

# conservativepost.com

A news site that has distorted facts and published unsubstantiated claims that advance conservative views.



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

**Score: 29.5/100**

## Ownership and Financing

Conservative Post does not disclose its ownership. Texas business records show a Conservative Post LLC was registered in Dallas in 2013, the same year the site launched.

Those records showed Conservative Post LLC was registered by Rob Saunders, who is also listed as the company manager. Business records list Saunders as the manager of the companies Freedom Publishing LLC, Texas Freedom Publishing LLC, and RobSaunders.com Movies LLC, all of which share a mailing address with Conservative Post LLC.

As of July 2020, websites associated with those businesses and Saunders were inactive.

RobSaunders.com redirected visitors to a site called Wealthcodescoach.com. That website publishes blogs on finance and religion and promotes books and executive coaching services by Saunders, as well as online courses on how to unlock “divine wealth codes.”

ConservativePost.com did not respond to messages NewsGuard sent through its messaging portal seeking information about the site’s ownership. Saunders did not respond to messages sent through Facebook and LinkedIn.com seeking information about ConservativePost.com.

- ✓ 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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## Content

ConservativePost.com covers U.S. politics and culture, as well as stories on faith. News stories are generally supportive of Republicans and critical of Democrats, especially former U.S. President Barack Obama and former Vice President Joseph Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The website often republishes excerpts of stories from conservative outlets, often adding rewritten headlines. Such stories are attributed only to “Report” on the

website, and direct users to the original publication at the end of the excerpt. Other stories add a few sentences of commentary to other news organizations' reports.

The website's sections include Politics, Culture, and Entertainment. A separate section called Endtimes includes stories about events that the site implies could be harbingers of the end of the world as described by biblical prophecy, such as "WW3 ALERT: North Korea Makes MASSIVE THREAT Against Trump and America."

Typical headlines on the site include "Fmr Federal Prosecutor: 'There is no Doubt That the Obama Administration Spied on the Trump Campaign' says McCarthy," "Biden Proposes Suicidal Plan to Finish America Off Financially: Vows To Raise Taxes During The Coming Depression, With \$4 Trillion Dollars Plan," "Franklin Graham says Trump's Done More For Christians Than Any President," "WAR ON WHITES: The Racism This White Mother Faced Will Make Your BLOOD Boil."

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#### Credibility

ConservativePost.com's articles are generally based on reports from other conservative media organizations, ranging from Fox News, the Washington Examiner, and The Daily Caller to conspiracy sites such as The Gateway Pundit.

The website has advanced unsubstantiated and misleading claims, including about the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19.

For example, a March 2020 article promoted the claims of an upstate New York family doctor who said that he successfully treated hundreds of patients with hydroxychloroquine, an anti-malaria drug that has also been used to treat lupus. The ConservativePost.com article quoted from a video that Dr. Vladimir Zelenko had posted on YouTube touting his success. "His treatment resulted in the shortness of breath issue being resolved in 4 to 6 hours. Dr. Zelenko in his study had zero deaths, zero hospitalizations and zero intubations!" the article said.

While the ConservativePost.com article did not include any information that countered Zelenko's claims, the doctor never shared data or published a study to support his findings. In a March 2020 interview with the Jewish news organization the Forward, Zelenko acknowledged "that his regimen was new and untested, and that it was too soon to assess its long-term effectiveness," according to the Forward.

In addition, international health authorities have not concluded that hydroxychloroquine is an effective treatment for the COVID-19 virus. A March 2020 study by French researchers, which tested the drug on 20 people, suggested the drug could be useful. However, another March 2020 study conducted in China found that the drug was no more effective for 15 COVID-19 patients than a regimen of bed rest, supplemental oxygen, and antiviral drugs for another group of patients.

In June 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration revoked its emergency authorization for using hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine to treat COVID-19, saying the drugs "are unlikely to be effective in treating COVID-19" and its known and potential benefits "no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for the authorized use."

In a November 2019 article, "Fellow Soldiers Called out Schiff's Star, Col. Vindman, for 'Pushing a Coup' for Secretly Advising Ukrainians to Ignore US President," the Conservative Post claimed without substantiation that Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a former U.S. National Security Council official who testified during President Trump's impeachment proceedings, had told Ukraine to ignore the wishes of President Trump.

The story, which republished excerpts of a story from The Gateway Pundit, said, "Adam Schiff's star witness Alexander Vindman testified to the House Intel Committee that he 'thought' the president was wrong in his policy with Ukraine. So he later told Ukrainians to ignore the president."

The article continued, "Vindman believes he is president and went around President Trump to secretly advise Ukrainian officials to disregard President Trump."

The article misrepresented excerpts of Vindman's November 2019 testimony and instead used the language of a Republican congressman, U.S. Rep. John Ratliffe, to represent Vindman's thinking. Vindman said in his congressional testimony that he had advised Ukrainian officials to "stay out of U.S. politics," which he said was consistent with U.S. policy to not invite foreign interference.

Ratliffe noted that Vindman had also advised Ukrainian officials after a July 2019 telephone call between President Trump and Ukraine's president -- which was the basis of impeachment proceedings against President Trump. Ratliffe asked Vindman at the time, "So you \_ a week following you listening in on a phone call with the President of the United States making a request of the Ukrainian government to assist in ongoing investigations, a member of his National Security Council subsequently told Ukrainian officials to do just the opposite and to ignore his request and stay out of U.S. politics."

While Ratliffe claimed that Vindman ignored President Trump's orders, Vindman never made that claim in his testimony, contrary to the ConservativePost.com article's claim. In reply to Ratliffe, Vindman testified, "I was certainly not going against the orders of my Commander in Chief."

ConservativePost.com has also published articles advancing the false claim that Ukraine meddled in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

An undated article, which appears to have been published in April 2019, repeated the debunked claim that Ukraine tried to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election in favor of Hilary Clinton, saying, "Foreign actors were apparently trying to manipulate the vote to get HER into the White House."

Another undated Conservative Post story said, “Ukraine admits it: ‘we tried to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election in favor of Hillary Clinton.’” The article was headlined, “Ukraine officials admit their nation ‘tried to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election in favor of Hillary Clinton.’”

U.S. intelligence agencies have found that Russia, not Ukraine, interfered to help Donald Trump in defeating Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. Former National Security Council official Fiona Hill testified during President Trump’s impeachment hearings, “it is a fiction that the Ukrainian Government was launching an effort to upend our election.”

ConservativePost.com has also misstated facts in headlines, in addition to those cited above. For example, an undated story titled “Democrats Working To Protect China, Blocking Investigation Into Wuhan Virus” reported on a government grant awarded to EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., a firm that has funded the Wuhan Institute of Virology for coronavirus research. The story, which was excerpted from Breitbart News, did not mention Democrats or any efforts to “protect China.”

Another undated story featured the headline “Solomon Gets His Hands On Proof That Schiff Secretly Covered Up Obama’s Spycgate Scandal, Via Dozens of Transcripts, Ordering Them Hidden From White House [Opinion].” The article, which reported on a request by U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff to keep transcripts classified of witnesses in the investigation into Russian interference in U.S. elections, never mentioned former U.S. President Barack Obama or the alleged “Spygate” scandal.

Because ConservativePost.com has published misleading or inaccurate claims in articles and headlines, NewsGuard has determined that it does not gather and present responsibly and does not avoid the use of deceptive headlines.

ConservativePost.com does not articulate a corrections policy and NewsGuard could not find corrections on the website.

ConservativePost.com's name indicates that it publishes news from a conservative perspective. It has occasionally labeled individual articles as opinion. However, stories that report news and are labeled in sections such as Politics also include opinionated language.

For example, an undated article in the Politics section, "Pelosi Shuts Down Sexual Assault Victim By Endorsing Biden," stated that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi "thinks you should believe every woman, unless that woman is accusing the Democrat candidate for president."

Another undated article in the Politics section described former Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams as " a Hillary-like figure, who blames everybody but herself for losing the Georgia governor's race."

Because ConservativePost.com regularly includes opinionated language in its news coverage, NewsGuard has determined that it does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

ConservativePost.com did not respond to NewsGuard's three emails seeking comment on its editorial practices, including its approach to corrections, news and opinion, and headlines.

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#### Transparency

The site does not disclose any information about its ownership or financing. It does not identify editorial leaders or content creators. Many stories are credited to "Report" and do not have publication dates.

A Contact page provides a form to message the site.

The website did not respond to three messages NewsGuard sent through the form seeking comment about Conservative Post's failure to identify owners, editorial leaders, or content creators.

Advertising is distinguished from editorial content.

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#### History

Conservative Post was registered as a website in 2013.

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