

crashdebug.fr

An anonymously operated website that has published discredited health claims about COVID-19 and the alleged dangers of vaccines.



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

Ownership and Financing

CrashDebug.fr does not disclose its ownership. Its domain name is registered via a privacy service that hides the identity of its owner. In a response to a NewsGuard email to the site's general address, a person who only identified himself as Folamour said that he was the owner of the website. Folamour (or L'Amourfou, which means "Crazy Love" in English) also writes articles for the website.

The site generates revenue from online donations through PayPal and crowdfunding site Tipeee. It does not carry advertising.

Content

CrashDebug.fr states on its About page that "its vocation is to archive at least one page a day of French news and one page of international news. This is done so that the new world order's slow and steady progression can be tracked ... until the end." ("Sa vocation est d'archiver au moins une page par jour de l'actualité française et une page de l'actualité internationale. Ceci afin de pouvoir tracer la lente et régulière progression du nouvel ordre mondial ... jusqu'à la fin...")

The website generally republishes articles and videos from French and foreign news websites, with attribution. Articles sometimes add commentary from the owner, Folamour. Articles often focus on financial, government, and public health controversies, and advance views that oppose European integration and globalization.

Typical articles on the site have run under headlines including "Are we on the verge of a global financial collapse" (republished from Mintpressnews.com), "Italy once again on the Eurozone worry List" (ZeroHedge.com), and "COVID-19: A Pretext for World Government and Totalitarianism" (Kurtnimmo.blog).

Score: 7.5/100

- ✗ 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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CrashDebug.fr has republished stories produced by reliable news organizations, such as the French edition of the Huffington Post and French magazine Marianne. However, the website regularly shares false and misleading content from websites that NewsGuard has determined publish false content, such as English-language conspiracy-oriented sites ZeroHedge.com and ActivistPost.com, French site LesMoutonsEnrages.fr, and English-language health site NaturalNews.com.

Many articles promote false health claims, including conspiracy theories about the COVID-19 pandemic.

For example, in May 2020, the site published the translation of an article from the U.S. site DCDirtyLaundry.com titled “Bill Gates explains that the COVID vaccine will use experimental technology and permanently alter your DNA.” The article claimed without substantiation that Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates was helping to rush the development of a COVID-19 vaccine that would alter human DNA. “The powers-that-be are telling the world that the only way to survive the Coronavirus crisis is to rush the development of a vaccine and then inject every human being on the planet,” the article said.

The article also quoted U.S. blogger Jon Rappoport as saying that with this new technology, “genes are injected into the body, and they permanently alter the genetic makeup of the recipient in unknown ways.” (“Les pouvoirs en place disent au monde que la seule façon de survivre à la crise du Coronavirus est de hâter le développement d'un vaccin et de l'injecter ensuite à chaque être humain sur la planète... Des gènes sont injectés dans le corps et modifient de façon permanente et inconnue la composition génétique du receveur.”)

The article misrepresented information from a post that Gates published on his blog GatesNotes.com in April 2020, which described RNA vaccines, an experimental vaccine approach that uses genetically engineered code to stimulate the body’s immune response. Gates did not say in his post that this approach would alter

human DNA, as the CrashDebug article claimed. RNA vaccines, which are being tested for COVID-19, stimulate the production of antibodies and do not alter the DNA of its recipient, according to fact check articles published by PolitiFact and Reuters.

In a June 2020 email to NewsGuard, Folamour, the site's anonymous owner, said of the DCDirtyLaundry.com article, "The information we have is reliable." ("Les infos que nous avons sont fiable (sic).") However, following the email exchange with NewsGuard, CrashDebug.fr attached a link to a Reuters fact-checking article, which debunked the Crashdebug.fr article's claims, to the top of the story.

In February 2020, the site republished an article by ActivistPost.com, titled "China's Xi threatens more crackdowns as scientists say coronavirus may have originated from Wuhan labs." The story cited an interview that appeared on YouTube with American lawyer Francis Boyle, who has repeatedly claimed that the COVID-19 virus was likely engineered as a bioweapon. "Boyle stated in the interview that he believes the virus is potentially lethal and an offensive biological warfare weapon or dual-use biowarfare weapon genetically modified. Boyle also touched on a fact this reporter stated previously — how Chinese biowarfare agents working at the Canadian lab in Winnipeg were involved in the smuggling of coronavirus to Wuhan's lab in July of last year." ("Boyle a déclaré dans l'interview qu'il pense que le virus est potentiellement mortel et une arme de guerre biologique offensive ou une arme de guerre biologique à double usage génétiquement modifiée. Boyle a également évoqué un fait que ce journaliste a déjà mentionné, à savoir que des agents de guerre biologique chinois travaillant au laboratoire canadien de Winnipeg ont été impliqués dans la contrebande de coronavirus vers le laboratoire de Wuhan en juillet de l'année dernière.") The video has since been removed from YouTube.

There is no factual basis to support the claim 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, according to reporting by PolitiFact, the CBC and FactCheck.org. 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.

There is also no evidence that the COVID-19 virus was engineered in a lab as a bioweapon. 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 “concur[s] with the wide scientific consensus that the COVID-19 virus was not manmade or genetically modified.” The CrashDebug.fr article did not include this information that contradicted Boyle’s claims.

Asked to comment on the article, Folamour told NewsGuard in June 2020, “Nothing has been established, we don’t know the origin of this virus, it may be Chinese but partly funded by the Americans, it may be completely American, it may be of natural origin, but modified by man, or totally natural; in short, there are lots of possibilities.” (“Rien n'est établie (sic), on ne connais (sic) pas l'origine de ce virus, il peut être chinois mais financé en parti (sic) par les américains, il peut être totalement américain, il peut être de d'origine naturelle, mais modifié par l'homme, ou alors totalement naturelle, bref, il y a pleins de possibilités.”)

CrashDebug did not issue a correction to the story, but added in March 2020 a link to another fact-checking article titled “Analysis: No, the coronavirus was not bioengineered. The rumors are false (Intelnews.org).” (“Analyse : Non, le coronavirus n'a pas fait l'objet d'une bio-ingénierie. Les rumeurs sont fausses (Intelnews.org).”).

In May 2020, the site published an article titled “A global manipulation of the people: How the worldwide oligarchy wants to make us slaves” (“Manipulation mondiale des peuples : comment l'oligarchie mondiale veut faire de nous des esclaves”), which featured a video posted on YouTube that made misleading claims about the oversight of vaccines. “What is really disturbing is that all the research that’s done on vaccines is done by pharmaceutical institutes on their own, by the labs on their own,” the anonymous poster said in the video. “So inevitably, if you are asked to investigate yourself, you're only going to say good things.” (“Ce qu’il y a de vraiment perturbant, c’est que toutes les recherches qui sont faites sur les vaccins sont faites par les instituts pharmaceutiques eux-même, par les laboratoire eux-même, donc forcément si on vous demande d'enquêter sur vous-même, vous allez dire que des bonnes choses.”)

In fact, vaccines in France are first tested by their manufacturers before entering the market, but are also evaluated for quality, safety and effectiveness by the French National Agency for the Safety of Medicines and Health Products (ANSM), according to Vaccination-info-service.fr, a website overseen by the government public health agency Sante Publique France.

The video also falsely claimed that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was being sued by India’s government “for organized mass murder on young women and breach of trust against an illiterate audience. They just tested vaccines on young women and told them it was good for their health.” (“Cette fondation est attaquée par l’Etat indien... Elle est attaquée par l’Etat indien pour meurtres organisés auprès de jeunes femmes et abus de confiance auprès de public illettré. Ils ont juste testé des vaccins sur des jeunes femmes en leur disant que c’était bien pour leur santé.”)

The Gates Foundation was never sued for “organized mass murder,” as CrashDebug.fr claimed. India’s government did investigate the deaths of seven girls in 2009 and 2010 who participated in a trial of the vaccines Gardasil and Cervarix, which are used to

prevent cervical cancer. The trial was conducted by the U.S.-based global health organization Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), which has received funding from the Gates Foundation.

However, investigators appointed by the Indian government concluded in 2011 that the organization had no responsibility for the girls' deaths. A report by the investigators concluded,

“There is no common pattern to the deaths that would suggest they were caused by the vaccine. In cases where there was an autopsy, death certificate, or medical records, the cause of death could be explained by factors other than the vaccine.” In addition, no lawsuits were filed against PATH or the Gates Foundation.

Asked about the article's claims, Folamour told NewsGuard, “This video only reflects the views of its author, it is great that ordinary French people speak out. We just share it. And heavy metals in vaccines were mostly for the old vaccines, but there are lots of other things just as dangerous in the new ones.” (“Cette vidéo n’engage que son auteur c’est formidable que des Français(es) lambda prennent la parole. Nous on ne fait que relayer. Et les métaux lourds dans les vaccins étaient surtout pour les anciens vaccins, mais il y a plein d’autres choses tout aussi dangereuse (sic) dans les nouveaux.”)

Because CrashDebug.fr has republished numerous articles and videos that make false and unverified claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and fails to avoid deceptive headlines.

CrashDebug.fr does not articulate a corrections policy. “We make updates in the introduction of an article,” Folamour told NewsGuard, referring to links to fact-checking articles that have questioned claims in some of the website's stories. (“Nous faisons des mises à jour en introduction d’article.”)

However, because CrashDebug.fr has not issued transparent corrections that explain errors, and left several false stories uncorrected, NewsGuard has determined that the website does not meet its standard for regularly issuing corrections and clarifications.

CrashDebug.fr does not disclose an agenda or political perspective. However, the website frequently includes anti-European and anti-globalization views in its news coverage, which does not meet NewsGuard's standards for handling the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

For example, in January 2020, the site republished in its International News section an ActivistPost.com article titled "How a viral pandemic is benefitting the globalist agenda," which said, "The reason why globalists want a collapse is simple – They need a crisis in order to manipulate the masses into accepting total centralization, a global monetary system and global governance." ("La raison pour laquelle les mondialistes veulent un effondrement est simple : ils ont besoin d'une crise afin de manipuler les masses pour qu'elles acceptent une centralisation totale, un système monétaire mondial et une gouvernance mondiale").

In March 2020, the site republished in its French news section an article from Marianne about the French government's response to the coronavirus crisis. In an introduction to the article, the site's owner, Folamour said, "I think, very sincerely, that they will take the risk of using this coronavirus to make us pay for the system's failure and possibly impose a world government... The only way to get out of this mess, and to really regain control, is to get out of Europe, the Euro, and NATO..." ("Et je pense, très sincèrement, qu'ils risquent d'utiliser ce coronavirus pour nous faire payer la faillite du système et éventuellement imposer un gouvernement mondial.... Le seul moyen de sortir de tout ce bordel, et de reprendre réellement le contrôle, c'est de sortir de l'Europe, de l'Euro, et de l'Otan...")

In April 2020, CrashDebug.fr published in the International News section an article written by François Asselineau, leader of the French political party Popular

Republican Union (UPR), which advocated for France's withdrawal from the European Union. The article was originally published on the party's website. "The euro is ruining our buying power, fueling unemployment, straining our businesses, and accelerating outsourcing. Restoring the franc is obviously possible, and it's essential! ... European integration isn't the solution, it's the problem," Asselineau wrote. ("L'euro ruine notre pouvoir d'achat, entretient le chômage, plombe nos entreprises, et accélère les délocalisations. Rétablir le franc, c'est évidemment possible, et c'est indispensable !... la construction européenne n'est pas la solution, c'est le problème.")

Asked about the website's publication of opinion in news stories, Folamour told NewsGuard, "We are a blog, we can give our opinion (in the introduction), or simply transmit information."

Asked about the website's undisclosed perspective opposing European integration and globalization, Folamour said, "I think it is rather clear that we are apolitical, we don't belong to any political party, and we actually think that we have to take back our sovereignty, and that globalization is madness. But at the moment no political parties, except from UPR, have suggested to leave the euro or Europe." ("Nous sommes un blog, nous pouvons donner notre opinion (en introduction), ou simplement relayer l'information... Je pense que c'est assez clair, nous sommes apolitiques, nous n'appartenons à aucun partis (sic) politique, et nous pensons effectivement que nous devons retrouver notre souveraineté, et que la mondialisation est une folie, mais pour l'instant aucun partis (sic) politique à part l'UPR ne propose de sortir de l'€uro ou de l'Europe.")

Transparency

CrashDebug.fr's About page identifies Folamour as its webmaster. Folamour told NewsGuard in an email, "This site belongs to me, there are three of us on it, an anonymous collaborator and an editorial secretary (Chalouette)." ("Ce site m'appartient, nous sommes à trois dessus, un collaborateur anonyme et une secrétaire de rédaction (Chalouette)").

However, because the website does not disclose that Folamour is the owner or reveal his real name, NewsGuard has determined that the website does not meet NewsGuard's standard for revealing ownership.

CrashDebug.fr provides an online form that readers can use to contact the team. Both Folamour and Chalouette write articles and comments under their pseudonyms. The site also publishes content credited to its third team member, which it identifies as "Anonymous contributor" ("Contributeur anonyme")

Asked why the editorial team does not reveal their names, Folamour said, "Because we want to remain anonymous, we don't want the opinions that we express (which often go against the grain) to have any impact on our personal lives." ("Parce ce que nous tenons à rester anonyme, nous ne voulons pas que les opinions (bien souvent à contre courant) que nous exprimons aient un quelconque impact sur notre vie personnel (sic).")

Because CrashDebug.fr does not identify its writers and editorial leadership by name, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not meet its standard for revealing who's in charge and publishing information about content creators.

The site does not run advertising.

History CrashDebug.fr launched in 2009.

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