A site covering China and the U.S. from an undisclosed anti-communist perspective that promotes conspiracy theories, including about COVID-19. The site publishes content in English and Chinese.

Gnews.org is owned by Saraca Media Group Inc., a privately held company registered in Delaware through Guo Media, a media platform that operates the site, according to contracts obtained by the news site Axios in October 2019.

Guo Media has been linked in multiple press reports to Chinese tycoon Guo Wengui, who also goes by the names Miles Guo and Miles Kwok. Guo, an outspoken critic of the Chinese Communist Party, is wanted in China on charges of bribery, fraud, and money laundering. He has denied these allegations and is living in New York City while awaiting a decision on his application for asylum in the U.S. China is seeking to extradite him.

Daniel Podhaskie, a spokesperson for Guo, told Axios that Guo “has no financial interest in Saraca Media Group or its media platform known as ‘Guo Media’” and that he is “merely the face of Guo Media.” Podhaskie added that Guo is not paid by Saraca. However, Guo has his own section on Gnews.org and frequently appears in commentary videos on the site.

According to Axios, Steve Bannon, former White House chief strategist under U.S. President Donald Trump and former editor of Breitbart News, signed a one-year, $1 million contract with Saraca and Guo Media in August 2018 for “strategic consulting services,” including “Introducing [Guo Media] to media personalities and advising [Guo Media] on industry standards and best practices.” Another one-year, $1 million contract that appears to have started in September 2019 outlines the same terms, although the copy obtained by Axios was unsigned.

Podhaskie told Axios that Bannon has completed his work with the company, that he “is not currently retained” by Saraca, and that Guo “had no involvement in him being retained or his work for Saraca.” Bannon also has his own section on the site and frequently appears in commentary videos. Guo and Bannon often appear together in these videos.

An individual named Han Chunguang was listed as Saraca’s president and director in a March 2019 tax filing. Axios reported. In October 2019, Chunguang was accused by federal prosecutors in New York City of being involved in an alleged money laundering conspiracy, along with Guo and Guo’s son and daughter, according to court documents.

Gnews.org solicits donations for the Rule of Law Foundation and the Rule of Law Society, both nonprofits. Internal Revenue Service filings are not available for either organization. Both organizations say on their websites that their mission is “to expose corruption, obstruction, illegality, brutality, false imprisonment, excessive sentencing, harassment, and inhumanity pervasive in the political, legal, business, and financial systems of China.” J. Kyle Bass, the founder and CEO of an asset management firm in Dallas, is the chairman of the Rule of Law Foundation. Bannon is the chairman of the Rule of Law Society.

Both organizations say on their FAQs pages that Guo is their founder and that “he continues to be a donor, advisor, promoter and one of the speakers of the organization.” They also state that Guo Media is one of their donors and that it is “a media platform that the organization uses to distribute information about itself.”

Gnews.org runs advertisements.

Gnews.org publishes news and commentary primarily covering China and the U.S., from an anti-communist, anti-China perspective that it does not disclose. Content, which is often false, appears in five main sections: News, China, U.S., Opinion, and Editorial.
sections — opinions, China, wire, Steve Bannon, and world — and is published in English and Chinese.

In March 2020, much of the site’s coverage focused on the COVID-19 pandemic. It featured daily videos that contained clips from other media outlets reporting on the disease and its impact, as well as extensive collection of written articles.

Guo regularly appears in commentary videos on G News, in which he typically discusses news in China and the U.S. Episodes of Bannon’s “War Room: Pandemic” series covering the spread of COVID-19 are also featured on the site. The show is hosted by Bannon and is also available on various podcast, radio, and other platforms.

The format of content on the site varies. Posts sometimes feature full articles or a video, while some consist only of a few sentences or links to other outlets.

Credibility

GNews.org regularly promotes unfounded conspiracy theories and other falsehoods, including about the COVID-19 pandemic.

For example, a January 2020 article (which was still featured prominently on the site in March 2020) titled, “Breaking news: China will admit coronavirus coming from its P4 lab,” claimed that “the Chinese Communist Party will finally admit that the real source of the coronavirus is from a lab in Wuhan linked to its covert biological weapon programs.” According to the article, “A reliable source, one of the Chinese kleptocrats, told Miles Guo today that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will admit to the public of an ‘accidental’ leak of lab-created virus from a P4 lab in Wuhan to put blame on human errors. But the official announcement is still being finalized.”

While there is a lab in Wuhan that works with dangerous pathogens, there is no credible evidence to suggest that it is the source of COVID-19. The Chinese Communist Party has made no such announcement and there is no credible indication that it will.

Similarly, a March 2020 article titled “Miles Guo: CCP ordered Guo Dewen to create Wuhan coronavirus,” claimed that Guo Dewen, a professor and dean at Sun Yat-sen University in China’s Guangdong Province, “is responsible for creating Wuhan coronavirus under the order of the Chinese Communist Party” and that he is “the key person responsible for creating Wuhan coronavirus.”

There is no credible evidence to suggest that Guo Dewen was involved in the creation of COVID-19 or that the virus is manmade. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19’s similarities to other coronaviruses suggest “a likely single, recent emergence of this virus from an animal reservoir.” A February 2020 study published in the journal Nature found that the COVID-19 virus is “96% identical at the whole-genome level to a bat coronavirus.”

A February 2020 article titled, “Dead: founder of Canada’s P4 Lab, key to Wuhan coronavirus investigation,” reported that “the sudden death of Canada’s first coronavirus Biosafety Level 4 Lab Director General makes people wonder if Dr. Frank Plummer was assassinated.”

Frank Plummer, a microbiologist who was known for his trailblazing HIV research, died of a heart attack while at an event in Kenya, according to multiple press reports. There is no credible evidence to suggest that he was assassinated.

Another February 2020 article, titled “INDICTED! President Trump acquitted from impeachment HOAX,” claimed that President Trump’s impeachment “is one of countless attempts orchestrated by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to remove Trump from the Oval Office so that the CCP can take over the world with the help of the elites in the West.”

There is no credible evidence to suggest that President Trump’s impeachment was orchestrated by the CCP.

Because GNews.org regularly publishes unfounded conspiracy theories and other false information, NewsGuard has determined that it repeatedly publishes false news and deceptive headlines and that it does not gather and present information responsibly.

GNews does not disclose its anti-communist, anti-China perspective and does not provide any information about how the site views its mission. The Rule of Law Foundation and the Rule of Law Society state on their websites that Guo Media is “a media platform that the organization uses to distribute information about itself.” However, this is not disclosed on GNews.org.
Some opinion content is published in a dedicated section and clearly labeled as such. However, opinionated content supportive of the site's undisclosed viewpoint often appears in its News section. Many of these articles are not labeled as opinion until a reader clicks on them. Some are not labeled as opinion at all.

For example, a March 2020 article titled “How Does the CCP Train Their Propaganda Zombies?” appeared in the News section on the site's homepage. The article stated that “the Chinese government paid so much attention to the propaganda which is the foundation of their evil governance. They have a training system on how to discredit US and brainwash their people.”

Another March 2020 article in the News section, titled “Stock market crossfire: CCP props up A-shares to avoid collapse,” stated that “The ‘Yamnanc’ relationship between the CCP and Wall Street made the CCP a monster seeking world domination. COVID-19 became a wake-up call for many to see the real danger of dealing with the CCP.”

Because GNews.org publishes opinion content in its News section that is either unlabeled or unclearly labeled, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

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

Podshaske, Guo’s spokesperson, told NewsGuard that he would try to find someone from Guo Media who could answer NewsGuard’s questions about GNews’ editorial practices. However, the company did not make anyone available to respond.

### Transparency

GNews’s ownership by Saraca Media Group is not disclosed on the site. Its relationship to the Rule of Law Foundation and the Rule of Law Society is described on those organizations’ websites, but not on GNews.org.

The site does not name its editorial leadership. A Contact Us link at the bottom of each page appears to be broken.

Articles on GNews do not name the author and instead typically attributed to a series of letters and numbers — for example, “GM38” or “GM99” — or to pseudonyms such as “Secret Translation Team,” “Halliburton,” and “himalaya_hawk.” The site does not provide contact or biographical information about its content creators.

Podshaske, Guo’s spokesperson, told NewsGuard that he would try to find someone from Guo Media who could answer NewsGuard’s questions about GNews’ choices regarding transparency. However, nobody from the company responded to NewsGuard’s inquiries.

Advertisements are distinguished from editorial content.

### History

GNews.org appears to have launched in late 2019.

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