A conservative, pro-Trump website that has promoted false claims about U.S. politics and the COVID-19 pandemic. TheTrumpNewsGazette.com has not published new content since March 2020.

Ownership and Financing

According to the website’s Terms and Conditions page, TheTrumpNewsGazette.com is owned by a company called USA Liberty Media, LLC. According to OpenCorporates.org, a database that collects state corporation records, two privately held companies called USA Media Liberty, LLC, are listed in Florida and Virginia. As of May 2020, both were listed as inactive.

The site runs advertisements.

Content

TheTrumpNewsGazette.com publishes political news, mixed with commentary that strongly supports U.S. President Donald Trump’s administration. The website appears to republish excerpts of other organizations’ news stories, along with commentary from the website’s authors.

Content is divided into sections including Domestic News, World News, Politics, Video, Law and Enforcement. The Trump Family section includes categories related to different members of Trump’s family, from First Lady Melania Trump to children Ivanka, Eric, and Tiffany.

Typical headlines on the website include “MAGA WINNING: China Caves On Tariffs,” “Trump To Take Off From NATO Meeting After World Leaders Mock Him,” and “Legacy Media Hyperventilates Over Defense Funds Used For The Wall.”

TheTrumpNewsGazette.com features content from 2019 and 2018 on its homepage, and appears to have stopped publishing new stories in March 2020.

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. More information.
The Trump News Gazette.com has repeatedly promoted false claims in its articles and headlines, including about the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, a February 2020 article, titled “Chinese Admit The Current Corona Virus Man Made,” falsely claimed that the virus was created in a Chinese lab.

“A new study out of China seems to confirm that somehow, the Corona Virus came out of one of their labs,” the article said. To back this claim, the site misrepresented the conclusions of a study posted to ChinaXiv.org, a website in China that publishes scientific research before it has been peer reviewed. That study concluded that a Wuhan, China seafood market, was not the origin of the COVID-19 virus, although it increased its circulation among Wuhan residents.

The study did not say that the COVID-19 virus was manmade, and scientific evidence has refuted that claim. A March 2020 study published in the journal Nature Medicine concluded that the virus “is not a laboratory construct or a purposefully manipulated virus.” In an April 2020 statement, the U.S. intelligence community said it “concurs with the wide scientific consensus that the COVID-19 virus was not manmade or genetically modified.”

In a February 15, 2019, article titled “Supreme Court Says Ruth Bader-Ginsburg Back, No Pictures, Though,” the site promoted baseless conspiracy theories about the health of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg after she had cancer surgery. “If the liberal icon was really back, and was really on the job after so many weeks absent, why is there still no proof of life, uh, photographs or video of the woman coming and going at the very least the Supreme Court, and the concert she supposedly attended last week for which there is no proof that it actually happened,” the article stated. “No, really, where is Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg?”
Ginsburg had made her first post-surgery appearance at a Washington concert on Feb. 4, 2019, 11 days before TheTrumpNewsGazette.com article was published. Her appearance at the public event was reported by several news organizations, including The Washington Post and The Associated Press. Ginsburg returned to work on Feb. 15, 2019, to attend a closed-door conference, according to the AP, and returned to the bench to hear oral arguments on Feb. 18. TheTrumpNewsGazette.com’s story was not updated or corrected.

A November 2018 article, “Independent Filmmaker Investigates Migrant Caravan’s Logistics: It Was Planned,” reported that Pueblo Sin Fronteras, an immigrant rights group accompanying the “caravan” of Central American migrants heading to the U.S.-Mexico border in 2018, was a “well known George Soros operation.” The article also said, “we know that the caravan is really an invasion force funded by one of the country’s most notorious enemies.” According to an October 2018 article from FactCheck.org, there is no evidence that Soros had any financial involvement in the migrant caravan.

In a May 2018 article about alleged voter fraud, the site said, “in almost all locations, votes are counted by machines made by a George Soros company.” According to a November 2018 AP article, while Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, chairman of a U.K.-based voting technology company called Smartmatic, is a member of the board of directors of Soros’ Open Society Foundation, the company is not owned by Soros.

Because TheTrumpNewsGazette.com has promoted false claims in its articles and headlines, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, fails to gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

The website does not post a policy explaining how it corrects errors and NewsGuard could not find any corrections.
TheTrumpNewsGazette.com does not explain its conservative, pro-President Trump perspective to readers. No articles are labeled as opinion, but articles in the site’s Domestic News and World News often criticize Democratic politicians and praise conservatives.

For example, a March 2020 article in the Domestic News section, headlined “Democrat Primaries Yield… Joe Biden For President,” said, “Why, how or is this a good idea does not seem to be in the cards or the vocabulary for the Democrats when it comes to the nominee for president. Come hell or high water – or both – it looks like they are about to nominate former Vice President and groper in chief for the office of the presidency.”

A February 2020 article, also published in the Domestic News section, about a Democratic presidential debate, said, “To call the Democrat debate Tuesday evening a clown show is, frankly, an insult to clowns. It was … well, this being a family publication, we’ll just say one hot mess.”

A January 2020 article in the site’s World News section said, “Truthfully, the BREXIT movement is not unlike the Make America Great Again movement in the United States where the people have gone the non-violent route to reclaim sovereignty after decades of globalist minded politicians all but sacrificed it to the god of the New World Order.”

Because the website does not disclose its conservative perspective to readers and regularly includes opinion in articles in its Domestic News and World News sections, NewsGuard has determined that TheTrumpNewsGazette.com does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The site did not respond to three NewsGuard emails, including one sent in 2020, seeking comment on the site’s history of publishing false claims, its approach to corrections, and its lack of separation between news and opinion.
The site’s ownership by USA Liberty Media, LLC is only disclosed on the site’s Terms and Conditions page, which does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for a “user-friendly” disclosure of ownership.

No information is provided about the site’s editors or content creators. Articles are generally credited to pseudonyms such as “LthlWepon” and “Deplorable Patriot.” A general email address is provided on the Terms and Conditions page.

Advertisements are distinguishable from editorial content.

The site did not respond to three NewsGuard emails, including one sent in 2020, asking about the site’s ownership disclosure and lack of information about content creators and editors.

The site’s domain name was registered in 2017.

Editor’s Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on May 15, 2020 with new examples of the site’s content. Its rating has changed to reflect NewsGuard’s determination that the website does not meet its standard for avoiding deceptive headlines. The criteria checklist has been updated accordingly.

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