humansarefree.com

A website that regularly promotes conspiracy theories and makes false claims about topics including the coronavirus outbreak, cancer, and extraterrestrials.

Ownership and Financing
HumansAreFree.com does not disclose who owns it. A writer going by the name Alexander Light refers to HumansAreFree.com as his site in two 2019 articles. The Humans Are Free page on the U.S. social network Minds includes a link to Light's profile on another social network, MeWe.

The site runs advertisements and accepts donations in cryptocurrency from readers.

Content
HumansAreFree.com often covers conspiracy theories. The site's sections include News, Health, Control, Cosmos, Spirituality, Forbidden History, Finance and Documentaries. Each page on the list includes a list of story categories, ranging from Big Brother to Demonic Possession to Orwellian Wrongthink.

Typical headlines on the site include “Parental Rights Are Under Attack In Public Schools,” “Will Censorship Prevail Over The First Amendment?” and “The 5G Trojan Horse (Documentary).”

Credibility
Articles published on HumansAreFree.com are sometimes produced by the website's staff, while others are republished from organizations such as SOTT.net, Mercola, and ZeroHedge, all of which NewsGuard has found to have repeatedly published false content.

The website has promoted false claims and unsubstantiated conspiracy theories about the Wuhan coronavirus. In a January 2020 article, headlined “Bill Gates Funded The Pirbright Institute, Which Owns A Patent On Coronavirus. The CDC Owns The Strain Isolated From Humans,” claimed, “Believe it or not, a coronavirus strain is patented by the Pirbright Institute, which is partially funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Another strain, which was isolated from humans, is owned by the CDC.”

These patents are not related to the virus responsible for the 2020 outbreak. It is true that the U.K.-based Pirbright Institute has accepted funding from the Gates Foundation and holds a patent on a strain of coronavirus, but that strain only affects chickens, not humans. Pirbright does not currently work with human coronaviruses, the institute said in a January 2020 post on its website responding to the patent claims.

The patent held by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is related to a separate strain of coronavirus that caused the 2002-2003 outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, according to articles published by FactCheck.org and Agence France-Presse.

In a February 2020 article titled “There’s A Connection Between Coronavirus And 5G,” the site falsely asserted that the Wuhan coronavirus is a bioweapon that was engineered to weaken people's immune systems, with the aid of 5G cell phone technology.

There is no reliable evidence that the Wuhan coronavirus or the disease it causes, COVID-19, is a “bioweapon,” as the article claimed, nor is there any evidence that 5G is connected to the outbreak. According to a January 2020 article published by U.K. fact-checking organization FullFact.org, there is no evidence that 5G can damage people's immune systems.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration states on its website that “to date, there is no consistent or credible scientific evidence of health problems caused by the exposure to radio frequency energy emitted by cell phones.”

HumansAreFree.com articles have also promoted a potentially dangerous and ineffective treatment for COVID-19. In a March 2020
article titled "Natural Ways To Boost Your Immunity And Be Better Equipped To Fight Coronavirus, Hu, Etc." included colloidal silver, a liquid product with silver particles, as one of the prevention methods. "Silver prevents a virus from transferring from one person to another by hindering its ability to find a host cell to feed on," the article stated. "Without a host, viruses can't survive. Use colloidal silver at doses of 10 to 20 ppm (parts per million) to prevent infections."

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, part of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, says on its website that "scientific evidence doesn't support the use of colloidal silver dietary supplements for any disease or condition." The FDA issued an advisory in October 2009 warning that consuming colloidal silver can cause a condition called argyria, a permanent bluish-gray discoloration of the skin, nails, and gums.

According to a September 2017 article posted on the Mayo Clinic's website, in some rare cases, "excessive doses of colloidal silver can cause possibly irreversible serious health problems, including kidney damage and neurological problems such as seizures."

The website has also promoted false health claims, including potentially dangerous and ineffective cancer treatments. For example, a February 2018 article titled "Cancer Is Not What You Think It Is: Busting The Myths (Part 2)," claimed that one of the article's "natural cancer cures" is a substance called laetrile, Vitamin B17, or amygdalin, which is found in the pits of fruits such as apricots. The article claimed that laetrile "is far superior to chemotherapy which is an indiscriminate killer. I am still amazed by the fact that the solutions to cancer are to be found in Nature right in front of our noses, if we just care to broaden our perspective.

The website has also promoted conspiracy theories related to extraterrestrials: An October 2019 article headlined "According To The Andromedans; The Greys Have Enslaved Our Souls," claimed that a telepathic alien race called the Dow had infiltrated the U.S. "The Dow presence here in the United States is strong," the article said, adding, "Presently there are thousands of Dow on both the Earth and our Moon. In 1953, 1955 and 1957, large mother ships took up positions along the equator."

HumansAreFree.com articles have also repeatedly promoted the widely debunked "Pizzagate" story, claiming that a child sex ring was being run by Democrats out of a pizza restaurant in the nation's capital. In a September 2018 article titled "PedeGate: Global Elite's Pedophile Empire Is Crumbling... Will It Ever Crash?" the site falsely claimed that Comet Ping Pong was one of several Washington locations tied to sex trafficking.

"Located on the same Northwest Washington DC block as the so called 'family friendly' Comet Ping Pong, the Pizzagate epicenter a short distance from the White House, lie several other restaurants with business logos (identical to FBI listed symbols) linked to pedophilia," the article stated. It went on to say, "With a known underground tunnel system running below these establishments, multiple signs of a not-so-secret pedo operation abound on that one upscale DC block, with the fingerprints of the Podesta, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama written all over it."

Numerous fact-checking organizations, news organizations, and Washington police have found no evidence to support the Pizzagate conspiracy.

Because HumansAreFree.com has promoted false and unsubstantiated conspiracy theories and potentially dangerous false health claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site has repeatedly published false content, fails to gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

The website does post a policy explaining how it corrects errors and NewsGuard could not find any corrections.

HumansAreFree.com's About Me page features three posts by Light, dated 2010 and 2013, and does not describe the website or any specific point of view. The site does not label any of its articles as opinion. However, articles that present news often contain authors' statements, which is why NewsGuard has determined that HumansAreFree.com does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

For example, a January 2020 article about the Wuhan coronavirus, titled "How A Viral Pandemic Benefits The Globalist Agenda," said, "The reason why globalists want a collapse is simple -- They need crisis in
order to manipulate the masses into accepting total centralization, a
global monetary system and global governance. They are also rabid
believers in eugenics and population reduction."

An April 2019 article, headlined “Article 8 Of The US Constitution:
Creation Of A Militia Force To Suppress Insurrections And Repel
Invasions,” advocated for a militia to be formed to repel what the
article called an “invasion” of undocumented immigrants.

“This invasion must be repelled by all means, and while building a wall
is one step toward achieving that goal, government spending will
always be tied up by Democrats who quite literally want to see America
overrun with illegals,” the article stated. "They don’t care if America is
destroyed as long as they get to rule over the ruins.”

The site did not respond to an email sent by NewsGuard in December
2018, seeking comment on its history of publishing false claims, its
approach to corrections, and its lack of separation between news and
opinion. A NewsGuard message sent to the same email address in
March 2020 was returned as undeliverable. A Facebook message sent
to the site’s associated page in March 2020 was also not returned.

Transparency

The site does not identify its owner or who is in charge of its content.
Authors’ biographies are generally provided at the bottom of their
articles.

The site does not distinguish between advertisements and editorial
content. For example, a November 2019 article titled “URGENT: Time Is
Running Out For This Radiation & Heavy Metals Detox Mineral,”
promoted dietary supplements containing zeolite, a group of minerals
that occur naturally in volcanic rock. The article claimed that “zeolite
can also absorb and remove heavy metals like mercury, lead, cadmium
and arsenic from the body, balances pH and restores the body to a
balanced state of healing.” It ended by saying “We secured as many
bottles as possible at a nearly 95 percent discount ONLY for our
readers, but they are moving fast,” providing a link to buy the
supplement.

HumansAreFree.com did not respond to an email sent by NewsGuard in
December 2018, seeking comment on its lack of information about
ownership and editorial leadership. A message sent to the same email
address in March 2020, seeking comment about the website’s failure to
clearly label advertising, was returned as undeliverable. A Facebook
message sent to the site’s associated page in March 2020 was also not
returned.

History

The domain name for HumansAreFree.com was first registered in 2010.

Editor’s Note: This label was updated on March 5, 2020, with newer content
on the site. Its rating was changed to reflect NewsGuard’s determination
that, contrary to an earlier version of this label, HumansAreFree.com meets
NewsGuard’s standard for providing information about content creators,
but does not meet its standard for clearly labeling advertising. The criteria
checklist has been adjusted accordingly.

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