

connectiv.events

A site covering health, science, and politics that frequently publishes false and misleading claims, including about the Wuhan coronavirus.

Ownership and Financing

According to the site's Imprint page, Connectiv.events is owned by Connectiv events s.l., a private company registered in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. The company's owner identified herself as Anna Maria August in a March 2020 phone interview with NewsGuard.

The site runs advertisements and solicits donations.

Content

On its "About connectiv" ("Über connectiv") page, the site describes itself as a "neutral and independent platform" that "brings together people who think differently and are open to new ideas and approaches, regardless of their religious orientation or political convictions."

The site writes about health, science, spirituality, and politics, and provides information about conferences and other events related to these subjects. Under a Topics tab, articles appear in sections including Spirituality, Family, History, Health, Medicine, Nature, Politics, and Psychology. Articles frequently are critical of established media organizations, mainstream medical institutions, left-wing policies, LGBTQ activists, Muslims, and the European Union.

Typical articles have run under headlines such as "Why antidepressants do not work" ("Warum Antidepressiva nicht wirken") and "These are the billionaires behind the transgender industry" ("Das sind die Milliardäre hinter der Transgender-Industrie").

The site's Media (Medien) page provides a list of conspiratorial and alternative health sites, including the STOP Smart Meter Network, which claims that governments monitor citizens via meters installed by utility companies.



Proceed with caution: This website severely violates basic standards of credibility and transparency.

Score: 17.5/100

-  Does not repeatedly publish false content (22 points)
-  Gathers and presents information responsibly (18)
-  Regularly corrects or clarifies errors (12.5)
-  Handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly (12.5)
-  Avoids deceptive headlines (10)
-  Website discloses ownership and financing (7.5)
-  Clearly labels advertising (7.5)
-  Reveals who's in charge, including any possible conflicts of interest (5)
-  The site provides names of content creators, along with either contact or biographical information (5)

Criteria are listed in order of importance.

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Articles on Connectiv.events typically include information from other sources along with the site's added commentary. The site relies both on reputable news organizations, such as N-TV, Welt, and Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, as well as sites such as Natural News, DailyHealthNews, and the pro-Russian outlet Anti-Spiegel that NewsGuard has found to be unreliable.

The site itself has published false and misleading information, including false health claims and conspiracy theories related to the 9/11 terror attacks. In early 2020, the site published numerous false claims about the coronavirus outbreak.

For example, in a January 2020 article, headlined "Study: Chlorine dioxide solutions deactivate the coronavirus" ("Studie: Chlordioxid-Lösungen inaktivieren den Coronavirus"), the site claimed that chlorine dioxide can cure the disease. According to the article, with a daily intake of a chlorine dioxide solution, "positive results should be seen after 3-10 days at the latest." To back this claim, the article cited a Chinese 2005 study by the Tianjin Institute of Environment and Health.

However, this study assessed the effectiveness of killing viruses on surfaces and in feces using disinfectants such as chlorine or chlorine dioxide. It did not recommend ingesting such substances. Moreover, the study referred to a different type of coronavirus, the SARS virus.

The disinfectant chlorine dioxide poses a "substantial health risk" if ingested, the German consumer office stated in August 2019. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, side effects of ingesting chlorine include "severe vomiting, severe diarrhea, life-threatening low blood pressure caused by dehydration, and acute liver failure."

Another January 2020 article, titled "Wuhan, first province with full 5G coverage - now the centre of the deadly virus" ("Wuhan, erste Provinz mit vollständiger 5G Abdeckung – jetzt das Zentrum des tödlichen Virus"), claimed that "the deaths are not due to a virus,

but a cell breakdown caused by 5G that mimics the effects of a virus." The exposure to 5G waves leads to "flu-like symptoms," the article stated. To support these claims, the article included a translation of a 2017 letter written by 180 scientists that served as an appeal to the European Union for a moratorium on 5G until health effects have been "fully investigated."

In fact, the letter does not make any claims about 5G causing the coronavirus, and there is no evidence that 5G waves cause human cells to break down. A representative of the German Federal Office for Radiation Protection (Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz) told the investigative nonprofit newsroom Correctiv that "5G causes neither cell degradation nor flu-like symptoms. 5G can (like all fields of telecommunications transmitters, i.e. also 2G, 3G, 4G) cause at most a slight, imperceptible warming, which is mainly limited to the body surface (and does not reach the lungs)."

An April 2019 article titled "A tube of tooth gel can be deadly — how you flush the nerve poison fluoride out of your body" ("Eine Tube Zahngel kann tödlich sein — wie Du das Nervengift Fluorid aus Deinem Körper ausleitest") claimed that a 2014 study in the medical journal *The Lancet Neurology* "classified fluoride as a neurotoxin, i.e. a nerve poison," placing the substance "in the same category as lead, arsenic and mercury." The article also claimed that there is "very strong evidence that fluoridated drinking water is associated with various types of cancer."

However, the referenced study does not classify fluoride as a neurotoxin, but merely argued that many chemicals given to children should be treated as toxins until scientific research is more definitive about their developmental effects on children. Moreover, the review does not address or provide evidence for the claim that fluoride in water can cause cancer. Multiple studies starting in the 1950s have found that fluoride is safe to consume in low doses. According to a 2018 statement from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Expert panels consisting of scientists from the United States and other countries ... have

considered the available evidence in peer-reviewed literature and have not found convincing scientific evidence linking community water fluoridation with any potential adverse health effect or systemic disorder," including an increased risk of developing cancer.

A September 2019 article titled "9/11 Special" claimed that the World Trade Center towers had been destroyed not by hijacked airplanes but rather by a "radiation bomb comprised of a reactive element mix, with the ability for self-ignition," adding that "many previously puzzling observations can be explained as simple side effects of the radiation bomb."

Multiple government investigations and studies have ruled out the theory that the Twin Towers were felled by explosives. The U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, after a three-year investigation that involved 200 experts, found no evidence that explosives were placed inside the World Trade Center.

Because Connectiv.events has frequently published false or unsubstantiated claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false information and headlines and that it does not gather and represent information responsibly.

Connectiv.events does not articulate a corrections policy and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

On its "About connectiv" ("Über connectiv") page, the site describes itself as a "neutral and independent platform." However, the site frequently publishes opinionated statements in its news articles, often voicing conservative and anti-EU sentiments.

For example, a February 2020 article, titled "'TRUMP-COUP' FAILED: U.S. president wins by a landslide! Mainstream and left-wing Democrats are shaken!" ("'TRUMP-PUTSCH' GESCHEITERT: US-Präsident siegt auf ganzer Linie! Mainstream und linke Demokraten sind erschüttert!"), stated that President Trump's opponents forced an impeachment trial "with lies, fake news and bashing."

Another February 2020 article, titled “Defender 2020 Europe - are the defenders of Europe really just coming for an exercise?” (“Defender 2020 Europe – kommen die Verteidiger Europas wirklich nur für eine Übung?”) stated that “the real enemies of Europe are sitting inside the EU, in the Chancellery and partly also in mosques....”

A third February 2020 article, headlined “Is this still a democracy or can this go away?” (“Ist das noch Demokratie oder kann das weg?”) stated, “Democracy has outlived itself and can go - something better will be found.”

Because Connectiv.events publishes opinionated content without disclosing its perspective or agenda, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

In a March 2020 phone interview, Anna Maria August, the owner of Connectiv.events, declined to comment about the site’s handling of opinion and its approach to corrections.

Transparency

The site’s Imprint page discloses its ownership and names the company’s director and the person in charge of the site’s content. The page also provides a general phone number and email address.

A page titled Humans (Menschen) provides a list of the site’s authors, along with biographical and contact information.

Some paid content on the site is not labeled as such. For example, the site frequently publishes promotional content for various products, such as CBD oil and various health supplements, that link to ecommerce sites selling the products, without indicating the commercial nature of the content.

Asked about the site’s labeling of sponsored content, August declined to comment.

History

Web archive records indicate that the site was launched in 2017.

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