

anonymousnews.ru

An anonymously run far-right German news site that publishes false information and conspiracy theories.



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

Ownership and Financing

The site does not disclose its ownership.

A company called Digital Media Success s.r.o. has registered a PayPal account that is linked to advertisements that seek donations for the website. Business records filed in the Czech Republic indicate that Digital Media was registered in Prague in March 2015, and that its sole shareholder is Ivelin Borisov. NewsGuard was unable to find contact information for an Ivelin Borisov in the Czech Republic.

The site runs advertisements and solicits donations.

Content

Anonymousnews.ru publishes articles about German politics from a far-right perspective, particularly stories about crimes committed by refugees and immigrants, and stories that criticize the country's Green and Left political parties.

The site divides content into sections including Germany, International, Opinion, Background, Media, and Health. Articles frequently focus on crimes in which people seeking asylum are suspects, the German media, and conspiracy theories about the German government.

Most articles are written from an extreme right-wing perspective. Some writers encourage violence against the German government and promote the opinion that Germans should not feel any guilt about the Holocaust.

Typical headlines include "In 2018 more than 38,000 violent crimes were committed against police officers – the largest group of perpetrators? Migrants!" ("2018 mehr als 38.000 Gewaltverbrechen gegen Polizisten – die größte Tätergruppe? Migranten!"); "Rape in Mallorca: Lying press describes Turkish perpetrators as

Score: 7.5/100

- ✗ 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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'German vacationers'" ("Vergewaltigung auf Mallorca: Lügenpresse macht aus türkischen Tätern 'deutsche Urlauber"); and "Students forced to visit Holocaust sites: CDU leader wants to anchor 'cult of guilt' in curriculum" ("Zwangsbesuche für Schüler in Holocaust-Stätten: CDU-Chefin will Schuld kult im Lehrplan verankern").

Credibility

Anonymousnews.ru articles are typically based on unnamed sources. The site has repeatedly published false information and conspiracy theories.

For example, a January 2020 article, "Bill Gates Foundation predicted 65 million deaths from coronavirus - 3 months ago" ("Bill Gates Stiftung prognostizierte 65 Millionen Tote durch Corona-Virus – vor 3 Monaten") claimed that "The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has not only financed the development of the coronavirus. In October 2019, Gates already predicted the death of 65 million people from the virus."

The Gates Foundation did participate in an emergency preparedness exercise that simulated a coronavirus outbreak in October 2019. However, according to FactCheck.org, the exercise involved a mock coronavirus with different features than the Wuhan coronavirus. In addition, the mock exercise did not include a prediction that 65 million people would die, as the article claimed. Gates also never made such a prediction.

The same article also made false claims that the virus had come from "non-natural origins" and that its development had been financed by the Gates Foundation. "Suspiciously, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is one of the Pirbright Institute's 'main financiers,'" the article stated.

While the U.K.-based Pirbright Institute, a medical research institute focused on animal health, holds a patent to a coronavirus, but the patent covers a

different, weaker strain of the virus that affects chickens, not humans.

In addition, there is no evidence that the Wuhan coronavirus was engineered. A February 2020 study published in the journal Nature found that the virus is "96% identical at the whole-genome level to a bat coronavirus."

A July 2019 article, "Revealed: Merkel is addicted to Lorazepam - tremor attacks are a result of drug addiction" ("Aufgedeckt: Merkel ist Tavor-süchtig – Zitteranfälle sind Folge der Medikamentensucht"), quoted an "insider from Angela Merkel's immediate circle" as saying that the German chancellor "is addicted to medication!" The article said, "Have you followed the Chancellor's public appearances attentively in recent times? Again and again you get the impression that she is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. She speaks and sometimes acts extremely slowly, and seems completely absent. All this is confirmed by the insider's information regarding her addiction to medication."

Although Merkel has been seen shaking at three public events in 2019, there is no evidence to back the claim that she is addicted to Lorazepam, which is sold under the brand name Ativan.

In a June 2019 article, "Dresden: Scandal over sex slaves - Green CSD leader rapes underage refugees" ("Dresden: Skandal um Sex-Sklaven – Grüner CSD-Chef vergewaltigte minderjährige Flüchtlinge") Anonymousnews.ru falsely claimed that a spokesperson for the Dresden Pride Parade, "raped underage refugees."

According to the newspaper Dresdner Neueste Nachrichten (DNN), the spokesperson, Ronald Zenker, was accused of demanding sexual acts from two asylum seekers. However, the DNN article did not note that the asylum seekers were underage, and authorities stated that no charges were filed.

The website has also aired longrunning conspiracy theories, such as the false claim that bombs, not commercial airplanes, caused the World Trade Center's twin towers to collapse in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

A December 2018 article, "New evidence on 9/11: WTC towers were blown up - Public prosecutor's office to investigate" ("Neue Beweise zu 9/11 aufgetaucht: WTC-Türme wurden gesprengt – Staatsanwaltschaft ermittelt"), said that a nonprofit organization, the Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry, had "proven" that the "explosives and incendiary devices pre-installed in the WTC were detonated from the outside and that the detonation led to the complete collapse of the WTC twin towers."

The U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, after a three-year investigation that involved 200 experts, found no evidence that explosives were placed inside the trade center, and said that the impact of the crash of hijacked airplanes that flew into the towers caused the buildings to collapse.

Because anonymousnews.ru has published false claims and distorted other information to support far-right views, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, fails to gather and present information responsibly, and fails to avoid deceptive headlines.

The site publishes opinion articles in an Opinion (Meinung) section. However, it also includes opinion in articles that are not labeled and appear in news sections, which is why NewsGuard has determined that the site fails to handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

For example, a July 2019 news article, "Appeal to the soldiers and policemen of the Federal Republic of Germany: Defend our country!" ("Aufruf an die Soldaten und Polizisten der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Verteidigt unser Land!"), called on German soldiers to "Occupy the border stations, especially the border train

stations, and close all possible crossings! Carry out checks on persons and ensure that unauthorised persons are detained for deportation!”

A May 2019 news article, “Anti-German, anti-populist, paedophile warmongers: The ugly face of the Green Party” (“Antideutsch, volksfeindlich, pädophil und kriegsgeil: Die hässliche Fratze der Grünen”), argued that “if you think that Islam belongs in Germany...or if you are a pedophile yourself, then you should vote for the Greens.”

The site does not have a stated corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

NewsGuard was unable to contact the website to seek comment about Anonymousnews.ru’s publication of false content, mixing of opinion and news, and lack of corrections because the website does not list contact information.

Transparency

The site, which does not have an Imprint (Impressum) page, does not disclose information about its ownership, editorial staff, or leadership. The website does not provide contact information.

Although articles generally name writers, they do not provide the writers’ contact or biographical information, which does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for providing information about content creators.

Advertisements are clearly distinguishable from editorial content.

NewsGuard was unable to contact Anonymousnews.ru to seek comment about its lack of disclosure of its owners, editors, or content creators because the website does not list contact information.

History

The site began publishing in May 2016.

Editor’s Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on March 2, 2020. Its rating was changed to reflect NewsGuard’s determination that the website currently meets

*NewsGuard's standards for clearly labeling advertising.
The criteria checklist has been adjusted accordingly.*

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