NoSignalFound.fr is owned and run by a person who refers to himself or herself by the pseudonym “Dr.Mo7oG” and who declined to provide NewsGuard with a real name. Dr.Mo7oG claimed in an email to NewsGuard to be a former member of the Anonymous collective, an international network known for hacking the websites of organizations it opposes. No ownership information is available on the site.

The site’s homepage links to NouvelOrdreMondial.cc, another anonymously run website that has promoted conspiracy theories and that is identified as NoSignalFound.fr’s “partner website.” Asked about his relationship with the owner of NouvelOrdreMondial.cc, Dr.Mo7oG told NewsGuard in an email: “We communicate and we support each other, but that’s it.” (“nous communiquons et nous nous soutenons mais cela s’arrête la”). The founder of NouvelOrdreMondial, who goes by the pseudonym “Emmanuel,” said in an email to NewsGuard that the founder of No Signal Found put his site’s logo on his website “because he likes me a lot.” (“car il m’apprécie beaucoup”).

The site runs advertising and solicits donations.

NoSignalFound.fr describes itself on its LinkedIn page as an “anti-mainstream media blog” (blog anti médias traditionnels).

NoSignalFound.fr publishes text and video news and commentary relating to France and abroad, organized in sections including France, World (Monde), Politics (Politique), Social Media (Réseaux Sociaux), Technology (Technologie), Pedophilia (Pédophilie), Economics (Economie), and Climate (Climat). Several of these sections focus heavily on crime stories.
According to an email from the site’s pseudonymous founder, approximately half of the site’s stories are copied directly from French-language sites from France, Belgium, and Canada. These include French magazine Le Point, security and crime website Actu17, national public broadcaster France Info, Belgian site SudInfo.Be, and Canadian digital newspaper La Presse.

Other articles published on NoSignalFound.fr are translated versions of stories that appeared on other outlets, including sites known to be close to the Anonymous hacker group, such as Anonymous-news.com. Links at the bottom of posts direct readers to the original story.

Typical articles have run under headlines including: “She loses her eyesight after getting her eyeballs tattooed: she asks for 350,000 euros in compensation” ("Elle perd la vue après s’être fait tatouer les globes oculaires: elle demande 350.000 euros de dédommagement (photos)") and “Seine-Saint-Denis: the manager of a bar kills himself playing Russian roulette” (“Seine-Saint-Denis : le gérant d’un bar se tue à la ‘roulette russe’").

NoSignalFound.fr occasionally publishes articles written by the site’s founder, often based on videos from his or her YouTube channel. These videos sometimes show a person whose voice is altered and who is wearing a mask similar to those worn by members of the Anonymous hacker group.

Although NoSignalFound.fr often uses, and links to, content from reputable news outlets, a NewsGuard review found multiple stories on the site that advance baseless conspiracy theories or include false or misleading claims, including on the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak.

For example, in February 2020, NoSignalFound.fr published an article titled “Coronavirus: did a Chinese plan against the US have the opposite effect?” (“Coronavirus : Un plan de la Chine contre les États-Unis a-t-il eu l’effet inverse?”) Without citing evidence or sources, the article claimed that “Indian scientists ...
have discovered that the coronavirus was conceived with insertions that resemble that of the HIV-AIDS” (“Des scientifiques indiens ont maintenant répondu à cette question en découvrant que le Coronavirus a été conçu avec des insertions semblables à celles du VIH-SIDA”)

This claim, promoted on several websites, first originated in a study posted on the website bioRxiv, which publishes studies before they have undergone peer review. According to a February 2020 article on the fact-checking website HealthFeedback.org, the study’s finding that there is a similarity between the Wuhan coronavirus and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) “was detected using extremely short protein sequences, a practice that often gives rise to false positive results,” noting that those same sequences are found in many other organisms.

The authors of the study withdrew it from bioRxiv just two days after it was published. NoSignalFound did not update its article to mention that the study was not peer-reviewed and that it was withdrawn.

The article also referred to an article by GreatGameIndia, a website that NewsGuard has found to repeatedly publish misinformation, claiming that the virus was “first discovered in Saudi Arabia, then studied in Canada where it was stolen by a Chinese scientist and brought to Wuhan.” (“d’abord découvert en Arabie Saoudite, puis étudié au Canada d’où il a été volé par un scientifique chinois et amené à Wuhan”).

The article continued: “It’s very probable that the 2019-nCoV is a militarized version of a coronavirus discovered by Saudi doctors in 2012.” (“Il est très probable que l’organisme 2019-nCoV soit une version militarisée de l’NCoV découvert par des médecins saoudiens en 2012”).

PolitiFact, FactCheck.org, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. all concluded that there is no evidence that the Wuhan coronavirus was stolen by Chinese spies from a Canadian lab. GreatGameIndia’s evidence for the claim is that two Chinese scientists were escorted from the lab in July 2019. The CBC did, in fact, report that two Chinese scientists were
escorted from the lab that month. However, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) told the CBC that they were asked to leave due to an investigation of what it described as a “policy breach” and “administrative manner,” and that the matter was not connected to the coronavirus outbreak. “This is misinformation and there is no factual basis for claims being made on social media,” PHAC spokesperson Eric Morissette told the CBC in January 2020.

The site has also published several articles from pro-Russia sites, including Russia-owned RT.com, advancing Russian officials’ false assertions that chemical attacks against citizens in Russia-backed Syria were either staged or orchestrated by the U.S. and other anti-Syria governments.

An August 2018 article, republished from NewsPunch.com and based on a story from RT.com, was headlined, “Bolton encourages Al-Qaeda to launch a chemical attack in Syria” (“Bolton encourage Al-Qaïda à lancer une attaque chimique en Syrie”). The article stated that when then U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton declared that “If the Syrian regime uses chemical weapons, we will respond very strongly” (“Si le régime syrien utilise des armes chimiques, nous réagirons très fortement et ils devraient vraiment y réfléchir longtemps”), Bolton was actually encouraging the al-Qaida Islamic militant network to, according to the NoSignalFound.fr article, “stage yet another fake chemical attack” (“mettre en scène une autre fausse attaque chimique”).

There is no evidence that Bolton’s comments were intended to send such a coded message, nor is there evidence that the chemical attacks in Syria had been staged.

A March 2019 article, headlined “French And Belgian Intelligence Are Plotting False Flag Chemical Attack In Syria To Frame Russia” (“Les services de renseignements français et belges complotent une fausse attaque chimique en Syrie pour piéger la Russie”), was also republished from NewsPunch.com and based on a story from RT.com. The article claimed that “The French and Belgian secret services are
working with terrorist groups, including the ‘white helmets’ to stage a false flag chemical attack in Syria in order to frame Russia” (”Les services secrets français et belges collaborent avec des groupes terroristes, dont les ‘casques blancs’, pour organiser une attaque chimique sous un faux pavillon en Syrie afin de piéger la Russie.”)

Claims that the Syrian government did not use chemical weapons, or that the chemical attacks were perpetrated by the West to provide a rationale to attack Syria, have been contradicted by investigations from the United Nations and France, as well as by first-person accounts, photos, and videos documenting the atrocities.

A July 2019 article republished from the Guinean news website Guineematin.com, headlined “CAN 2019: in Rouen, Mamoudou Barry, a Senegal supporter, has cowardly been killed in front of his wife” (”CAN2019 : à Rouen Mamoudou Barry, supporter du Sénégal a été lâchement tué devant sa femme”), reported that a man “was mistaken for a Senegalese supporter by a raging crowd of Algerian fans. He was beaten to death Friday night” (“a été pris pour un supporter sénégalais par une foule déchaînée de supporters algériens” -- “Il a été battu à mort vendredi soir”). The article did not provide evidence to back its claim.

In fact, press accounts, including from news agency AFP, indicated that it was not a “raging crowd of Algerian fans” responsible for the death, but rather, a single French national of Turkish descent.

Headlines on the site have also made false claims, attributing quotes to prominent figures who did not say them as quoted. For example, the headline of an August 2018 article republished from NewsPunch.com, “Macron Vows To Abolish Nationalism: ‘France Is Dead’” (“Macron s’engage à abolir le nationalisme: ‘La France est morte’”), indicated with quotation marks that President Macron had stated “France Is Dead” (“La France est morte”) during a speech at the 2018 Ambassador’s Conference (“Conference des
Ambassadeurs"). However, according to other press accounts and to the official transcript of the speech, Macron did not use that phrase.

Because NoSignalFound.fr has frequently published false and misleading claims in articles and headlines, often promoting unsubstantiated conspiracy theories and Russian propaganda, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

NoSignalFound.fr’s founder did not respond to two messages seeking comment on the articles cited above and on the site’s editorial standards.

NoSignalFound.fr has often published content from other sites that contain opinionated language, without labeling the articles as commentary.

For example, in a January 2020 article, the author wrote, “I am really ashamed of this government which multiplies the fake news from all parts. ("j’ai vraiment honte de ce gouvernement qui multiplie les fake news de toute part.”

Several April 2019 articles about the French government’s spokesperson, Sibeth Ndiaye, were presented as news but contained opinion. One article, republished from the national public broadcaster France Info, referred to Ndiaye as “the woman who lies to protect Macron.” (“la femme qui ment pour protéger Macron”) In a news article republished from the Catholic news site Aleteia, NoSignalFound.fr modified a straight-forward headline about Ndiaye by adding the phrase, “when ignorance surpasses arrogance!” (“quand l’ignorance prend le dessus sur l’arrogance!”).

Because NoSignalFound.fr does not disclose a political or ideological orientation and frequently publishes unlabeled opinion presented as news, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The site did not respond to two messages inquiring about its handling of opinion content.
NoSignalFound.fr does not articulate a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

Asked about the site’s approach to corrections, the person identified as Dr.Mo7oG said in an email that “there is no particular policy, in general, if there is a mistake, I delete the article and clarify things on social media (generally on Facebook)” (“il n’y a pas de politique particulière, en général s’il y a une erreur je supprime l’article et clarifie les choses sur les réseaux sociaux (plutôt sur facebook)”).

Because NoSignalFound.fr does not publish transparent corrections and because false content has not been corrected, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not meet its standard for regularly issuing corrections.

NoSignalFound does not disclose information about its ownership, editorial leaders, or content creators. Dr.Mo7oG told NewsGuard that the site is a one-person operation.

The contact page includes a general contact form.

Advertising is distinguished from editorial content.

Asked about NoSignalFound.fr’s lack of disclosure about its ownership, leadership, and content creators, the site’s founder stated: “For now I want to remain anonymous as I have participated in battles (online) in the past.” (“je tiens pour l’instant à garder l’anonymat car par le passé j’ai participé à des batailles” en ligne.)

NoSignalFound.fr grew out of DrMo7oG.com, a similar site created in 2017 as its “first draft”, its founder told NewsGuard in an email.

On Sept. 12, 2019, NoSignalFound.fr announced that Facebook had temporarily barred it from sharing its information in the social network’s news feed, claiming the site was in violation of some of its rules. "Our Facebook page is the victim of the American giant's fiercest repression ever, today is threatened, threatened to simply disappear," NoSignalFound wrote.
(“Notre page Facebook est victime de la répression plus rude que jamais du géant américain est (sic) aujourd’hui menacée, menacée de disparaître tout simplement.”) The suspension ended in November 2019, Dr.Mo7oG said in a Facebook post.

When the page was down, the website’s founder said that he had appealed the decision to Facebook and that in the meantime, he had created a new Facebook page called Popular France (La France Populaire), which remains active.

**Correction: An earlier version of this Nutrition Label included the wrong date for an article that was not labeled opinion. It was published in April 2019, not June. NewsGuard apologizes for the error.**

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