

dailypatriotreport.com

An anonymously produced conservative news site that has misstated and distorted facts, including about COVID-19.



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

Score: 22/100

Ownership and Financing

DailyPatriotReport.com, which launched in April 2020, does not disclose information about its ownership to users. Daily Patriot Report's Facebook page lists an owner, Sean W. Taylor, but no additional information about him is provided.

The site shares Google advertising ID codes with other sites, such as DailyPoliticalNewswire.com, ThinkAmericana.com, and TediumMedia.com, suggesting they share an owner.

DailyPoliticalNewsWire.com also features a similar layout to DailyPatriotReport.com, and both sites primarily publish articles by the same author, Keely Sharp. DailyPatriotReport.com often publishes links to stories from DailyPoliticalNewsWire.com and TediumMedia.com. None of the sites disclose information about their ownership.

The site appears to earn revenue through advertising.

Content

DailyPatriotReport.com includes sections titled Political News and Worldwide News.

Stories cover U.S. politics from a conservative perspective, often by summarizing other news organizations' accounts and adding commentary.

Typical headlines include, "Trump: 'We're Learning to Live with COVID' Just Like the Flu," "Kamala Harris Meltdown: Trump is 'Ignoring Ginsburg's Final Wish'," and "Trump Warns: 2nd amendment 'Doesn't Stand a Chance' If Biden Wins."

Credibility

DailyPatriotReport.com often adds commentary to stories that were reported by other news organizations, ranging from Fox News and Breitbart to local news sites. Stories also can rely on tweets.



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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The site has published false, misleading, and unsubstantiated claims, including about COVID-19.

For example, in August 2020, a story titled “Lady Gaga Demands Americans Wear Masks: 'They're a Sign of Respect,’” said, “We are not wearing masks because this pandemic is a hoax! Yes there is a flu-like virus but it is nothing like the media, Dr. Fauci, and the WHO has made it out to be.”

It is false that the COVID-19 pandemic is a “hoax.” As of Oct. 8, 2020, the disease, which first emerged in China in January 2020, had killed 1,058,508 people, and infected approximately 36.3 million people worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University’s Coronavirus Resource Center.

The article also falsely claimed that officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “dropped their actual death toll from coronavirus to less than 10,000 deaths. That’s about 6% of the original 153,504 deaths recorded.”

It is true that the CDC said in an August 2020 public report of provisional COVID-19 death counts that “for 6% of the deaths, COVID-19 was the only cause mentioned.”

However, the fact that 94 percent of COVID-19 deaths involved other complications does not mean that those patients did not die from COVID-19. Dr. Robert Anderson, who oversees the CDC’s death statistics work, told The Associated Press that it is common for people to have more than one medical issue at the time of their death, and death certificates list all potential contributing causes to the death.

“The underlying cause of death is the condition that began the chain of events that ultimately led to the person’s death,” Anderson told the AP in August 2020. “In 92% of all deaths that mention COVID-19, COVID-19 is listed as the underlying cause of death.”

In September 2020, the site published a story titled, “Report: Biden Declines Trump’s Request for Earpiece Check Before Debate.” The story claims that former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden’s Democratic

presidential campaign refused to submit to an inspection to verify that the candidate would not use an earpiece during a Sept. 29, 2020, debate with U.S. President Donald Trump.

“President Donald Trump requested both a drug test and earpiece check before the presidential debate with former Vice President Joe Biden,” DailyPatriotReport.com stated. “As far as the earpiece check, it originally appeared that Biden would go along with the request, however new reports are saying that he has reversed course and will decline that as well.”

The DailyPatriotReport.com story, which did not include a comment or attempt to seek comment from the Biden campaign, offered no evidence to support the idea that Biden intended to use an earpiece.

According to USA Today, “The Biden campaign also denied claims that they refused to consent to an inspection for an earpiece ahead of the debate.” Campaign spokesperson Kate Bedingfield told the Washington Post prior to the debate, “Of course he’s not wearing an earpiece.”

An October 2020 story, “FALSE: Clinton Claims U.S. Economy Lags Behind Our Allies,” said that former U.S. President Bill Clinton made false statements about the U.S. unemployment rate in a speech at the August 2020 Democratic National Convention. Daily Patriot Report quoted Clinton as saying, “Our unemployment rate is more than twice as high as South Korea’s, two-and-a-half times the United Kingdom’s, more than three times Japan’s. Donald Trump says we’re leading the world — well, we are the only major industrial economy to have its unemployment rate tripled.”

DailyPatriotReport.com said that Clinton “butchered the speech with lies.” Following Clinton’s quote about the U.S. unemployment rate, the DailyPatriotReport.com article said, “ERRRRRRR. That is incorrect.”

Clinton accurately cited statistics provided by the intergovernmental Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in his speech. According to the OECD, U.S. unemployment increased from 3.6

percent in January 2020 to 11.1 percent in June 2020. The unemployment rates of South Korea, Japan, and the U.K. were 4.3 percent, 2.8 percent, and 3.9 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The website has also published deceptive headlines. For example, in August 2020, the site published the headline, “Watch: Kamala Harris — 'U.S. Must Be Welcoming to Illegal Aliens'.” The headline attributed a quote to U.S. Sen. Harris that she did not say. The article quoted a 2018 interview with CNN in which she said, “We are a country that ... our strength has always been that we are a tolerant country, that we are welcoming, in particular, those who have fled harm.” The article did not quote Harris as saying, “U.S. Must Be Welcoming to Illegal Aliens.”

A September 2020 article headlined, “DNI Ratcliffe Declassifies Intel...Clinton's 'Plan' to Frame Trump for Collusion,” included an excerpt of a Breitbart.com report about intelligence reports released by Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, which described unverified Russian intelligence reports of a plan by Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign to accuse President Trump of collusion with Russia. However, the article also stated, “The U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) did not know if [the report] was true,” which was not apparent from the headline.

Because DailyPatriotReport.com has published unsubstantiated and inaccurate claims, buttressed by misleading headlines, including about COVID-19, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not gather and present information responsibly and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

The website does not disclose an overall point of view. All stories appear in the sections Political News or Worldwide News. However, the site regularly inserts conservative opinion in its news stories.

For example, in the October 2020 story, “Maskhole DeWine Shames Trump: Serves as 'Cautionary Tale' to Anti-Maskers,” which was labeled as Political News, the site states that “Ohio Governor Mike DeWine is a joke.

A RINO. A maskhole. I should know, I live in Ohio and I have been living under his dictator rule since COVID-19 started.”

In another October 2020 Political News story, headlined “Trump: ‘We’re Learning to Live with COVID’ Just Like the Flu,” the author wrote that President Trump’s comparison of COVID-19 to the seasonal flu was “ABSOLUTELY correct. That is exactly what I have been saying from the beginning. Do we shut down the entire country for the flu? No. Then why would we do it for COVID?”

Because the website regularly includes unlabeled opinion in news stories, and advances a conservative perspective that it does not disclose, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The site does not disclose a corrections policy. NewsGuard found a published correction from August 2020, noting that a story about a 2014 speech by U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris lacked context, and citing a fact check article by USA Today. However, the website has not corrected other inaccurate claims, such as those cited above, which does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for regularly correcting errors.

DailyPatriotReport.com does not provide contact information for users. NewsGuard sent two emails to an address listed on the site’s Facebook page seeking comment on the website’s false claims, corrections policy, and handling of news and opinion, but did not receive a response.

Transparency

DailyPatriotReport.com does not disclose its owners or editorial leaders, or provide information about its content creators. The site has attributed all of its articles to two authors, but no biographical or contact information is provided for them.

Advertisements on the site are not always clearly distinguished from editorial content. Some sponsored articles appear under headings such as “From the Web” or “Trending,” without disclosing that the articles are paid content.

The site does not include contact information. NewsGuard sent two emails to an address listed on the site's Facebook page seeking comment on the website's failure to disclose its owners and editors, failure to label sponsored content, and failure to provide information about content creators, but did not receive a response.

History DailyPatriotReport.com was created in April 2020, according to the site's domain registration records. It's earliest story also dates to that month.

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