

fawkes-news.com

An anonymously run website that promotes global conspiracy theories from a populist, anti-establishment perspective that it does not disclose.



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

Ownership and Financing

Fawkes-News.com does not disclose its ownership. The site is hosted by Blogger, a blogging platform owned by Google that allows blog owners to remain anonymous.

The site's name is a reference to Guy Fawkes, the man who attempted to blow up the House of Lords in London in 1605 in order to install a Catholic leader as king of England. In the early 2000s, a mask representing Fawkes became known as the symbol of the online hacktivist group Anonymous. However, the site does not claim to have links to the group.

Fawkes-News.com generates revenue from advertising.

Content

Fawkes-News.com publishes news and opinion content devoted to government secrets, alleged political and corporate plots to manipulate the public, and other conspiracies. The homepage features categories including Secret Societies (Sociétés secrètes), New World Order (Nouvel ordre mondial), Declassified (Déclassifié), Manipulations, 9/11, and Poisoning (Empoisonnement).

The site also covers political and social issues in France, including the Yellow Vests movement and the migrant crisis. Stories generally summarize reporting by other sites and from social media, along with the site's added commentary.

Typical articles have run under headlines including "The oath to join the Chinese Communist Party resembles that of a secret society" ("Le serment pour adhérer au parti communiste chinois ressemble à celui d'une société secrète"); "Gérard Fauré speaks of high-level masonic lodges known as 'illuminati' seeking to destroy France" ("Gérard Fauré parle de hautes loges

Score: 0/100

- ✗ 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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maçonniques dites 'illuminati' cherchant à détruire la France"); and "Canadian scientist at center of Chinese biowarfare espionage investigation found dead in Africa?" ("Un scientifique canadien au centre d'une enquête de bio-espionnage chinois retrouvé mort en Afrique ?").

Credibility

Fawkes-News.com does not appear to publish original reporting. Stories are often based on information from sites that NewsGuard has found to be unreliable, including Russian-state owned site RT.com and conservative news site Epoch Times. Many articles advance discredited conspiracy theories, including false claims about the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020.

For example, a March 2020 article, titled "Very good news: Vitamin C IV drips are good for treating coronavirus patients, according to first medical reports from China" ("Très bonne nouvelle: les perfusions de vitamine C permettent bien de traiter les patients du coronavirus selon des premiers retours médicaux de Chine"), claimed that high doses of vitamin C can cure patients with the COVID-19 virus and prevent the spread of the disease. "Vitamin C is already being used to prevent and treat COVID-19 in China and in Korea. And it is working," the article claimed. ("La vitamine C est déjà utilisée pour prévenir et traiter le COVID-19 en Chine et en Corée. Et ça marche.")

Fact-checking organizations including French newspaper 20 Minutes' fact-checking unit, Factcheck.org, and Snopes have said there is no credible evidence that high doses of vitamin C can slow or stop the spread of the disease. Both the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that there currently is no known treatment for the coronavirus strain responsible for the 2020 outbreak.

When NewsGuard contacted the site by email, a person who identified himself as "Fawkes" stated: "This information comes directly from Chinese healthcare workers, and, even if clinical studies haven't yet been done, this is their first encouraging response and this is also indicated in the article." ("Cette

information vient directement des soignants chinois et, même si des études cliniques n'ont pas encore été faites, ce sont leurs premiers retours encourageants et ça aussi c'est indiqué dans l'article.")

In February 2020, the site published the translation of an article from Taiwan newspaper Taipei Times titled "Virus Outbreak: COVID-19 likely synthetic: Researchers say," which claimed that it was "highly possible" that the "virus was leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology," a research institute in Wuhan, China, where the outbreak began.

Citing as a source a public health researcher in Taiwan, the article stated, "Given China's poor track record with lab safety management and overall lab culture, it is highly likely that a virus escaped from the facility." (Compte tenu des piètres antécédents de la Chine en matière de gestion de la sécurité des laboratoires et de la gestion des laboratoires en général, il est très probable qu'un virus se soit échappé de l'installation.")

Although it is true that a lab at the Wuhan Institute of Virology works with dangerous pathogens, there is no evidence backing the claim that the new strain of coronavirus came from that lab. A February 2020 report by the World Health Organization concluded that "increasing evidence demonstrates the link between the 2019-nCoV and other similar known coronaviruses (CoV) circulating in bats." A study published the same month in Nature found that the virus is "96% identical at the whole- genome level to a bat coronavirus."

The site did not address this issue in its response to NewsGuard.

In May 2019, the site published the translation of an English-language article from the political blog MoonOfAlabama.org, which advanced the narrative of the Russian government that Syrian government forces did not carry out a chemical attack against civilians on April 7, 2018, in the Syrian town of Douma.

"It seemed obvious from the very first claims of the 'gas attack' that it did not happen at all," the article claimed. "The Syrian government had no motive to use any chemical weapon or an irritant like chlorine in Douma. It had already won the battle. The incident was obviously staged, like others before it, to drag the U.S. into a new attack on Syria." ("Il est apparu évident dès les premières déclarations de 'l'attaque au gaz' que cela ne s'est pas produit du tout. Le gouvernement syrien n'avait aucune raison d'utiliser une arme chimique ou un irritant comme le chlore à Douma. Elle avait déjà gagné la bataille. L'incident a manifestement été organisé, comme d'autres avant lui, pour entraîner les États-Unis dans une nouvelle attaque contre la Syrie.").

The article cited leaked documents about a fact-finding mission by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

In fact, the documents do not support the claim that the incident was "staged" and "designed to frame the Syrian government," according to the European Union's fact-checking unit EU vs. Disinfo. In fact, the final OPCW report on the Douma attack concluded that "the use of a toxic chemical as a weapon took place." The Kremlin's claims that Syria did not use chemical weapons on its citizens have been contradicted by first-person accounts, photos, and videos documenting the atrocity and by reports from the United Nations and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Asked about this article, the person who responded to NewsGuard's email said: "Your 100-percent Atlanticist sources aren't more reliable than local witnesses and other independent journalists who contradict this version." ("Vos sources 100% atlantistes ne sont pas pour autant plus fiables que les témoins sur place et d'autres journalistes indépendants qui contredisent cette version.").

In August 2019, the site published an article headlined "Pearl Harbor: The American conspiracy unmasked" ("Pearl Harbor: le complot américain démasqué"), which was translated from the conspiracy site The Unz Review. The article claimed that U.S. President Franklin

Roosevelt had advanced knowledge of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and allowed Japanese forces to bomb the naval base. The article stated that the 1999 book "Day of Deceit," by U.S. author Robert Stinnett, "demonstrates, on the basis of extensive incontrovertible factual evidence and self-evidently accurate analysis that President Roosevelt oversaw the contrivance and deployment of a closely-guarded secret plan to goad the Japanese into attacking Pearl Harbor and monitor them while they did it." ("... démontre, sur la base de preuves factuelles incontestables et d'une analyse manifestement exacte, que le président Roosevelt a supervisé l'élaboration et le déploiement d'un plan étroitement gardé secret pour inciter les Japonais à attaquer Pearl Harbor et les surveiller pendant leur opération.")

Since the release of "Day of Deceit," Stinnett's thesis has been dismissed by many historians and other experts. In 2001, CIA senior historian Donald Steury told Salon that "Those who have been able to check his alleged sources also are unanimous in their condemnation of his methodology. Basically, the author has made up his sources; when he does not make up the source, he lies about what the source says." In 2000, political historian David Greenberg wrote in Slate magazine that "no one ever produced credible evidence that Roosevelt knew the attack was coming. In fact, contemporaneous diaries and accounts show reactions of surprise among top officials."

The site did not respond to a request for comment on this article.

Because Fawkes-News.com often promotes conspiracy theories and propaganda that are not supported by credible evidence, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content and deceptive headlines and does not gather and present information responsibly.

Fawkes-News.com does not post a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

Asked about the site's approach to corrections, "Fawkes" said: "Yes, I regularly modify articles when the information is inaccurate or incorrect. However, there are times when it's not always the case because this blog is not a full-time activity." ("Oui je modifie régulièrement des articles lorsqu'une information s'avère imprécise ou erronée. Cependant, il arrive certainement que ce ne soit pas toujours le cas car ce blog n'est pas une activité à temps plein.")

He did not provide examples of corrections.

Fawkes-News.com does not have a dedicated section for opinion or label articles as commentary. The site does not disclose a mission or political orientation, yet most articles express anti-government, anti-establishment, and populist views.

For example, in July 2019, the site published an unlabelled article titled "At the G20, Macron woos Indian Prime Minister Modi, a Hindu supremacist who dreams of a superior Aryan race" ("Au G20, Macron fait la cour au premier ministre indien Modi, suprémaciste hindou qui rêve d'une race supérieure aryenne"). The article claimed that French President Emmanuel Macron's "speech against the far-right in France is totally opportunistic. Basically, Macron allows this type of thinking as soon as he's abroad and woos intolerant and authoritarian leaders like Narendra Modi." ("Son discours contre l'extrême droite en France est totalement opportuniste. Au fond, Macron s'accommode bien de ce type de pensée dès qu'il est à l'étranger et fait la cour aux dirigeants intolérants et autoritaires comme Narendra Modi.")

In June 2019, an unlabelled article described a government plan to introduce mandatory national service for teens in France as a "type of Hitler Youth" ("sorte de jeunesse hitlérienne").

Asked about the site's lack of disclosure regarding its editorial orientation, "Fawkes" said: "There has not/never been any neutrality in news, for a long time. So I fully stand by my positions unlike others who pretend to be impartial journalists." ("Il n'y a pas/plus de neutralité dans l'information depuis bien longtemps.")

J'assume donc totalement mes prises de position contrairement à d'autres qui font semblant d'être des journalistes impartiaux.")

Because Fawkes-News.com articles frequently reflect an undisclosed political perspective, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

Transparency

Fawkes-News.com does not disclose its ownership or name its editorial leadership.

"Who am I doesn't matter", Fawkes told NewsGuard. "In addition, I have already received death threats several times on my own site, which reinforced my desire to remain anonymous." ("Qui je suis n'a aucune importance. Par ailleurs, j'ai déjà été menacé de mort sur mon propre site plusieurs fois ce qui m'a renforcé dans mon souhait de rester anonyme".)

Stories do not generally include author names, and the site does not provide biographical or contact information for its content creators. Readers can contact Fawkes-News.com via an online form.

"When an article is written by me, I say at the bottom of the page 'published by Fawkes News,'" Fawkes told NewsGuard. "Most often, my readers know that it's my vision of things in the article. I don't hide it, I'm using the first person regularly." ("A partir du moment ou un article est rédigé par mes soins, j'indique en bas de page "publié par Fawkes News"... Mes lecteurs savent qu'il y a le plus souvent également ma vision des choses dans l'article. Je ne m'en cache pas d'ailleurs j'utilise la première personne régulièrement.")

Some sponsored content on the website credited to the native advertising agency Contentza appears with no labeling, which does not meet NewsGuard's standard for distinguishing paid content from editorial content.

Fawkes-News.com did not respond to a message asking about the lack of labelling of paid content.

History

The oldest stories on the site appear to date to 2013,

when it was registered under the domain name Fawkes-News.Blogspot.fr. The website moved to Fawkes-News.com in 2016.

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