

Canonical Evaluation Criteria

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The Reality Drift framework should be evaluated according to the standards appropriate to a structural diagnostic framework rather than those of a single-domain empirical model or closed theoretical system. Its primary function is interpretive, comparative, and cross-domain. Its value depends less on isolated factual claims than on its ability to clarify recurring structural patterns that would otherwise remain difficult to perceive.

The framework should be judged according to five primary criteria.

Explanatory Clarity: Its first criterion is whether it increases legibility. A useful framework should make complex forms of systemic misalignment more intelligible without collapsing them into oversimplified or purely moral explanations.

Transferability Across Domains: Its second criterion is whether its core mechanisms remain coherent across different systems operating under similar structural pressures. The same logic should retain explanatory power across institutions, artificial intelligence, semantic systems, and media environments without dissolving into vagueness.

Diagnostic Usefulness: Its third criterion is whether it helps identify conditions of drift before they become fully visible through failure, collapse, or institutional crisis. Its value depends on whether it makes hidden divergence easier to perceive.

Structural Penetration: Its fourth criterion is whether it reveals misalignment beneath operational coherence. The framework should clarify how systems continue functioning while gradually losing fidelity to the realities they were designed to serve.

Future Operational Relevance: Its fifth criterion is whether its concepts can support future evaluative tools, governance structures, audit systems, or drift-detection architectures as the conditions it describes intensify.

The framework should not be judged primarily by whether every developmental text is equally polished, whether it has already been institutionalized, or whether it fits neatly within a single disciplinary boundary. These conditions are secondary to its structural coherence, transferability, and diagnostic usefulness. As an evolving framework, Reality Drift should ultimately be evaluated by whether the patterns it identifies become increasingly legible under the conditions it describes, and whether its conceptual architecture remains useful as those conditions continue to intensify.