

djhjmedia.com

A conservative political site run by a Texas entrepreneur that publishes false and unproven claims, including about the COVID-19 pandemic.



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

Score: 27.5/100

Ownership and Financing

DJHJ Media is owned by Texas-based entrepreneur David James Harris Jr. through DJHJ Media LLC, a private company registered in Nevada. Harris is listed as the company's manager. He also owns DavidHarrisJr.com, another conservative news site, through the DJHJ Media company.

Harris is the co-founder and CEO of Uncorked Health & Wellness, a private company that sells health supplements, apparel, and beverage containers. He is also a fellow at the Falkirk Center for Faith and Liberty, a think tank run out of Liberty University that says that it "exists to uphold the Christian faith and defend America's Constitution." Harris also serves on the advisory board of Black Voices for Trump, a coalition that is part of U.S. President Donald Trump's 2020 reelection campaign, and on the board of the BLEXIT Foundation, a conservative nonprofit geared toward Black communities.

In 2019, Harris self-published a book titled, "Why I Couldn't Stay Silent: One Man's Battle as a Black Conservative."

DJHJ Media earns revenue through advertising.

- ✗ 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

DJHJ Media describes itself as "an opinion and commentary source for conservatives everywhere." The website divides content into sections including World, Politics, Business, and Tech. News stories frequently contain commentary. Articles are generally not dated.

Typical headlines have included: "Liberals Protested in Person Against Voting in Person [VIDEO];" "Trump Donates \$100,000 to Repair Monuments Damaged by Rioters;" and "Relax! Nancy Pelosi Would NOT Become President If November Election is Delayed."

DJHJ Media has published false or unproven claims about the COVID-19 pandemic and U.S. politics.

For example, an undated article titled, “Kamala Harris Fights Back Against Questions of Her Eligibility to Be Vice President,” falsely claimed that U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, was not eligible to serve as president. The article said, “It’s not like [President] Trump is the one who brought it up, and if we’re going to take the question seriously, then you have to recognize that Harris is not a legal citizen. Yes, I said it, and that’s not a conspiracy theory.”

The story added that Harris “is not ineligible because her parents were born outside the US, but because they were not citizens when she was born.”

Harris was born in Oakland, California, in 1964, according to her birth certificate, which meets presidential eligibility standards outlined in the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Harris’ mother was born in India and her father was born in Jamaica. At the time of Harris’ birth, her parents were likely not citizens, given that her father had been in the U.S. three years and her mother for five. The Immigration and Nationality Act, which was established in 1952, states that a person must be a permanent resident within the U.S. “for at least five years” prior to applying for naturalization.

However, most legal experts agree that because Harris is a natural-born citizen, the citizenship status of her parents at the time of her birth is irrelevant to whether she is eligible to serve as vice president. An August 2020 Newsweek column by John C. Eastman, a law professor at Chapman University and senior fellow at the Claremont Institute, suggested that birthright citizenship is not automatically granted by the U.S. Constitution. Eastman’s argument relied on what he conceded was a disputed interpretation of Article II of the Constitution — and what most legal scholars consider a bogus argument against “anchor babies”

being citizens — on the question of whether being born on U.S. soil automatically confers such citizenship status.

Another undated DJHJMedia.com article, titled “For Democrats the Writing is on the Wall. Too Bad They Can’t Read,” claimed without evidence that Democrats were trying to “cheat” the 2020 presidential election by promoting mail-in voting. The article said, “Look at the Democrat governors of the nation, with their crazed executive-order insanity, busily knocking down Constitutional limitations to keep their own citizens under house arrest, fully face-masked, fearful of going to the pools and dependent on mail-in voting. It has been their plan for some time because mail-in voting is how the Democrats expect to cheat to beat Donald Trump in November.

There is no evidence that Democratic governors and other party leaders are plotting to use mail-in voting to “cheat to beat Donald Trump” in the presidential election. While President Trump has publicly warned in 2020 that mail-in voting could facilitate widespread voter fraud, there is little evidence to support that theory. A Washington Post analysis conducted with the Electronic Registration Information Center, a nonprofit that works to increase U.S. voter roll accuracy and voter registration access for eligible U.S. citizens, found that there were “just 372 possible cases of double voting or voting on behalf of deceased people out of about 14.6 million votes cast by mail in the 2016 and 2018 general elections, or 0.0025 percent.”

The website has also published misinformation about the effectiveness of the anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19. In an undated article, titled “It Begins: Ohio Bans Use of Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Virus Pandemic Sufferers,” the website called the drug a “safe and effective treatment” for COVID-19.

The article cited a July 2020 press conference by a group called the America’s Frontline Doctors, which was organized by the conservative group Tea Party Patriots.

One of the doctors, Dr. Stella Immanuel, claimed she treated more than 350 CV-19 patients, some with diabetes and high blood pressure — and not a single one died after being administered hydroxychloroquine, zinc and Zithromax,” the article stated.

DJHJ Media did not mention the multiple randomized clinical trials that have found that hydroxychloroquine has failed to provide benefits to COVID-19 patients. For example, in June 2020, U.K. researchers ended the use of hydroxychloroquine in a large trial, called the RECOVERY trial, that had involved 4,600 patients. “We have concluded that there is no beneficial effect of hydroxychloroquine in patients hospitalised with COVID-19,” said a statement by researchers Martin Landray and Peter Horby of the RECOVERY trial.

Subsequent clinical trials have also failed to find a benefit. A trial involving 400 patients, conducted by researchers at the University of Minnesota and published in July 2020 in the Annals of Internal Medicine, found that hydroxychloroquine did not decrease the severity of COVID-19 symptoms over 14 days any better than a placebo in patients who were not hospitalized.

Another trial, published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) in July 2020, included 600 hospitalized patients in Brazil with “mild-to-moderate COVID-19. The study found that hydroxychloroquine “did not improve clinical status at 15 days as compared with standard care.”

DJHJ Media did briefly note about hydroxychloroquine that “in June, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reportedly revoked emergency authorization for the drug which had been prescribed to treat CV-19.” However, the site continued: “Nonetheless, Trump and others in the medical community have hailed it as a possible cure for CV-19.”

Because DJHJ Media has published false and unproven claims about politics and health, NewsGuard has determined that the website repeatedly publishes false content and does not gather and present information responsibly.

DJHJ Media has published corrections to articles that contain errors, typically at the top of the story. However, because the site regularly publishes false and unproven claims that remain on the site uncorrected, NewsGuard has determined that DJHJ Media does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for regularly correcting or clarifying errors.

NewsGuard sent two messages to Harris’ Facebook page inquiring about DJHJ Media’s editorial process, but did not receive a response.

DJHJ Media clearly discloses its conservative perspective at the bottom of each page, where the site describes itself as “an opinion and commentary source for conservatives everywhere.” Opinionated content appears throughout the site, including in a dedicated Opinion section. Because the website clearly discloses its perspective and does not label any of its content as news, NewsGuard has determined that the website does not handle the difference between news and opinion irresponsibly.

Headlines on DJHJ Media generally represent content on the site, and do not typically repeat the false claims within the articles. For example, the false claim referenced above that Democrats are trying to “cheat” the 2020 presidential election through the use of mail-in voting did not appear in the article’s headline — “For Democrats the Writing is on the Wall. Too Bad They Can’t Read.”

Transparency

DJHJMedia.com does not disclose its ownership by DJHJ Media or by Harris. It does not provide information about its editorial leadership.

Articles on DJHJ Media name the author and link to an archive of the writer’s work, as well as short biographies and links to social media profiles. Author biographies also appear at the bottom of each story.

Some advertising is distinguished from editorial content. However, a portion of the site’s sponsored content, which appears through each article, is labeled only as “promoted content.” This does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for clearly labeling advertising.

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History

DJHJMedia.com launched in March 2019, three years after the launch of David Harris' other conservative website, DavidHarrisJr.com.

Harris was temporarily banned from flying with American Airlines in August 2020 after he refused to wear a face covering that the airline required during the COVID-19 pandemic on a flight from Dallas to Los Angeles. Harris said in a video he posted on Facebook and Instagram of the incident that he did not wear the face covering for what he called "medical reasons." In the video, Harris is told by an American Airlines agent that his ticket was "voided" when he attempted to board another flight. Harris called the decision "BS" in the video.

An unnamed American Airlines spokesperson told Business Insider, "Mr. Harris refused to comply with our face covering requirement on an Aug. 2 flight. After a thorough review by our corporate security team, in accordance with our policy, he will no longer be able to travel with American for the duration of the face covering requirement."

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