

truthuncensored.net

A conservative news site that frequently publishes false and misleading claims, including about the COVID-19 pandemic.



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

Ownership and Financing

TruthUncensored.net does not disclose its ownership, but the website's domain name is registered to AFF Media, Inc., a privately-held media company based in Pinon Hills, California. The company was incorporated by Dino Porrazzo Jr. and his father, Dino Porrazzo Sr., in 2017, according to a July 2017 article by FactCheck.org. The same company owns conservative news site RightWingTribune.org.

The site runs advertisements.

Content

The website's About Us states, "Truth Uncensored publishes content that is traditional news, opinion based and is consistent with conservative values."

Content sections on the site include Military, Politics, World News, Featured, and Constitution. Articles typically are based on sites' reporting on U.S. culture and politics, with added conservative commentary from TruthUncensored.net.

Typical headlines have included "Disgusting Website Tells Women How To Perform Their Own Abortions In Protest Against Trump," "Watch As Angel Families Stormed Pelosi's Office With Demands For Border Security: 'Build That Wall!'" and "Unhinged Liberal Flips Off Trump, Instantly Gets What is Coming to Her."

Credibility

Articles on TruthUncensored.net are frequently based on content from sites that NewsGuard has found to be unreliable, including The Gateway Pundit and RT. TruthUncensored.net itself has promoted false claims, including in stories about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Score: 0/100

- ✗ 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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For example, a March 2020 article, headlined, “Experts Make Shocking Admission About ‘Long’ War,” described the COVID-19 virus as a “lab engineered bioweapon,” suggesting it was developed by China. “It looks suspiciously like China is responsible for the designer genes, created through the aid of stolen U.S. technology,” the article stated.

The COVID-19 virus was not engineered, as the site claimed. 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 U.S. intelligence community said it “concurs with the wide scientific consensus that the COVID-19 virus was not manmade or genetically modified.”

The website has also promoted false claims about the death of Seth Rich, a Democratic National Committee staff member who was killed in July 2016. In a March 2020 article, titled “Clinton’s Dead Pool List Is Growing: Three With Ties To DNC Mysteriously Die,” suggested that Hillary Clinton was responsible for Rich’s death. “Some are speculating that Hillary Clinton is behind the murder, because Rich could have been the DNC staffer responsible for leaking the 20,000 damaging DNC emails to Wikileaks,” the article stated.

Washington police have said Rich was killed during a robbery, and there is no evidence linking Clinton to his murder. According to the April 2019 report from U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller, Russian hackers were the source for the DNC files; Rich had died four days before WikiLeaks received the emails.

Another March 2020 article promoted a false claim about the hacked DNC emails. The story, headlined “BREAKING: DNC Russian Hackers Found – You Won’t Believe Who They Work For! (Video),” claimed that “Russians did not hack the DNC system, a Russian named Dmitri Alperovitch is the hacker and he works for

President Obama.” Alperovitch is the founder of CrowdStrike, a cybersecurity firm that investigated the cyber attacks on the DNC. The article went on to claim, “Also remember that it is only Alperovitch and CrowdStrike that claim to have evidence that it was Russian hackers.”

There is no evidence that CrowdStrike or Alperovitch was behind the hack, and the U.S. Intelligence Community has repeatedly stated its conclusion that Russia was responsible. A January 2017 report from the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence said that Russian intelligence had access to the DNC networks from July 2015 through at least June 2016, which “resulted in the compromise of the personal email accounts of Democratic Party officials and political figures” that were later released through WikiLeaks.

In an February 2017 article, titled “John ‘Songbird’ McCain Exposed By Vietnam Vets And POW’s As A Liar And A Fraud (Video),” the site falsely claimed that the late U.S. Sen. John McCain collaborated with North Vietnamese forces while he was a prisoner during the Vietnam War. “There is evidence that McCain received ‘special’ medical treatment from a Soviet physician and other ‘considerations’ to avoid being tortured just so he could come home,” the article stated.

According to a 2008 article from fact-checking website PolitiFact and a 2018 article from Snopes, there is no evidence to corroborate claims that McCain collaborated with his North Vietnamese captors.

In an August 2017 article, headlined “Charlottesville Police Come Forward: We Were Told to “STAND DOWN” to Ignite Race War (Video),” claimed that police in Charlottesville, Virginia, were ordered to “stand down to allow violent clashes during the “United the Right” rally in August 2017. TruthUncensored.net based this claim on quotes from an unnamed Charlottesville police officer, who asserted, “We [Charlottesville police] were ordered to bring the rival groups together. As soon as they were in contact with each other, we were told to stand down. It was outrageous.” According to archived

versions of TruthUncensored.net, the site removed this article sometime between Sept. 5, 2017, and Oct. 2, 2017, without publishing a correction.

A review of the police and local government's response to the protests, commissioned by the city of Charlottesville and released in December 2017, concluded: "We did not find evidence of a direct order to officers to 'stand down' and not respond to fights and other disorders." The report was critical of the police actions during the protest, saying both Charlottesville and state police officers "failed to 'stand up' to protect human life."

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

The website describes its approach to corrections on its Corrections Policy page, stating, "When we correct significant errors of fact or substance, we will note those corrections within the corrected article."

However, the most recent correction found by NewsGuard was from February 2017, and the site has not corrected numerous false claims within its articles. Therefore, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not meet the standard for correcting errors.

TruthUncensored.net is upfront about its political perspective, stating on its About Us page that the site "publishes content that is traditional news, opinion based and is consistent with conservative values."

However, articles labeled as "Political News" regularly include opinionated statements. For example, an April 2020 article stated that the "Deep State is nothing more than a group of deceiving, criminal and corrupt politicians and government workers who are working to overthrow the US government because of their desire

for power and belief that they best can govern this great nation. In reality they are treasonous lunatics aided by the equally corrupt mainstream media (MSM).”

A February 2020 article, headlined “Young People Say Calling Them a ‘Snowflake’ Damages Their Mental Health,” stated: “If your adult child needs a ‘safe space’ to avoid offensive words, or opinions they don’t agree with – or a president they did not vote for, you have failed to raise a well rounded adult capable of functioning in a world where adversity is part of living in a free society that abides by the laws set by the Constitution – something I highly recommend they read.”

In a December 2019 story stated that “The Democrats have been pushing the false narrative that Russia helped President Trump win the 2016 election and that they, or Ukraine will help him win in 2020. It seems that they are setting themselves up to lose and claim that Trump won only because he had help from a foreign power.”

All three articles were published under “Political News.”

Because the site publishes opinion that is presented as news, NewsGuard has determined that it does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The site did not respond to four emails from NewsGuard, including two sent in May 2020, seeking comment on its history of publishing false claims, its approach to corrections, and its inclusion of opinion in stories labeled as “Political News.”

Transparency

TruthUncensored.net does not disclose its ownership, stating at the bottom of the homepage that, “This site is owned and operated by patriots.” AFF Media Inc. co-owner Dino Porrazzo Sr. is identified as an author on the site, but neither he or AFF Media is identified as the site’s owner.

Articles generally name their authors, but contact or biographical information for content creators is not typically provided. An exception is an author identified only as “Dorsano,” who is named as the site’s administrator and chief editor on his author page. The site lists a general email address on the homepage and a general contact form on the Contact Us page.

Because TruthUncensored.net only identifies its chief editor on his author page, and does not provide a full name. Therefore, the site does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for revealing who is in charge.

Sponsored articles appear on the site from content-monetization service PowerInbox, under the heading “You Might Like,” with headlines that resemble news content, such as “President Makes CBD Legal...And Now Free Too!” The articles are labeled “Recommend by Powerinbox,” which does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for clearly labeling advertising.

The site did not respond to four emails, including two sent in 2020, seeking comment on the lack of information about ownership, editors, and content creators. The two 2020 emails also sought comment on the site’s approach to labeling advertising.

History

The site’s domain name was registered in 2013.

Editor’s Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on May 13, 2020, with new examples of the site’s content and to reflect that the site does not meet the standard for clearly labeling advertising. The criteria checklist was adjusted accordingly.

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