

trumptrainnews.com

A conservative site owned by a company that provides email lists to Republican political action committees and candidates. Trump Train News has published unsubstantiated claims, including about COVID-19.



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

Score: 39.5/100

Ownership and Financing

Trump Train News does not disclose its ownership to users. However, marketing company American Media Source, LLC says on its corporate website that it owns the website, along with other conservative sites including AmericanActionNews.com, ForLiberty.News, and The HollywoodConservative.us. American Media Source's website states that the company's CEO is David M. Keene, the son of Republican political consultant and former National Rifle Association president, David A. Keene.

American Media Source, based in Alexandria, Va., also does business as Political List Brokers, and separately provides email lists to Republican political action committees, according to an August 2020 article in The Daily Beast. The company says on its site's Advertise page: "We publish and share news and content across multiple media properties, giving your cause, candidate, or campaign the ability to reach the right people at the right time. Email, display targeting, postal, SMS, phone – let us know what channel you'd like to use, and reach engaged American donors and activists – FAST."

The website provides readers with no disclosure of this commercial relationship.

OpenSecrets.org — the website of the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization — states that, in the 2020 election cycle Political List Brokers received payments from PACs and election committees including Committee to Defend the President (\$3,037), Laura Loomer for Congress (\$2,177), and Stop the AOC PAC (\$850).



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 Daily Beast, citing emails that it obtained, reported that American Media Source's clients in 2020 include "the Trump Make America Great Again Committee, a joint fundraising committee benefitting the Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee, as well as the National Republican Congressional Committee. Both have sent fundraising emails through lists associated with American Action News and another of AMS's news properties called GOP Presidential."

Trump Train News runs advertisements. Services offered by American Media Source on its website include sponsored articles and email, phone, postal, and SMS list rentals. Articles on Trump Train News frequently end with a paid link to the website of a political action committee or Republican candidate.

NewsGuard sent two emails to American Media Source in October 2020 asking about the company's business with political action committees, but did not receive a reply. A telephone message left with Keene was also not returned.

Content

Trump Train News covers U.S. politics and U.S. President Donald Trump's administration from a strongly conservative perspective. The site says on its About page that it is "a website dedicated to covering the latest news concerning politics, government, and all things Trump. We aren't a mainstream conservative media site and therefore aren't obligated to play by their rules of anti-Trump bias and political correctness."

Content is divided into sections including Politics, Administration, Foreign Affairs, Military, Guns, Taxes, and Campaign 2020.

Typical articles have appeared under headlines including "Majority of Americans Feel They are Better Off Than Four Years Ago," "Schumer Won't Take Court Packing Off the Table," and "Trump's Demand That Allies Pay More for Defense was Absolutely Correct." Some articles are published in list format, such as

“These Sanctuary Cities and States are Being Sued by the Trump Administration” and “Meet the World’s Top Terrorists Trump has Eliminated.”

Credibility

Articles on Trump Train News typically attribute information to reports by other conservative outlets, including Fox News and The Daily Wire, or tweets by journalists. The articles that are published in list format frequently fail to identify sources.

The site has published or promoted false claims, including about COVID-19. For example, in June 2020, the site published a list titled, “Experts Continue [sic] Prove Themselves Wrong From the Virus to Social Justice,” which claimed to identify cases in which academics had made incorrect claims or predictions about the COVID-19 pandemic. The list claimed that the anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine was an effective treatment for COVID-19.

“Hydroxychloroquine is a drug the President touted as being a possible treatment for the Coronavirus. The Drug had proved effective for stopping the spread of other viruses in the past but despite this the media and the ‘experts’ quickly came to mock him and the drug,” the article said. “The mockery was relentless but soon came to an end when the new studies came out confirming the President’s thoughts on the drug. These ‘experts’ called it wrong again and faded away after everything was said and done.”

Hydroxychloroquine has not been proven to be a “possible treatment” for COVID-19, as the article claimed. In March 2020, a non-randomized clinical trial that involved 20 people, conducted by French researchers and published in the International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents, concluded that hydroxychloroquine “is significantly associated with viral load reduction/disappearance in COVID-19 patients.” However, the journal’s publisher, the International Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (ISAC), released a statement in April 2020 saying that it had concluded that the French study “does not meet the

Society's expected standard, especially relating to the lack of better explanations of the inclusion criteria and the triage of patients to ensure patient safety."

Larger, randomized clinical trials found that the drug did not provide beneficial effects to COVID-19 patients. For example, in June 2020, United Kingdom 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," according to a statement by researchers Martin Landray and Peter Horby of the RECOVERY trial. Citing these results, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration revoked the March 2020 emergency use authorization that enabled the drug to be used as treatment for COVID-19.

In May 2020, Trump Train News published a list titled, "Americans Were Never Supposed to Know These 6 Russia Hoax Facts." According to the list's introduction, "The truth is that we were never supposed to find out about the lies and conspiracy to destroy President Trump. Here is what was hidden for so long, what you were never supposed to find out."

One of the list's items was named "Russian Interference," and asserted that "The Russians did not hack the election, the Russians did not hack the DNC [Democratic National Committee] server like the media reported in 2016, the Russians did not seek to assist Trump in winning the election. The Russians sought to disrupt the election by pushing propaganda online, they were effective at things but this did not sway the election in 2016."

U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller, after investigating charges of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, said in his April 2019 final report that the Russian government "interfered in the 2016 presidential election in sweeping and systematic fashion." In 2018, 12 Russian military officers were indicted for hacking and dissemination of private communications in an attempt to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

In April 2020, the Senate Intelligence Committee, chaired by a Republican, issued a report that also concluded that Russia was behind the DNC data breach. The Senate report stated, “The Committee found that specific intelligence as well as open source assessments support the assessment that President Putin approved and directed aspects of this influence campaign.”

An October 2019 Trump Train News article, “Whistleblower Contacted Schiff Before Filing Ukraine Complaint,” reported that a CIA whistleblower who filed a complaint with the intelligence community that prompted impeachment proceedings against President Trump had “contacted Adam Schiff and the House Intelligence Committee before filing the complaint against President Trump.” This contact, it claimed, “raises questions about Schiff’s role in the complaint and if rules were changed within the intel community to make the complaint possible.”

The article was based on, and incorporated, parts of, an article that was published in The Hill. However, The Hill’s article made clear that the whistleblower did not directly contact Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. The Hill reported, “The whistleblower initially had a colleague convey his concerns that Trump asked Ukraine’s leader to intervene in the 2020 presidential election to the CIA’s top lawyer before going to Congress. ... After concerns about how the internal CIA process was proceeding, the whistleblower then reportedly spoke to an Intelligence Committee staff member who suggested that the person hire a lawyer and file a complaint. The staffer shared part of the whistleblower’s concerns with the committee’s chairman, Rep. Adam Schiff.”

There is no evidence to back the Trump Train News’ article’s suggestion that “rules were changed within the intel community to make the complaint possible.”

While it is true that in August 2019, an “urgent concern” form used by whistleblowers was edited. However, the edits did not alter the rules governing who could file

complaints, or made it possible for the unnamed whistleblower to file the complaint against President Trump.

In March 2018, a Trump Train News article advanced the conspiracy theory that Seth Rich, a DNC data analyst who was fatally shot in July 2016, had been killed because he had leaked DNC emails to WikiLeaks. The article, titled “New Evidence Emerges In Mysterious Death Of DNC Staffer,” reported, “Allegedly, Seth Rich had a Dropbox, which several friends had access to, and eventually, Wikileaks gained access to.” The article added, “The Washington Times also confirms that Seth Rich’s computer, when it was in the custody of the DC Metro police, had the DNC emails on it with evidence of contact to WikiLeaks.”

Trump Train News’ article ended by stating that “At TTN, we make no claims about the validity of the report but wanted to make it available for our readers to evaluate on their own,” but did not otherwise cross-examine the claims.

There is no evidence that Rich leaked DNC emails to WikiLeaks, an organization that often publishes confidential documents. Fox 5 of Washington, as well as the national Fox News Channel, had reported in May 2017 the claims of private investigator Rod Wheeler that the FBI had found evidence on Rich’s computer proving that Rich had transferred DNC emails to WikiLeaks. However, Wheeler told CNN later that month that he did not have evidence that Rich had been in contact with WikiLeaks. Fox later retracted its report. The Washington Times article to which Trump Train News referred was also retracted in September 2018.

FactCheck.org consulted police records and statements of Rich’s family members made to the media to conclude that there was no evidence that Rich had leaked the DNC emails to WikiLeaks or that Democratic operatives had any part in his death. U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller concluded in his 2019 report about Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential

election that Rich was not the source of the DNC email leak to WikiLeaks. The Mueller Report found that Russian hackers had been responsible for the leak.

Because Trump Train News has repeatedly promoted false and unsubstantiated claims, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not gather and present information responsibly.

The site does not articulate a corrections policy. NewsGuard found two corrections that the website had published in 2018, but did not find any corrections published after that. Because the website has not corrected other errors, including in the content cited above, NewsGuard has determined that Trump Train News does not meet NewsGuard's standard for regularly publishing corrections.

Trump Train News features labeled NEWS and Opinion sections. Despite this, the site frequently publishes articles to its NEWS section which feature opinionated language. For example, one October 2020 NEWS article, "MSNBC's Joy Reid Accused of Hoping He Dies," commented on Reid's suggestion that Trump was sicker of COVID-19 than he let on by charging that "Reid should stop trying to play doctor and get back to reporting actual facts instead of her own sad conspiracy theories."

Another October 2020 NEWS article, "Leftist Media Pushes Conspiracy Theories Instead of Facts," stated that "The Left media simply does not know when to give it up. President Trump was recently diagnosed with Coronavirus and was taken to Walter Reed Military Hospital out of an abundance of caution. Instead of reporting facts over the weekend reporters ran rampant attempting to push conspiracy theories regarding the President's health."

Another October 2020 NEWS article, titled "The Dems Who Could be EXPOSED by Trumps Declassification of Docs," asserted, "As documents continue to come to public light it only becomes clearer that Clinton fabricated the Russia Hoax to distract from her own

scandal. Democrats can run but they can't hide anymore, the President is going to expose all of their lies.”

Because TrumpTrainNews.com purports to separate opinionated content from news, but nonetheless publishes opinion in articles labeled as NEWS, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the separation of news and opinion responsibly.

Trump Train News does not provide a way for users to contact the site. A NewsGuard email sent through a contact email address on the website was returned as undeliverable. Two emails sent through American Media Source's website inquiry form, seeking comment on Trump Train News' promotion of false claims, its failure to publish corrections, its blend of news and opinion, and how it handles covering its customers, were not returned. A voice message left for company CEO David M. Keene was also not returned

Although Trump Train News articles have made unsubstantiated and inaccurate claims, NewsGuard found that the website did not repeat those claims in its headlines. For example, the list “Experts Continue [sic] Prove Themselves Wrong From the Virus to Social Justice,” which unsubstantiated claims about the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19, did not make that claim in its headline. Consequently, NewsGuard has determined that Trump Train News does not publish deceptive headlines.

NewsGuard assessed Trump Train News' coverage of the PACs and political figures which had used American Media Source's services during the 2020 election cycle, and found few cases in which the site had reported on its customers. When articles did cover a company that paid it, they typically featured a link to the client's fundraising site, and labeled it as an advertisement.

Transparency

Trump Train News does not identify its ownership, editors, or content creators. Articles are bylined “TTN Staff,” and the site does not feature a staff list.

Display advertisements are labeled “Sponsored.” Articles typically end with a link, labeled “Advertisement,” which leads to the website for a political action committee or candidate. For example, one October 2020 article, “Trump’s Demand That Allies Pay More for Defense was Absolutely Correct,” ended with the statement “Send the Pro-Trump Senator Martha McSally Win the Senate [ACT NOW],” which, if clicked, led to a page on conservative fundraising website, WinRed, inviting readers to donate to the campaign of Republican Senator Martha McSally.

Trump Train News does not provide users contact information. A NewsGuard email sent to a contact email address listed on the site was returned as undeliverable. Two emails sent through American Media Source’s website inquiry form, seeking comment on Trump Train News’ failure to identify its ownership, editors, and content creators, as well as its coverage of clients, were not answered.

History TrumpTrainNews.com’s domain name was registered in April 2016.

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