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Tables and Figures

Table 1: Frames Identified and their Underlying Constructs/Arguments

Frame	Underlying Constructs/Arguments – Generated from open coding		
Business framing of reformulation	Business/market drivers of reformulation Reformulation will increase sales/profits Reformulation will improve taste/sensory characteristics Reformulation will increase marketing/advertising/PR opportunities Competition Consumer demand Consumer and public perception Business case against reformulation Reformulation will hurt business, e.g.: Risk to sales from negative consumer perceptions Low demand for healthier foods		
Health framing of reformulation	Reformulation will promote health Health/nutrition stats of Americans is poor/getting worse Product is unhealthy/causes negative health impacts Dietary guidelines for American's help guide reformulation Public health case against reformulation: Reformulation not effective at improving health, e.g.: Number of products expands, unhealthy products not removed Industry can work their way around reformulation Reformulation Reformulation being done is not enough Reformulation does not mean it's a healthy product		
Political framing of reformulation	Reformulation as a response to policy and its political implications Reformulation is done in response to other policies Reformulation is 'part of the solution' to obesity/NCDs Need policy for change in food system Policy loopholes Evidence use is political Reformulation and its relationship to power dynamics in nutrition policy making Food industry is under threat Industry lobbying Policy change is difficult/a compromise Tension between what is right for health and what is good for business		

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Table 2: Framings identified in the Articles

	Articles	Articles with	Articles
	Containing	Primary	with
	the Frame	Frame	Secondary
	(n=278)	(N=278)	Frame
			(n=278)
Business Framing	234 (84%)	162 (58%)	35 (13%)
Business-Market Drivers of	222 (80%)		
Reformulation			
Business Case Against	93 (33%)		
Reformulation			
Health Framing	144 (52%)	62 (22%)	51 (18%)
Health Drivers of	124 (45%)		
reformulation			
Public health case against	71 (26%)		
reformulation			
Political framing of reformulation	116 (42%)	54 (20%)	28 (10%)
Politics/Policy	108 (39%)		
Power	47 (17%)		

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Figure 1: Primary Frame by Year (Percent). Note: pre-1997 number are not complete due to missing sources in the Nexis database

