An anonymously run, self-described “alternative news” site that frequently promotes conspiracy theories on subjects ranging from the 9/11 terrorist attacks to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

Ownership and Financing
ActivistPost.com does not disclose its ownership, and information about who registered the domain name is masked by Domains by Proxy, a service that allows site owners to remain anonymous. The site’s Facebook page says that it is managed from the U.S., Costa Rica, Croatia, and Thailand.

The site generates revenue through advertisements and reader donations through Patreon, PayPal, and various forms of cryptocurrency, including Bitcoin.

Content
Activist Post states under its logo that it provides “alternative news and independent views.” The Donate page asks readers to “help us investigate the truth and promote peace and freedom.”

The site’s content largely consists of opinionated stories about conspiracy theories — especially about government surveillance and alleged cover-ups — as well as articles promoting cryptocurrency and activism against big tech and other major corporations. Typical articles have run under headlines such as “Inspiring Photos and Video of Anti 5G Rallies on U.S. Day of Action” and “Monsters with Human Faces: The Tyranny of the Police State Disguised as Law-and-Order.”

Content sections on the site include Economy, Liberty, War, Activism, Health, Technology, and Environment. ActivistPost.com also has a reading list page recommending books, ranging from novels like George Orwell’s 1984 to conspiracy theory books written by the site’s staff.

Credibility
ActivistPost.com includes the site’s original content as well as articles republished from other sites that NewsGuard found repeatedly published false content, including Zero Hedge, Collective Evolution, and The Mind Unleashed. ActivistPost.com also publishes conspiracy-oriented videos from YouTube.

In early 2020, ActivistPost.com promoted false claims about the COVID-19 outbreak. For example, in a January 2020 article titled “Did Bill Gates & World Economic Forum Predict Coronavirus Outbreak? An Inside Look May Shock You!,” the site claimed that “not only did the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation participate in and help set up the pandemic simulation of a coronavirus outbreak, but they just so happen to fund the group who owns the patent to the deadly coronavirus and are already working on a vaccine to solve the current crisis.”

The Gates Foundation did participate in a simulated emergency preparedness exercise in October 2019. However, according to FactCheck.org, the exercise involved a mock coronavirus with different features than the COVID-19 virus. The John Hopkins Center for Health Security, which co-hosted the event, said in January 2020: “For the scenario, we modeled a fictional coronavirus pandemic, but we explicitly stated that it was not a prediction. Instead, the exercise served to highlight preparedness and response challenges that would likely arise in a very severe pandemic.”

The article’s claim that a Gates Foundation-funded group “owns the patent to the deadly coronavirus” is based on a patent unrelated to the COVID-19 virus. It is true that the U.K.-based Pirbright Institute has accepted funding from the Gates Foundation, but its patent covers a separate strain of coronavirus that only affects chickens, not humans. “Pirbright does not currently work with human coronaviruses,” the institute said in a January 2020 post on its website.

ActivistPost.com has also repeatedly promoted false claims and conspiracy theories on a wide variety of other subjects, including Israel/Palestine and the 9/11 attacks.
For example, a June 2019 article, titled "Vaccine Damage is Far Greater Than Long-Held Views," promoted the debunked link between vaccines and autism. "Despite Big-Pharma's wishful nonsense claim that the science is settled on vaccines and autism," the article stated, "independent observers, researchers, and health professionals are declaring in ever increasing numbers that vaccines are contributing to the exponential rise in autism, other chronic conditions—particularly auto-immune disorders."

In fact, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and many other health and science authorities, including the World Health Organization and the U.K. National Health Service, backed by an abundance of scientific evidence, have repeatedly stated that there is no link between vaccines and autism. Moreover, health experts have said that misinformation about vaccines creates a serious public-health risk.

A January 2019 ActivistPost.com article presented the debunked conspiracy theory that the World Trade Center's collapse was caused by explosives, not by the airplanes that crashed into the two towers. "The media has NEVER EXAMINED the evidence or explained the analysis provided by scientists, architects, engineers, pilots, and the first responders who experienced the explosions of the World Trade Center twin towers," the article stated.

Another January 2019 article stated that "there is overwhelming circumstantial and scientific evidence proving that the World Trade Center towers, including building 7, were brought down by a pre-planned controlled demolition."

Numerous government agencies and press reports have dismissed the "controlled demolition" theory. The U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, after a three-year investigation that involved 200 experts, found that the towers collapsed due to the impact of the crash of the commercial airplanes that flew into the buildings.

Activist Post has frequently labeled other events as "false flags," meaning the federal government was actually responsible for them.

For example, a January 2018 article, titled "Black Ops Agent Claims He Was Paid To Bomb OKC in the 1990s By Deep State: Hours Later Has A Car Crash," claimed that a "black ops contractor" said that "he was offered a massive $1 million dollar paycheck from the CIA to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City" in 1995, which the man claimed to have refused. The article said that the bombing "has the markings of a deep state black intelligence operation (false flag attack)" and claimed that the "investigation was a cover-up in every sense of the word."

Timothy McVeigh confessed to carrying out the Oklahoma City bombing, for which he was convicted in 1997 and executed in 2001.

A July 2019 ActivistPost article stated that 5G cell phone towers will be "emitting radiation at levels known to cause cancer, sterility, DNA damage, and other harm... especially to our children, who are most at risk." Another July 2019 article, headlined "Reminder: You Don't Want 5G OR 4G Small Cells Installed Near Where People and Animals Spend Long Periods of Time," stated that "the radiation emitted by the coming 5G (and 4G) antennas densely placed throughout neighborhoods in very large numbers instead will greatly increase cancer and other serious diseases."

Multiple studies have not found that cell phone exposure causes cancer in people. A 2011 report released by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer classifies cell phones as a "Class 2B carcinogen." However, that report also said that pickled vegetables and aloe vera also pose some "2B" cancer risk.

Because Activist Post has repeatedly promoted baseless and debunked conspiracy theories as proven fact, NewsGuard has determined the site has repeatedly published false content, fails to gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

ActivistPost.com does not articulate a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

Activist Post does not disclose a specific political perspective or agenda, beyond calling itself "alternative news and independent views." Articles are occasionally labeled as op-eds, such as an August 2019 story criticizing U.S. President Donald Trump's response to mass shootings. However, much of the site's content is opinionated and not labeled.
For example, an August 2019 article in the site's Liberty section, headlined "America Is Not Going To Be A Free And Open Society Any Longer," claimed that the mass shootings in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas, would lead to "taking away our 2nd Amendment rights." "Americans have been trained to believe that the government should take care of them from the cradle to the grave and should do all that it can to shield them from everything bad that can possibly happen in life."

A July 2019 article, titled "Is There An Apparent World-wide Deep State Conspiracy Out To Get President Trump?" stated: "It's a well-known and given in the United States, if not globally, that there are the Deep State and Shadow Government which 'pull the strings' regarding manufactured skullduggery about perpetual wars and other DC swamp issues, including pedophilia."

Another July 2019 article, headlined "The Rise of the American Gestapo: Has It Already Happened Here?" compared the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies to Nazi Germany, stating: "Just as the Gestapo united and militarized Germany's police forces into a national police force, America's police forces have largely been federalized and turned into a national police force."

Because Activist Post does not disclose a point of view or agenda, yet frequently posts opinion content that is not labeled as opinion, NewsGuard has concluded that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

NewsGuard sent three emails to Activist Post's general email address and to one of its reporters, including one in 2020, along with a message sent through its contact form, seeking comment on the articles cited above, the lack of corrections, and the site's handling of opinion. None of the messages drew a response.

### Transparency

Activist Post does not disclose its ownership or editorial leadership.

Most articles on the site credit an author, although some stories are credited to pseudonyms, such as "MassPrivate1" and "corbettreport." The Contributors page includes biographical or contact information for some of the site's staff writers, but no such information is provided for most content creators.

The Contact Us page includes a general email address for story submissions and advertising inquiries.

Advertisements are distinguishable from editorial content.

Three emails to Activist Post's general email address and to one of its reporters, including one in 2020, seeking comment on the lack of information on ownership, editorial leadership, and content creators. The site also did not respond to a message sent via the site's contact form.

### History

The site's domain was registered in April 2010.

In November 2016, The Washington Post published an article that included ActivistPost.com on a list of websites that had "wittingly or unwittingly published or echoed Russian propaganda." In response, the site published a satirical article titled "Activist Post Admits To Being Russian Propaganda."

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