope Debates**: Critics in the West often cite ethical concerns about potential abuses, such as vulnerable populations being pressured into euthanasia.

Eastern Perspectives on Euthanasia

Legal Frameworks

Eastern countries largely maintain restrictive or absent legal frameworks for euthanasia:

- **Japan**: Both passive and active euthanasia are legally permissible under strict judicial guidelines, but cases remain rare. The 1995 Tokai University case established conditions requiring patient consent and exhaustion of palliative care ([[Legality of Euthanasia](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legality_of_euthanasia)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legality_of_euthanasia)).
- **India and South Korea**: Passive euthanasia is legal, but active euthanasia remains prohibited. For example, India's Supreme Court legalized passive euthanasia in 2018 for patients in permanent vegetative states.
- **Middle East and South Asia**: Countries like Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Indonesia prohibit euthanasia under Islamic law (Sharia), which views life as sacred and only terminable by God.

Cultural and Ethical Considerations

- **Collectivist Values**: In many Eastern cultures, family and community consensus play a critical role in end-of-life decisions. For instance, in Japan, bioethics SWAT teams mediate disputes between patients, families, and medical professionals.

- **Dignity and Harmony**: Concepts of social harmony and filial piety in East Asian cultures often discourage individualistic decisions that could disrupt family dynamics.

Religious Influences

- **Buddhism and Hinduism**:

- **Buddhism**: Emphasizes non-harm (*ahimsa*), leading to opposition against euthanasia as an act of killing.

- **Hinduism**: Views death as part of *karma* and *dharma*, with euthanasia potentially disrupting spiritual rebirth cycles.

- **Islam**: Explicitly prohibits euthanasia, considering it a sin and a violation of divine will ([Religious Views on Euthanasia](<https://slife.org/religious-views-on-euthanasia/>)).

Comparative Analysis

| **Aspect** | **West** | **East** |

| **Legal Status** | Legal in several countries (e.g., Netherlands, Canada) with strict criteria. | Mostly illegal; Japan and India permit passive euthanasia under limited conditions. |

| **Cultural Priorities** | Individual autonomy and self-determination. | Family consensus and social harmony. |

| **Religious Influence** | Mixed; secularism often overrides religious opposition in Western Europe. | Strong religious prohibitions (e.g., Islam, Buddhism) shape laws and norms. |

| **Public Opinion** | Generally supportive in countries with legalized euthanasia (e.g., 65% in New Zealand). | More divided due to religious and cultural norms; debates are emerging in Japan and South Korea. |

Recent Trends and Controversies

- **Western Expansion**: Spain legalized euthanasia in 2021, reflecting growing acceptance in Europe.

- **Eastern Debates**: Japan's *Will-Dying Bill* (2018) and South Korea's discussions on end-of-life care highlight shifting attitudes in the East, though progress remains slow due to religious and cultural resistance.

Conclusion

Western and Eastern views on euthanasia diverge significantly due to legal traditions, cultural values, and religious doctrines. The West emphasizes individual rights and secular governance, enabling legalization in several countries. In contrast, the East prioritizes collectivist ethics and religious principles, resulting in stricter prohibitions. As global populations age, these differences may spark further dialogue, though deeply rooted cultural and religious frameworks will likely persist in shaping distinct perspectives.

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Task Completeness: 40.0

Citation Recall: 0.25

Citation Precision: 0.25

Table 9: Case 2, executed by the Qwen3-32B (Thinking) using a search tool built on a dense index.

Qid: 2024-32912 **Model:** Qwen3-32B (Thinking) **Question:** how bad did the vietnam war devastate the economy in 1968

Role: assistant

content: <think> Okay, the user is asking how bad the Vietnam War devastated the economy in 1968. I need to generate a report answering this. Let me start by understanding what aspects of the economy were affected. The Vietnam War was a major conflict, so likely impacts include military spending, inflation, GDP, employment, and maybe social programs. First, I should use the web_search function to find relevant information. The query should be something like "economic impact of Vietnam War 1968". Let me check if I need to specify the year. The user mentioned 1968, so focusing on that year is important. Maybe search for "Vietnam War 1968 economic effects" or "1968 Vietnam War economy statistics". I'll call the web_search function with the query economic impact of Vietnam War in 1968 and num_results set to 5 to get a few sources. After getting the search results, I can look at the URLs and titles to see which ones are most relevant. Then, if necessary, use web_fetch to get the content from those URLs for more detailed info. Wait, but the user wants the report to include citations from the external tools. So after searching, I need to note the sources. For example, if a search result is from a government report or a reputable economic analysis site, that would be good. Let me make sure to capture the titles and URLs for citations later. Once I have the data, I can structure the report into sections: military spending, inflation, GDP growth, employment, and social programs. Each section should have statistics from 1968, supported by the sources. For example, in 1968, the U.S. spent X billion on the war, leading to Y% inflation. GDP growth was Z%, etc. I need to verify the numbers from multiple sources if possible. Also, check if there were any specific events in 1968, like the Tet Offensive, that had economic repercussions. Maybe the draft and troop numbers affected the labor force. Additionally, the Vietnam War's impact on public spending versus social programs like the Great Society might be relevant. After gathering all the information, I'll compile it into a markdown report with headings, bullet points for key stats, and citations at the end of each relevant sentence. Make sure each citation is properly formatted in brackets with title and URL. Avoid listing all sources at the end; instead, integrate them where the info is used. Let me start by making the initial web_search call. If the results are not sufficient, I might need to do another search with adjusted keywords. Once I have enough data, I can proceed to write the report. </think>

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content: <think> Okay, let's start by analyzing the user's question: how bad did the Vietnam War devastate the economy in 1968. The user is asking about the economic impact of the Vietnam War specifically in 1968. First, I need to recall the general economic effects of the Vietnam War. I know that the U.S. spent a significant amount on the war, which contributed to inflation and budget deficits. However, the user is focusing on 1968, so I need to find specific data from that year. Looking at the search results provided: 1. The first result from VietnamWarAffects.weebly.com discusses the American economy's impact from the Vietnam War. It mentions that the war led to increased government spending, inflation, and a decline in public services. However, the exact figures for 1968 are not provided here. 2. The second result from HistoryCentral.com's Vietnam War and the Economy page likely details the economic consequences. It might include statistics on military expenditure, GDP, and inflation rates in 1968. 3. The third result is about Vietnam's economy post-1975, which is outside the user's scope of 1968, so it's probably not relevant here. 4. The fourth result is the Wikipedia page for 1968 in the Vietnam War. While it provides a timeline of events, it may not focus on economic data. However, it could mention key events in 1968 that had economic repercussions, such as the Tet Offensive. 5. The fifth result from Answers.com asks about the total cost of the Vietnam War but doesn't specify 1968. The answer might give an overall figure, but I need to check if it breaks down the costs by year. Since the user wants information specifically for 1968, I need to extract data from these sources that pertain to that year. The first and second results seem most relevant. The Wikipedia page might have some economic context within the events of 1968, like increased military spending or draft impacts. I should check if the HistoryCentral page provides specific numbers for 1968. For example, how much the U.S. spent on the war in that year, the inflation rate, and GDP growth. The Weebly page might mention the overall effects but not the exact 1968 figures. The Answers.com page might have total costs, but I need to see if it can be used to estimate the 1968 expenditure. If the total cost is known, I could look for the percentage allocated in 1968. However, without specific data, this might be an approximation. The Wikipedia page for 1968 in the Vietnam War might mention the number of troops, which could relate to economic impact through military spending and the draft. For instance, the U.S. had around 500,000 troops in Vietnam by 1968, which would require significant resources. I also need to consider the broader economic context of 1968 in the U.S., such as the Great Society programs being affected by the war's funding. The war's cost may have led to cuts in social programs or increased taxes. Potential sources for specific data: - The HistoryCentral page might state that in 1968, the U.S. spent approximately \$20 billion on the war, leading to a budget deficit. This could be a key figure to include. - The Weebly page might discuss how the war contributed to inflation. In 1968, the inflation rate in the U.S. was around 4.2%, which could be linked to war spending. - The Wikipedia page might note that the war effort led to a recession in 1968-1969, with rising unemployment and stagnant economic growth. I should verify these points by checking the content of the provided search results. Since I can't access the full content, I'll have to infer based on the titles and headings. For example, the HistoryCentral page's title Vietnam War and the Economy suggests it will cover economic impacts, so it's likely to have the necessary statistics. Putting this together, the report should outline the military expenditure in 1968, the resulting inflation, the impact on GDP, and any related economic policies or recessions. Each point should be supported by citations from the relevant sources. </think>

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Economic Impact of the Vietnam War in 1968 The Vietnam War had profound economic consequences for the United States in 1968, characterized by massive military spending, rising inflation, and strained public finances. Below is a detailed analysis of these effects, supported by historical data and sources.

1. **Military Spending and Federal Budget Deficits**

In 1968, the U.S. allocated approximately **\$20 billion** (equivalent to over \$150 billion in 2023) to fund military operations in Vietnam. This expenditure accounted for nearly **5%** of the federal budget and contributed to a **\$2.3 billion budget deficit** for the year ([Vietnam War and the Economy](https://www.historycentral.com/sixty/Economics/Vietnam.html)). The war's financial burden forced cuts in domestic programs and redirected resources from social initiatives like the Great Society to war efforts.

2. **Inflation and Monetary Policy**

The war exacerbated inflation, which reached **4.2%** in 1968, up from 2.9% in 1967. The Federal Reserve struggled to balance anti-inflationary measures with the need to fund the war, leading to rising interest rates. The combination of increased government spending and inflation eroded purchasing power, particularly for middle- and lower-income households ([American Economy - How Did the Vietnam War Affect America?](https://vietnamwaraffacts.weebly.com/american-economy.html)).

3. **Economic Recession and Unemployment**

By late 1968, the U.S. entered a recession marked by **rising unemployment** (4.2% in 1968, peaking at 3.8% in 1969) and stagnant GDP growth. The war's demand for resources and labor diverted investment from private sectors, while draft-related labor shortages further strained the economy. The recession was compounded by public discontent and political instability ([1968 in the Vietnam War - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1968_in_the_Vietnam_War)).

4. **Social and Long-Term Costs**

The war's indirect costs included **widespread social unrest** and long-term economic consequences. The 1968 Tet Offensive, a pivotal military event that year, intensified public opposition and led to calls for withdrawal. Additionally, the war's toll on infrastructure, healthcare, and veterans' benefits persisted for decades ([How much did the Vietnam War cost? - Answers](http://www.answers.com/Q/How_much_did_the_Vietnam_War_cost)).

Conclusion

The Vietnam War's economic impact in 1968 was severe, with immediate effects on inflation, public spending, and employment. These challenges set the stage for broader economic crises in the 1970s, including the 1973 oil shock and stagflation. The war underscored the difficulty of sustaining large-scale military conflicts without compromising domestic economic stability.

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Task Completeness: 26.9

Citation Recall: 0.0

Citation Precision: 0.0
