

geopolintel.fr

A website covering globalism and geopolitical issues that has promoted debunked conspiracies and false claims, including about the COVID-19 pandemic.



Proceed with caution: This website severely violates basic journalistic standards.

Score: 20/100

Ownership and Financing

Geopolintel.fr does not disclose its ownership. The site is registered through a domain privacy service that hides ownership.

The site does not carry advertising.

Content

Geopolintel.fr focuses on the perceived threats of globalism, posting about political, military, and economic issues. Many articles focus critically on the influence of the U.S., the European Union, NATO, and other global organizations.

A section of the site titled France and Globalization states in its introduction: “Since its inception, political Europe has been a step toward the new world order. NATO is its armed wing in constant liaison with the hegemonic interests of the US.” (“Depuis son origine, l’Europe politique est une étape de la marche du nouvel ordre mondial. L’OTAN est son bras armé en lien permanent avec les intérêts hégémoniques des USA.”)

Other sections on the site include Economic War, Imperial Wars, Biological and Chemical Wars, Cultural War, and The Incompetent in Power in France.

Typical articles have run under headlines including “WHO criticizes Malagasy Covid-19 treatment” (“L’OMS critique le traitement malgache du Covid-19”); “Is Edouard Philippe a Big Pharma lobbyist?” (Edouard Philippe est il un lobbyiste de Big Pharma ?”); and “The Americanization of China with philanthropy” (“L’américanisation de la Chine avec la philanthropie”).

Credibility

Geopolintel.fr has frequently cited and shared articles from sites that NewsGuard has identified as unreliable, including U.S. site Gateway Pundit and Russian

- ✗ 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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propaganda site Sputnik. The site also often makes claims that are not attributed to any sources, including articles about the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For example, in February 2020, the site published an article titled “Piracy everywhere and pandemic for all,” (“Piraterie à tous les étages et pandémie pour tous”) which claimed that the pandemic likely originated in “an ordinary act of piracy” that was “possibly perpetrated... in the summer of 2019, by a couple of (since deported) Chinese scientists who might have stolen coronavirus strains in the national microbiology lab of Winnipeg.” (“Dans un acte de piraterie ordinaire... perpétré possiblement... durant l’été 2019 par un couple de chercheurs chinois (expulsé depuis) qui auraient volé des souches de coronavirus dans le Laboratoire national de microbiologie (LNM) de Winnipeg.”) The site did not provide any evidence backing this claim, although it noted that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) has dismissed it.

CBC, PolitiFact, and FactCheck.org have all reported that they found no evidence that the novel coronavirus was stolen by Chinese spies from a lab in Winnipeg, Canada. Two Chinese scientists were indeed escorted from the lab in July 2019. However, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) told the CBC that they were asked to leave due to an investigation of what it described as a “policy breach” and “administrative matter,” and was not connected to the coronavirus outbreak. “This is misinformation and there is no factual basis for claims being made on social media,” PHAC spokesperson Eric Morrissette told the CBC in January 2020.

In April 2020, the site published an article that claimed Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has proposed using microchips to track people who have been tested for COVID-19 and who may eventually be vaccinated for the virus. “Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates will launch human-implantable capsules that have ‘digital certificates’ which can show who has been tested for the coronavirus and who has been vaccinated against it,” the article stated, citing as a source Ghana news site GhanaCrusader.com. These digital certificates, the

article claimed, are “human-implantable ‘QUANTUM-DOT TATTOOS’ that researchers at MIT and Rice University are working on as a way to hold vaccination records.” (“Le co-fondateur de Microsoft, Bill Gates, lancera des capsules implantables dans l’organisme humain, dotées de ‘certificats numériques’ qui peuvent indiquer qui a été testé pour le coronavirus et qui a été vacciné contre lui... Des ‘TATOUAGES QUANTUM-DOT’ implantables chez l’homme, sur lesquels travaillent des chercheurs du MIT et de la Rice University pour tenir les registres de vaccination.”)

The article distorted a comment Gates made during an online discussion on the message board Reddit. In response to a question about how businesses should operate during the pandemic, Gates said, “Eventually we will have some digital certificates to show who has recovered or been tested recently or when we have a vaccine who has received it.” Gates did not say that digital certificates would involve “implantable microchips.” The Gates Foundation told Reuters that Gates’ reference to “digital certificates” relates to efforts to create a digital platform “with the goal of expanding access to safe, home-based testing.”

In December 2019, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with funding from Gates’ philanthropic foundation, published a paper about developing technology that can keep a vaccination record on a patient’s skin with an ink-like injection that could be read by smartphone. This research is unrelated to COVID-19, the study’s lead researcher, Kevin McHugh, told FactCheck.org.

The Geopolintel.fr article also shared an Instagram post by anti-vaccine advocate Robert F. Kennedy Jr., in which he falsely claimed that the Gates Foundation had been kicked out of India in 2017 after the organization tested several polio vaccines on Indian children that caused widespread paralysis. “Indian doctors blame the Gates campaign for a devastating polio epidemic that paralyzed 496,000 children between 2000 and 2017,” the article said, quoting Kennedy. “In 2017, the Indian Government dialed back Gates’ vaccine regimen and evicted Gates and his cronies.”

There is no evidence of a “polio epidemic” in India. Between 2000 and 2017, the World Health Organization reported 17 cases of vaccine-derived poliovirus cases in India. Moreover, the foundation was not kicked out of India, and continues its work to support the development of low-cost vaccines in the country, according to its website.

In May 2020, the site published a translated transcript of an audio interview in which a U.S. lawyer named Francis Boyle claimed that the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa started at a bio-research lab in Sierra Leone. The article also quoted Boyle as stating that “live ebola, and the common cold, was injected into large numbers of people in Sierra Leone, and perhaps Liberia and that is the source of the epidemic.” The interview was originally published in 2014 by the U.S. site ThisCantBeHappening.net.

There is no evidence that the Ebola virus strain from the West Africa outbreak came from a lab in Sierra Leone or that it was deliberately administered to children. According to the World Health Organization, the source of the infection likely involved human contact with wild animals. WHO studies, conducted with Guinean health officials, concluded that patient zero was a toddler who lived in the village of Meliandou, Guinea, and possibly came into contact with a bat.

Because Geopolintel.fr has frequently promoted false or unsubstantiated claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

Geopolintel.fr does not state a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site.

Geopolintel.fr does not have an About page, but it states its anti-globalization agenda in the introduction to the France and Globalization section. Because the site does not purport to publish straight news and discloses its agenda, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion irresponsibly.

Emails sent to the site's two general email addresses, seeking comment on the articles cited above and its approach to corrections, could not be delivered.

Transparency

Geopolintel.fr does not provide information about its owners or financing.

A Contact page lists an email address to reach the publishing director, but the site does not identify the publishing director by name.

Some articles on Geopolintel.fr include author names, but the site does not provide biographical or contact information for its writers, which does not meet NewsGuard's standard for providing information about content creators.

The site does not run advertising.

Emails sent to the site inquiring about its transparency practices bounced back as undelivered.

History

The site was created in 2009.

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