

# lanceurdalerte.info

An anonymously run website that has published false claims about alleged government scandals and other matters, including the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Proceed with caution: This website fails to meet several basic standards of credibility and transparency.**

**Score: 52/100**

## Ownership and Financing

LanceurdAlerte.info does not disclose its ownership. The About page states that the website is run by an independent group of journalists and whistleblowers. The site is registered under the name of Christophe Simon.

The site generates revenue from donations. It does not run advertising.

## Content

The About page of LanceurdAlerte.info (the name means “Whistleblower.News” in French) states that the site’s goals include informing readers “on the complexity of current and future global issues,” “collecting alerts, even anonymous ones, fact-checking them and disseminating them to traditional media,” and “assisting whistleblowers.” (“Vous informer sur la complexité des enjeux actuels et futurs de notre monde”; “Recueillir des alertes, même anonymes, les vérifier et les diffuser aux médias traditionnels”; “Assister les lanceurs d’alerte”.) The site’s motto on the homepage states: “It only takes one watchful person to awake all those who are asleep!” (“Il suffit d’une personne éveillée pour réveiller tous ceux qui dorment !”)

The website primarily publishes stories about government scandals, censorship, and other press issues, which are typically drawn from other sites. The site also encourages readers to sign online petitions, such as one to stop the extradition of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to the U.S., where he faces espionage charges.

LanceurdAlerte.info’s homepage features a tab called Whistleblowers that organizes information about more than 20 journalists and whistleblowers, including ex-CIA

- ✓ 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.*

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contractor Edward Snowden, who in 2013 leaked classified documents about government surveillance practices; and ex-UBS Bank employee Stéphanie Gibaud, who helped French authorities build charges of tax evasion and fraud against her former employer. (The bank was found guilty of illicit solicitation and laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud and convicted to a €3.7 billion fine in February 2019. It has appealed the decision.)

Typical headlines have included "Doctor Aï Fen, pandemic whistleblower, has disappeared!" ("Le docteur Aï Fen, lanceuse d'alerte de la pandémie, a disparue (sic) !"); and "One year since Julian Assange's arrest..." ("Un an depuis l'arrestation de Julian Assange...").

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#### Credibility

LanceurdAlerte.info does not generally produce original reporting. Instead, the site typically relies on information from other sources, including sites that NewsGuard has found to be unreliable, such as alternative medicine site Cogiito.com, American conspiracy-oriented site Gateway Pundit, and Russia propaganda site Fr.SputnikNews.com.

LanceurdAlerte.info has itself spread false claims and disinformation, including debunked stories about the Covid-19 pandemic.

For example, an April 2020 story, translated from a Kenyan website, CitizensAgainstCorruptionk.org, claimed that COVID-19 is a "bioweapon" and that U.S. billionaire and philanthropist George Soros has "partnered with China" to both create the pandemic and help stop it. The article claimed that a company it said was owned by Soros, Wuxi Pharmaceuticals, "is conveniently located in the epicenter of the outbreak near Wuhan Institute of Virology that has been implicated as the Bioweapons manufacturer of this coronavirus! Looks like China has both the Bioweapon and the cure!" ("Wuxi Pharmaceuticals est commodément situé dans l'épicentre de l'épidémie près de l'Institut de virologie de Wuhan qui a été impliqué en

tant que fabricant d'armes biologiques de ce coronavirus ! Il semble que la Chine possède à la fois l'arme biologique et le remède !")

There is no evidence that the virus is a manufactured bioweapon, as the site suggested. 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 an April 2020 statement, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said it "concurs with the wide scientific consensus that the COVID-19 virus was not manmade or genetically modified."

Moreover, according to a March 2020 *PolitiFact* article, Soros has invested in WuXi in the past, but does not own it. There is no evidence connecting the company to the outbreak.

An October 2019 article suggested that reports of the death of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi were a hoax. It was widely reported that Abu Bakr killed himself by detonating a suicide vest during a U.S. raid in Syria's Idlib Province. However, the site stated that "According to Russian intelligence, the United States moved al-Baghdadi from Syria to Iraq and then faked his death." ("Selon les services de renseignement russes, les États-Unis ont déplacé al-Baghdadi de Syrie vers l'Irak, puis ont simulé sa mort.")

The article does not cite a specific assertion by the Russians. *Sputnik* has reported that some "Russian experts" suspect that the U.S. staged the death, but the statement in the site's article was more definitive. Moreover, there is no evidence that al-Baghdadi's death was a hoax. The U.S. Central Command that led the raid in October 2019 confirmed his death. A White House statement said that although al-Baghdadi's body was mutilated, "test results gave certain and positive identification." The Associated Press, Reuters, and other news organizations, citing officials and other experts, also reported that al-Baghdadi died during the U.S. raid.

The same article also falsely asserted that the U.S. and the U.K. created the Islamic State. “British and American intelligence services, as well as the Mossad, collaborated together to create the jihadist group Daesh or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant [ISIS],” the article said. To back this claim, the article stated that in 2014, “Snowden said US intelligence services in Britain have worked together to create a terrorist organization that could attract all of the world's extremists to one place, according to a strategy dubbed ‘Hornet’s Nest.’” (“Les services de renseignement britannique et américain, ainsi que le Mossad, ont collaboré ensemble pour la création du groupe djihadiste Daech ou l’État islamique en Irak et au Levant. Snowden a indiqué que les services de renseignement des États-Unis de la Grande-Bretagne(sic) ont collaboré ensemble afin de créer une organisation terroriste qui soit capable d’attirer tous les extrémistes du monde vers un seul endroit, selon une stratégie baptisée ‘le nid de frelons.’”)

According to Time magazine, the “Hornet’s Nest” claim appears to have started as an Internet rumor based on a bogus Snowden interview. The so-called strategy is not mentioned in any of the documents leaked by Snowden, according to both Time and Politifact. In a 2014 tweet, Snowden’s lawyer, Ben Wizner, dismissed the claim as a “hoax.”

In a November 2019 article, titled “Fetal organ trafficking, whistleblowers sentenced,” the site claimed that Planned Parenthood was illegally trafficking in fetal tissue, based on undercover videos released by the anti-abortion group Center for Medical Progress in 2015. “Undercover footage shows the vice president and chief medical officer of Planned Parenthood in the Rocky Mountains, Dr. Savita Ginde, negotiating a fetal body parts contract, repeatedly accepting illegal prices per removed body part and offering ways to avoid legal consequences,” the article stated. (“Les images d’infiltration montrent la vice-président (sic) et directrice du médical de Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, le Dr Savita Ginde, en train de négocier un accord sur les parties du corps fœtal, d’accepter à

plusieurs reprises des prix illicites par partie prélevée et de proposer des moyens pour éviter des conséquences juridiques.”)

Although the secretly recorded tapes of anti-abortion activists posing as biotech company officials showed Planned Parenthood employees discussing costs for fetal tissue, the prices are legal reimbursements to cover the procurement and transportation of tissue donations for research, and do not show that the group profits from the practice, according to multiple investigations. In the wake of the release of the videos, more than a dozen states launched investigations into the matter, including Massachusetts, Indiana, and Michigan, but found no evidence that Planned Parenthood was selling or profiting from the sale of fetal tissue.

Also, the story does not mention that the videos the Center for Medical Progress presented as full airings of the meetings with Planned Parenthood representatives were heavily edited, at times skipping ahead 30 minutes in a few seconds, according to their timestamps.

Because LanceurAlerte.info frequently publishes inaccurate and misleading claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not gather and present information responsibly.

Headlines on the site generally reflect what is in the article and are not misleading.

LanceurAlerte.info does not purport to separate news from opinion, and is upfront about its mission to support whistleblowers. Therefore, NewsGuard has determined that the site handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

LanceurAlerte.info does not publish a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

LanceurAlerte.info did not respond to two emails and two messages sent through an online form inquiring about the articles cited above and the site's approach to corrections.

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## Transparency

LanceurAlerte.info does not disclose the name of its owner or who is in charge of its content. Readers can contact the site via an online form.

Articles do not generally include the names of the writer, and the site does not provide any information about its content creators.

The site does not run advertising.

LanceurAlerte.info did not respond to two emails and two messages sent through an online form requesting comment on the site's lack of information about its ownership, editorial leadership, and content creators.

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## History

LanceurAlerte.info was launched in June 2019.

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