

ns2017.wordpress.com

A far-right website, whose financing is not disclosed, that promotes anti-immigration views and publishes debunked conspiracy theories, including false claims about the COVID-19 pandemic.



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

Score: 7.5/100

Ownership and Financing

NS2017.wordpress.com does not disclose information about its ownership or financing. The site is hosted on the Wordpress blogging platform, which allows its users to remain anonymous.

The site does not carry advertising.

Content

On its homepage, the site describes itself as a “political news website” that provides “news with no double talk” (“site d’informations politiques... informations sans langue de bois!).

NS2017 (which stands for “Nicolas Sarkozy 2017”) started as a partisan website in support of the candidacy of former French President Nicolas Sarkozy ahead of the 2017 presidential election.

After Sarkozy ended his campaign, the site began posting news from a nationalist perspective, including articles espousing strong anti-Muslim and anti-immigration views. The website is heavily critical of French President Emmanuel Macron and his administration.

The site frequently republishes content, with attribution, from far-right French websites such as RiposteLaique.com and ResistanceRepublicaine.com. Typical articles have run under headlines such as "Our army is in Africa, while riots are reaching France" (“Notre armée est en Afrique, tandis qu’approchent les émeutes en France”); "Immigration brings crime: 10 pieces of evidence" (“L’immigration amène la délinquance : 10 preuves”); and “Slavery and racism are in Islam’s DNA” (“L’esclavage et le racisme sont dans l’ADN de l’islam”).

- ✗ Does not repeatedly publish false content (22points)
- ✗ 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.

[More information.](#)

Credibility

NS2017.wordpress.com does not produce original

reporting. Most of its content is republished from French websites that NewsGuard has found to have published false information, such as RiposteLaique.com and Dreuz.info.

NS2017.wordpress.com has also promoted false claims, including conspiracy theories about the COVID-19 pandemic.

For example, in April 2020, the site published an article that suggested 5G cell phone technology is linked to the COVID-19 virus. The article said that in Wuhan, China, where the virus first was detected, “residents are confined and some house doors are welded, forcing them to endure these deadly [5G] waves, the effects of which is of course going to be attributed to the Coronavirus.” (“A Wuhan, les habitants sont confinés et certaines portes de résidence sont soudées, les obligeant à supporter ces ondes mortelles dont les effets seront bien sûr attribués au Corona virus.”)

The article also claimed that liberal billionaire U.S. philanthropist George Soros owns the Wuxi Pharma biotech lab in Wuhan “where COVID-19 was developed and easily spread among the Chinese population” (“où COVID-19 a été développé et facilement propagé dans la population chinoise”).

There is no evidence that health effects from the COVID-19 virus are connected to 5G, according to fact-checking articles published in 2020 by 20 Minutes, FullFact.org, and Reuters. A March 2020 report from the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection, a Germany-based organization that studies the health effects of non-ionizing radiation such as radio waves, found no evidence that 5G exposure posed a risk to human health. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says 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.”

A March 2020 study published in the journal Nature Medicine concluded that the virus “is not a laboratory construct or a purposefully manipulated virus.” An earlier study, published in February 2020 in the journal

Nature, found that the COVID-19 virus is “96% percent identical at the whole-genome level to a bat coronavirus.” In addition, Soros does not own a lab in Wuhan, China.

A March 2020 story falsely asserted that the Pasteur Institute, a French research foundation, holds a “patent to the COVID-19” virus. According to the article, which quotes two virologists, the existence of the patent is one of the pieces of evidence that proves that “this virus comes from a lab” and “was genetically modified” (Ce virus provient d’un laboratoire... a été génétiquement modifié”).

The Pasteur Institute did not invent or patent the COVID-19 virus. The institute says on its website that in 2004, it patented a strategy to create a vaccine for another strain of the SARS coronavirus, which is not the virus responsible for the Covid-19 disease.

In April 2020, NS2017.wordpress.com published an article claiming that a new French decree had allowed French doctors to euthanize their patients using Rivotril, an antiepileptic and sedative drug. "By authorizing Rivotril injections on elderly patients in respiratory distress, the government has given a license to kill to hospital doctors, but also general practitioners," the article said. “We are euthanizing our elderly for lack of treatment capacity!” (“En autorisant l’injection de Rivotril pour les patients âgés en détresse respiratoire, le gouvernement a délivré aux médecins des hôpitaux, mais aussi aux généralistes, un permis de tuer... On euthanasie nos vieux faute de moyens pour les soigner !”)

The French government did not issue a decree allowing doctors to euthanize patients. Euthanasia is illegal in France. Instead, the government issued a decree in March 2020 that allowed doctors to temporarily use Rivotril as palliative care for critically ill patients who are in severe respiratory distress.

NS2017.wordpress.com has also spread misleading claims about vaccines. For example, in April 2020, the site shared a video interview of French pharmacist Serge Rader, who said that “all human vaccines are

packed with toxic nanoparticles,” which are microscopic particles that can be made of metals. (“Tous les vaccins humains sont bourrés de nanoparticules toxiques”). The article included a list of “extremely toxic” metal particles that are supposedly found in vaccines, such as silver and zinc.

The claim that vaccines contain extremely toxic nanoparticles is based on a 2017 study published in the *International Journal of Vaccine and Vaccinations*. The study was filled with “methodological flaws and unsubstantiated assertions,” according to a statement published in the *BMJ* medical journal by the European Medicines Agency, which evaluates pharmaceutical drugs and vaccines within the European Union. The agency said in its statement, “the presence of minuscule trace amounts of certain inorganic particles in vaccines is not unexpected and the manufacturing process for all parenteral preparations is designed to ensure that any such traces are kept within safe limits.”

A toxicology study published in 2016 by the French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety (ANSM) also concluded that trace levels of metals in vaccines “reflect the environmental reality and should not be considered a health risk” (“est le reflet de la réalité environnementale et ne doit pas être considérée comme un risque sanitaire.”)

Because NS2017.wordpress.com promotes debunked conspiracy theories and unsubstantiated health claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and fails to avoid deceptive headlines.

NS2017.wordpress.com does not articulate a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

The site does not disclose an agenda or political perspective. Some opinion articles appear in an Op-ed (Tribune libre) section. However, most of the content on

the site expresses far-right viewpoints on topics such as Islam and immigration, including articles that are not labeled opinion.

For example, a January 2020 article titled “Macron is crazier and more dangerous than knife-wielding madmen” (“Macron est plus fou et plus dangereux que les déséquilibrés à couteau”) stated that after two years of Macron's presidency, the Élysee Palace in Paris “has become a place of depravity. In two years, the French people have learned that they have no French culture or identity. In two years, they’ve seen the arrival of more and more migrants and immigrants.” (“Élysée est devenu un lieu de dépravation. En deux ans, les Français ont appris qu’ils n’ont ni culture, ni identité française. En deux ans, ils ont vu arriver toujours plus de migrants et d’immigrés.”)

In February 2020, the site republished an article from RiposteLaique.com titled "Arabic is not a language from France, but the language of the enemy, Islam" (“L’arabe n’est pas une langue de France, mais la langue de l’ennemi, l’islam”), which stated, "We cannot fight against a conquering Islam by teaching its language, but we fight it by strengthening learning the French language." (“On ne peut pas lutter contre un Islam conquérant en enseignant sa langue, mais on le combat en renforçant l’apprentissage de la langue française.”)

Another RiposteLaique.com article, published in April 2020 under the headline “Macron, you are incompetent and a criminal” (“Macron, vous êtes un incompetent et un criminel”) claimed that Macron is letting French people “die by bringing in millions of migrants to France, while not knowing how we can feed all these people, most of whom don’t have degrees and don’t even speak our language and of course it will again be to the detriment of the French people.” (“VOUS LE LAISSEZ MOURIR en faisant rentrer des millions de migrants en France sans savoir comment nous allons pouvoir nourrir tous ces gens dont la plupart du temps ne sont pas diplômés (sic) et ne parlent même pas

notre langue et bien sûr cela sera encore au détriment des Français.”) None of the articles mentioned above were labeled as opinion.

Because NS2017.wordpress.com promotes articles that reflect an undisclosed, right-wing perspective, NewsGuard has determined that the website does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for distinguishing news and opinion.

Because the website does not provide any contact information, NewsGuard was unable to contact NS2017.wordpress.com to seek comment about its publication of false content, its approach to corrections, and its handling of opinion content.

Transparency

NS2017.wordpress.com does not disclose its ownership and does not reveal who is in charge of its content. NewsGuard was unable to find contact information for the site.

Most articles are attributed to two bylines, Laddy Marie and Anne. However, the site does not provide their last names or any other information about who produces its content.

NewsGuard was unable to contact the website to seek comment about its lack of information regarding its ownership, leadership, and content creators.

The site does not run advertising.

History

NS2017.wordpress.com launched in 2015, according to early versions of the site in the Internet Archive Wayback Machine.

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