Disinformazione.it is owned by Italian author Marcello Pamio and is based in Padova.

The site generates revenue from advertising and donations.

Disinformazione.it, or Disinformation in English, features a tagline under the site’s name on the homepage, saying, “The Truth Will Set You Free” (“La verità vi renderà liberi”).

The site publishes news and commentary about health, the economy, and national and international politics. Articles are posted in more than a dozen sections, including Environment (Ambiente), Health (Salute), Cancer (Cancro), New World Order (Nuovo Ordine Mondiale), and Freemasonry (Massoneria).

Disinformazione.it also publishes Pamio’s weekly podcast about health, politics, environmental issues, and gender. Pamio has often questioned the existence of climate change and supported anti-vaccination positions in his podcasts.


Disinformazione.it regularly publishes stories that promote discredited conspiracy theories and unproven medical and scientific claims.
The website has falsely claimed in articles that vaccines can cause autism. For example, a September 2019 article, “Learning disorders: From vaccines to digital devices and screening,” claimed, citing a 2016 study, that “vaccinated children showed a 420% higher risk of developing autism or ADHD” (“i bambini vaccinati mostravano un rischio superiore del 420% di sviluppare autismo o ADHD!”).

Another article, published in August 2018, called claims that vaccines do not cause autism a “negationist mantra.” The article added, “the children were very healthy before the vaccines, and after the injections, they lost something forever” (“i bambini erano saniissimi prima dei vaccini, e dopo le iniezioni hanno perso qualcosa per sempre”).

The CDC and many other health and science authorities, including the U.K. National Health Service and the World Health Organization, have repeatedly stated that there is no link between vaccines and autism, based on an abundance of scientific evidence.

The claim in the September 2019 article that vaccinated children were more than four times more likely to develop autism or ADHD was based on unsubstantiated research that was never published in print. The 2016 research, which was funded by two anti-vaccine groups, Generation Rescue and the Children’s Medical Safety Research Institute, was based on an online survey of approximately 400 mothers of home-schooled children.

The study was initially published online by the journal Frontiers in Public Health. However, the journal later stated that the study was “provisionally accepted but not published” in its print publication, according to RetractionWatch, a news site that covers retractions in research publications.

In a February 2020 article titled “Coronavirus: history of a dictatorship” (“Coronavirus: cronologia di una dittatura”) Pamio falsely claimed that the 2020 coronavirus outbreak was engineered by the U.S. to
punish Italy for a commercial partnership it entered into with China in 2019. The virus, Pamio said, was intended to “complete the systematic destruction of Italy.”

There is no evidence that the 2020 coronavirus was deliberately engineered by the U.S. or any another country. The World Health Organization, in a February 2020 report, said that the virus is similar to a coronavirus that has circulated in bats. A study published the same month in the journal Nature also concluded that the virus is “96% identical at the whole-genome level to a bat coronavirus.”

Disinformazione.it has also promoted the “chemtrail” conspiracy theory, which contends that condensation trails left in the sky by aircraft contain dangerous chemicals that governments produce to target people and the environment. A March 2019 article asserted that the U.S. government had used chemtrails to control weather patterns. “Controlling the climate is part of the military war, and therefore for the United States of America a national security priority,” the article claimed.

There is no evidence that condensation released by airplanes is part of a secret U.S. government program to control the weather. In a 2016 article published in the journal Environmental Research Letters, 76 out of 77 atmospheric chemists and geochemists who evaluated evidence of a clandestine atmospheric spraying program said that these claims were unsupported.

Disinformazione.it published five articles in 2018 and 2019 that falsely claimed that 5G cellular telephone technology can cause cancer. For example, a May 2019 article claimed that the 5G network could “damage the DNA of our cells” (“danneggiare il DNA delle nostre cellule”) and “induce mutations and contribute to the phenomenon of cancer” (“indurre mutazioni e concorrere al fenomeno del cancro”).

Multiple studies have not conclusively proven that cell phone exposure causes cancer in people, and none has focused on the emerging 5G technology. The National Cancer Institute says on its website that “no consistent evidence for an association between any source of
non-ionizing EMF and cancer has been found.” Non-ionizing EMF is the type of electromagnetic radiation used by the 5G network.

Disinformazione.it has also promoted the false theory that former U.S. President Bill Clinton and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton are responsible for dozens of deaths. An August 2019 article claimed, “A ‘dead pool,’ that is ‘blacklist’ of corpses, follows the former president and his wife from the 1990s to the present. And we’re not talking about some sporadic cases, but about 48 corpses, including as many as 12 bodyguards!” (“Una ‘dead-pool’, cioè una ‘lista nera’ di cadaveri segue l’ex presidente e la sua consorta dagli anni Novanta ad oggi. E non stiamo parlando di qualche caso sporadico, ma di circa 48 cadaveri, tra cui ben 12 guardie del corpo!”).

The article said that the list included the names of “people connected to the Clintons who died in mysterious circumstances or ‘committed suicide’ before testifying.”

There is no truth to this years-old conspiracy theory. Official statements from law enforcement and medical authorities have indicated that many of the deaths attributed to the Clintons were caused by health issues or suicide, with no evidence of foul play. For example, five official investigations concluded that the 1993 death of former Deputy White House Counsel Vince Foster, whose name appears on the “blacklist”, was a suicide.

Because Disinformazione.it frequently promotes false claims and unsubstantiated conspiracy theories, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and fails to avoid deceptive headlines.

The site does not acknowledge an overall point of view, and does not publish a separate opinion section. However, it regularly includes conservative commentary in news stories, which is why NewsGuard has determined that it does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.
For example, a March 2019 article published in a section called Children, Control, and New World Order, called same-sex marriage and same-sex families a “diabolical operation” (“operazione diabolica”), and said that same-sex unions will cause “the systematic destruction of family, values and identity (religious, sexual, etc.)” (“la distruzione sistematica della famiglia, dei valori e dell’identità (religiosa, sessuale, ecc.)”).

A June 2019 article, published in the same section, argued that an advertisement signed by executives at more than 180 companies in support of abortion rights was a “diabolical advertising operation” that sought to support “the culture of death.”

The site does not disclose a corrections policy and NewsGuard did not find published corrections.

NewsGuard sent two messages to the site’s Facebook page, inquiring about the site’s publication of false information, its mixing of opinion and news, and its corrections practices, but did not receive a response.

The site does not have an About Us (Chi Siamo) page or a Contact page, and does not identify its owners or editorial leaders. There is no way for a user to directly contact the site.

Articles on disinformazione.it are attributed to authors, but no biographical or contact information is provided for them.

Advertisements are distinguishable from editorial content.

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Disinformazione.it was founded “between 1998 and 1999,” according to the website’s stats page. The domain was registered in 2000.

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