

pravda-tv.com

A website run by author Nikolas Pravda that regularly publishes false claims about political and health topics, including the claim that members of the British royal family are actually reptiles.



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

Score: 25/100

Ownership and Financing

The website is owned by Nikolas Pravda, an artist and the author of the book "Blood of the Illuminati: The Occult Rituals of the Elites" ("Illuminatenblut: Die okkulten Rituale der Elite"). According to the site, Pravda was born in the former Czechoslovak Socialist Republic before emigrating to West Germany in 1982. He worked in marketing and consulting until 2011, and launched Pravda.TV.com in 2012.

The website solicits donations, runs advertisements, and sells books and merchandise.

✗ 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)

Content

In its mission statement, Pravda-TV.com states that it publishes "political content, scientific texts and topics that affect us as natural beings." According to the site, the name Pravda-TV refers to the Czech expression "Pravda a láska vítězí!" ("Truth and Love prevail!").

The site features articles about national and international politics, conspiracy theories, and health. News articles are published in the site's Homepage (Startseite) section. Other sections include YouTube, Vimeo, Love (Liebe), and Observation Monitors (Beobachtungsmonitore), which the site says features information about "solar activity, volcanic activity and earthquakes." The Art (Kunst) section features an online gallery of paintings by Nikolas Pravda.

Typical headlines have included "High aluminium levels poison the brain of autistic children - because of vaccinations?" ("Hohe Aluminiumwerte vergiften das Gehirn autistischer Kinder - wegen Impfungen?"); "The Federal Republic of Germany against Iran: Has Merkel made a pact with the devil?" ("Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland gegen den Iran: Hat Merkel einen Pakt mit

Criteria are listed in order of importance.

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dem Teufel geschlossen?"); and "Were dinosaurs an alien species and still exist today in the depths of the oceans? (Video)" ("Waren Dinosaurier eine außerirdische Spezies und existieren noch heute in den Tiefen der Weltmeere? (Video)").

Credibility

Articles on the site are generally written anonymously and based on video and other content published elsewhere. Some articles cite third-party news sources, such as Der Spiegel and the Daily Mail, while others are based on anonymous videos and books promoting conspiracies and fringe claims, including false claims about the Wuhan coronavirus. Articles generally credit the sources used, often featuring links to websites that sell books referenced in the article. Images are not regularly credited.

The site regularly publishes unfounded conspiracy theories and false claims, starting with its About page, which asserts that "Germany is still occupied - and that there is no peace treaty and the Hague Convention still applies to Germany." This notion is popular with a right-wing group called Reichsbürger, whose followers argue that Germany is not a sovereign state because there was no official peace treaty after the end of World War II.

The Scientific Services division (Wissenschaftliche Dienste) of the Bundestag states that the Deutschlandvertrag of 1955 "ended the occupation of West-Germany from the Western Allied Forces" and that full German sovereignty was reached in 1990, with the "Two-plus-four-treaty" that "certified the reunited Germany full sovereignty regarding its domestic and foreign affairs."

A February 2020 article, titled "Coronavirus: China now uses mobile incinerators - study proves development as a bioweapon 'to eradicate people'" ("Coronavirus: China verwendet jetzt mobile Verbrennungsöfen – Studie beweist Entwicklung als Biowaffe 'um Menschen auszurotten'"), claimed that "We now have the evidence that the CoVid-19 coronavirus 'Wuhan' was specifically

designed as an offensive biological weapon of war to eradicate humans." The article claimed that a study scheduled to be published in the April 2020 issue of the science journal Antiviral Research found that "no viral lineage of the [coronavirus] is known, which means that it did not develop naturally."

That is not true. The study in question found that the Wuhan coronavirus is closely related to a family of coronaviruses that have infected bats as well as to the virus that caused the SARS outbreak in China in 2002. There is no evidence backing the claim that the virus was developed as a biological weapon.

A July 2019 article, headlined "The criminal royal family, reptile aliens and the murder of Diana" ("Die kriminelle Königsfamilie, Reptilien-Ausserirdische und der Mord an Diana"), stated that "the Royals are reptile aliens and can change their form at any time and spy on everything" and that "for 1000s of years reptile aliens have been the actual leaders of the earth." The article also claimed that the "cold and criminal reptile queen of England murders children, eats children's meat and drinks children's blood," and that the "Reptilian-Royals" orchestrated Princess Diana's death.

The article cites numerous fringe books supporting these theories, including "Slave Planet Earth" ("Sklaven Planet Erde") and "The Secret World Domination of Reptiloids" ("Die geheime Weltherrschaft der Reptiloiden").

A July 2019 article, titled "The Demise of Atlantis and Lemuria: Secrets of the underground cities" ("Der Untergang von Atlantis und Lemuria: Geheimnisse der unterirdischen Städte"), claimed that 25,000 years ago, two continents called Atlantis and Lemuria waged war using thermonuclear weapons and that "The Australian Outback, the Mojave desert, parts of the Gobi desert and the Sahara are all remains that are supposed to remind people of the futility of this kind of war." ("Der Australische Busch, die Mojave-Wüste, Teile der Gobi-

Wüste und der Sahara sind alle Überreste, um den Menschen an die Zwecklosigkeit dieser Art Krieg zu erinnern.“)

Although scientists have found evidence of a potential landmass in the Indian ocean that sunk 85 million years ago, no scientific evidence supports the existence of two continents that disappeared 25,000 years ago as a result of a catastrophic war.

The site has also promoted the “chemtrail” conspiracy theory, which contends that condensation trails left in the sky by aircraft contain dangerous chemicals that governments around the world produce to target people and the environment. For example, a June 2019 article, “Chemtrails: Patterns in the sky - Evidence of a global threat!” (“Chemtrails: Muster am Himmel – Indizien für eine globale Bedrohung!”), claimed that “In the last 15 years, depending on where you live, a secret military program has begun spraying toxic chemicals through the air. It began in the USA, then NATO countries were added. Now this deadly aerosol-spray covers the entire world.”

There is no evidence that the condensation released by airplanes is part of some secret government program. In a 2016 article published in the journal *Environmental Research Letters*, 76 out of 77 atmospheric chemists and geochemists who evaluated evidence of a clandestine atmospheric spraying program said that these claims were unsupported.

An April 2019 article, “Study: Sweat glands in human skin act as ‘antennas’ for 5G radiation” (“Studie: Schweißkanäle in menschlicher Haut wirken wie ‘Antennen’ für 5G-Strahlung”), stated that “human sweat glands act like a series of spiral antennas when exposed to wavelengths emitted by 5G technology devices” and that “the U.S. military is already very familiar with 5G technology, as it has long used this radiation as a ‘non-lethal form of crowd control.’” The source for this article is a YouTube video and information from Collective-Evolution.com, a conspiracy theory website.

NewsGuard did not find published research concluding that “human sweat glands act like a series of spiral antennas” when exposed to 5G waves, nor is there evidence backing the claim that the U.S. military has used 5G as a form of “crowd control.”

Because Pravda-TV.com frequently promotes false claims and unsubstantiated conspiracy theories in its articles and headlines, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and fails to avoid deceptive headlines.

On its About page, the site describes itself as an opinion site and states that it does “not wish to convert or force our opinion on anybody.” (“Wir wollen hier niemanden bekehren, oder unsere Meinung aufzwingen”). Articles frequently include the opinion of the writer. However, because Pravda-TV.com does not purport to publish straight news, NewsGuard has determined that the site handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

Pravda-TV.com does not disclose a corrections policy and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

Pravda-TV.com did not respond to NewsGuard’s questions about the site’s publishing of false information, its corrections policy, and misleading headlines.

Transparency

The About page names Nikolas Pravda as the site’s owner and editor. The page also identifies some authors and editors, although many of the names are pseudonyms, such as “EvilTaste” and “Czechnaton.”

Although some articles name the writer, many use pseudonyms. Some of the named authors provide biographical information, but most do not.

The site does not provide contact information for writers, editors, or the site itself.

The website often runs advertisements for products mentioned in articles without labeling them as such.

For example, a July 2019 article, "Cannabis-Coconut oil: Effective against cancer cells!" ("Cannabis-Kokosöl: Wirksam gegen Krebszellen!") features unlabelled links to websites selling CBD oils and books about the topic. A May 2019 article, "Healthy with magnesium: get to know the strongest relaxation mineral available" ("Gesund mit Magnesium: Lernen Sie das stärkste verfügbare Entspannungsmineral kennen"), links to a page selling the supplements without an indication that the link takes readers to an ecommerce site.

The site did not respond to NewsGuard's questions about its lack of information of its editorial leadership and content creators, as well as its labeling of advertisements.

History

The website was launched in 2012.

Correction: An earlier version of this Nutrition Label included the wrong dates for two articles. The site's "chemtrails" article was published in June 2019 and the article about sweat glands was published in April 2019. NewsGuard apologizes for the errors.

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