An anonymously operated website that regularly publishes false information and conspiracies about UK politics and health, including about COVID-19.

**Ownership and Financing**

OYE.news does not disclose its ownership. Website registration records indicate that the site was registered in April 2016 by “Ceribalius Bassi”. A Facebook profile registered to Ceribalius Bassi often reposts content from the site. In a May 2020 article on Oye.news responding to an earlier version of this Nutrition Label, site editor James Allard confirmed that Ceribalius Bassi is a pseudonym.

Allard is based in Occitanie, France. According to British business registry Companies House, he previously co-owned a “Tribal Camping” business. Allard’s Twitter profile states that he is a “coder, trader, candlestick maker.”

OYE.news runs advertisements.

**Content**

OYE stands for Open Your Eyes, the website’s original name. The site describes itself as an “alternative news” source, stating on its About Us page that “our voice often opposes much of what the Mainstream News publishes.” Although it has no affiliation with the BBC, the site’s design and logo resembles BBC News’s website. The website’s tag says, “Real News and Critical Thinking.”

Frequent subjects of coverage include alternative medicine, cryptocurrencies, politics, and purported plots for population control by global corporations. Typical headlines have included “The Complete Clinton Mysterious Death List”, “‘Vaccines are Safe & Effective’ – A Cult Driven by Blind Faith”, and “Big Pharma’s Cash Cow”.

**Credibility**

OYE News frequently publishes false or unsubstantiated claims, including about vaccines, 5G.
technology, and COVID-19.

For example, a June 2020 article, headlined “IS COVID-19 A MANMADE VIRUS? MULTIPLE SCIENTISTS BELIEVE SO,” cited claims that the virus that causes COVID-19 was man-made. Referring to the “the global scamdemic,” the site stated that “While this could be a man made virus, it doesn’t mean the virus itself is particularly dangerous.”

There is no scientific evidence that the COVID-19 virus was engineered or altered in a lab. 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 that it “concurs with the wide scientific consensus that the COVID-19 virus was not manmade or genetically modified.”

As for the suggestion that the virus is not “particularly dangerous,” according to the World Health Organization, the global COVID-19 death toll in early August stood at more than 700,000.

A July 2020 article, titled “NEW STUDY SUGGESTS 5G COULD CREATE CORONAVIRUS TYPE VIRUSES IN CELLS,” promoted a since-retracted study linking the virus that causes COVID-19 to 5G telecommunications technology. The study, published in the Journal of Biological Regulators and Homeostatic Agents, claimed to have demonstrated that “5G millimeter waves could be absorbed by dermatologic cells acting like antennas, transferred to other cells and play the main role in producing Coronaviruses in biological cells.”

OYE News acknowledged that “the entire basis of this study is scientific theory and no replication of the theory has been performed in the real world.” However, elsewhere in the article, the site stated that “it would seem this conspiracy theory that had no scientific basis, now does.”

Although OYE News accurately reported the study’s claims, the article overlooked a host of problems with the research. The paper was retracted three days after OYE News published its article, but by then, many
scientists had already noted some significant errors. For example, the study claimed that 5G waves “lead to production of COVID-19,” confusing the virus with the disease it causes, and that “5G causes 720 (factorial) different diseases in human beings.” This can not be true. As one scientist pointed out on Twitter, the factorial of 720 is represented by the symbol $2.6 \times 10^{1746}$, which is a larger number than there are estimated to be atoms in the universe. The study did not demonstrate how specifically 5G radiation would induce the creation of SARS-CoV-19.

In July 2019, the site published an article titled “Fully Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.” The article, written by Kennedy, a prominent anti-vaccination advocate, claimed that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) commissioned a study in 1999 that compared the health outcomes of vaccinated and unvaccinated children, and then suppressed the study after it showed a link between vaccinations and “high incidence of chronic diseases and brain and immune system injuries”.

The data suggesting that vaccinations correlated to the illnesses came from the early stages of a two-phase study by Dutch scientist Thomas Verstraeten. When Verstraeten’s final study was published in 2004 in the journal Pediatrics, it stated that “in no analyses were significant increased risks found for autism.” Verstraeten, as well as the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, refuted allegations that any data was suppressed by the CDC. “Instead of hiding the data or restricting access to it, CDC distributed it, often to individuals who had never seen it before, and solicited outside opinion regarding how to interpret it. The transcript of these discussions was made available to the public,” the Senate committee said in a 2007 report.

The CDC and many other health and science authorities, including the UK National Health Service and the World Health Organization, have repeatedly stated that there is no link between vaccines and autism, based on an abundance of scientific evidence.
Two NewsGuard emails sent in September 2019 to site registrant Ceribalius Bassi, inquiring about the site’s editorial practices and the articles cited in this Nutrition Label, did not draw a response.

However, in May 2020, site editor Allard published an article in response to NewsGuard’s earlier review of the site. In his article, Allard said of Robert F. Kennedy’s story cited above that NewsGuard had relied on “the statement made from those allegedly involved in the suppression, which of course was denial of any such suppression.” He also argued that “the original results presented by Kennedy did exist, we retrieved [them] through a FOI [Freedom of Information request] and [they] did show the increase in chronic childhood illnesses.”

Allard suggested that these results were downplayed by the media, and said that “Apparently it was phase one of a much larger study... the results that were finally made public and showed no increase in childhood chronic illnesses. But it’s ok,” he added sarcastically, “we won’t question why phase one concluded with polar opposite results to phase two.”

A March 2019 OYE.news article titled “Media Calls for Further Book Burning”, advocated a potentially dangerous procedure called chelation, which removes heavy metals from the body, as a treatment for autism. The article touted a book that recommended an oral therapy for chelation, involving the ingestion of a chemical called dimercapto succinic acid.

“This book specifically educates people not to do intravenous chelation as it’s highly dangerous,” the article stated. “The book offers a more subtle, gentle approach to the chelation and also goes into dietary changes which can help the healing process.”

In fact, the Mayo Clinic states on its website, “Chelation therapy is not an effective autism treatment, and it may be dangerous.” Chelation is approved as a possible remedy for arsenic or lead poisoning, not autism.
Regarding this article, Allard wrote that “at no point did I advocate chelation, I personally know little about the process.” He added that NewsGuard stated “that I defended the book, well yes your [sic] right on that – I did and I still do. The banning of any book is inexcusable and if you (newsguard) support such practices than [sic] your credibility is already worthless.”

In July 2019, OYE News published an article titled “The Truth About GcMAF, David Noakes and Lyn Thyer” that falsely claimed that a protein called Gc-MAF “has huge potential in the fight against Cancer, Autism, Allergies and a host of other Immune disorders.” According to the article, “there is plenty of peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the health benefits of GcMAF”.

Gc-MAF is a protein naturally produced in human bodies. In an article evaluating studies of Gc-MAF, British cancer nonprofit Cancer Research explained that the protein activates macrophages, which are white blood cells that consume “foreign invaders and dead cells”. However, the organization stated, “there is no solid scientific evidence to show that the treatment is safe or effective.”

The OYE News article also criticised the 2018 prosecution of David Noakes, a British businessman who marketed Gc-MAF as a treatment to patients with cancer, HIV, and autism. The BBC reported in November 2018 that Noakes had said during his trial that he no longer claims that Gc-MAF cures cancer. However, the OYE News article did not mention Noakes’ retraction of his original claims. Noakes began serving a 15-month prison sentence in November 2018, after pleading guilty to money laundering and manufacturing, supplying, and selling an unlicensed medicine in his marketing of Gc-MAF, according to the BBC.

Addressing this article, Allard stated in his article that NewsGuard had failed to “mention the references made to multiple studies saying the complete opposite” about Gc-MAF. Allard also argued that he could not have mentioned Noakes’s retraction, because Noakes made it “after the article was written.”
Actually, as the earlier version of this Nutrition Label noted, the BBC had already reported that Noakes told a court about his change of views about the efficacy of Gc-MAF for treating cancer in November 2018. The OYE News' article was published in July 2019.

The website has also published conspiracy theories about British politics. For example, in March 2019, OYE News published an article headlined “Exit From Brexit – The Jo Cox Departure by Richard D. Hall,” which aired the false claim that British MP Jo Cox was not murdered in 2016, and that the man charged in her death played no part in the killing. OYE News referred to a documentary that makes “compelling arguments and provides some even more compelling evidence to suggest that the official narrative is a far cry from the truth.”

Cox, a Labour Party member of Parliament representing Batley and Spen, was shot and stabbed multiple times outside a library in Birstall, West Yorkshire, in front of many eyewitnesses, who later testified at the murder trial of white supremacist Thomas Mair. Moreover, Mair, who prosecutors said targeted Cox for her anti-Brexit stance ahead of the 2016 Brexit referendum, did not deny his guilt in the trial, declaring “My name is death to traitors, freedom for Britain,” when asked to confirm his name. He was convicted of murder in 2016 and sentenced to life in prison.

Concerning this article, Allard wrote that “There is very little point going over [NewsGuard's] ramblings on this one as they simply reiterate the mainstream narrative and use this as the reasoning behind why Hall's Documentary is false. They never even watched the documentary, that you can be sure of.”

Because OYE News regularly publishes false content and conspiracy theories, including the promotion of potentially dangerous remedies for cancer and autism, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.
OYE News does not disclose a specific point of view, stating on its About Us page only that it “opposes much of what the Mainstream News publishes.” The website does not label any stories as opinion. However, the website frequently inserts opinion into articles labeled as “News,” which is why NewsGuard has determined that OYE News does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

For example, an October 2019 article titled “How Did 274,000 Babies End Up on Psychiatric Meds?,” stated that “If you, your child, or another family member is on a psychiatric drug, I urge you to educate yourself about the true risks, and to consider switching to safer alternatives. When it comes to children, I cannot fathom a situation in which a toddler would need a psychiatric drug”.

A September 2019 article, titled “Will Trump Take Neocon Bait and Attack Iran over Saudi Strike”, argued that “US participation in Saudi Arabia’s war on Yemen must end immediately, and neocon lies about Iran’s role in the war must be refuted and resisted.” Another article from the same month, headlined “Greta Thunberg – ‘If We Can Save the Banks, Then We Can Save the World’”, said, “No we are not making this up, this is indeed a direct quote from Thunbergs (sic) own lips… Thunberg had a simple message for those who claim it is ‘too expensive’ to fix climate change, her answer is to save the very evil entities that are responsible for 99% of the Worlds problems, the Banks.”

Responding to NewsGuard’s characterisation of OYE News’ approach to news and opinion, Allard stated in his article that NewsGuard “must believe readers are stupid, who said News cannot be weaved with opinion?” He also noted that two of the stories cited by NewsGuard had been republished on OYE News from other sites.

Although the site states on its About Us page that “we do admit our mistakes as we become aware of them”, NewsGuard did not find any corrections on the site.
Allard did not comment in his article about the site’s approach to corrections. In July and August 2020, NewsGuard sent two messages through the site’s contact form, seeking comment on the COVID-19 articles cited above and on the site’s approach to corrections, but received no response.

Transparency

OYE News does not disclose its ownership or identify its editors. As noted above, registration records indicate that OYE.news was originally registered by someone identified as Ceribalius Bassi, which is apparently a pseudonym.

Most articles are credited to Allard, for whom a biography and contact information are provided. Therefore, NewsGuard has determined that OYE.news identifies its content creators.

In an earlier version of this Nutrition Label, in September 2019, NewsGuard found that the site did not properly label sponsored content. The site no longer appears to publish sponsored articles or advertising of any sort.

The site did not respond to two emails seeking comment on the lack of disclosure regarding ownership and editorial leadership.

History

OYE.news states on its About Us page that it was founded in 2011. Its Facebook page launched in 2012, under the name “Open your eyes”. OYE.news was registered in 2016.

*Editor’s Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on Aug. 10. 2020, with new comments from the site and to add information about the site’s coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic. The label was also updated to reflect that the site now meets the standard for identifying content creators and that it no longer publishes advertisements. The criteria checklist was adjusted accordingly.*

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