

JedaNews

A news site that has repeatedly published false information and conspiracy theories about supposedly secret government operations, health, and science.



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

Score: 12.5/100

Ownership and Financing

JedaNews.com is owned by a Frosinone-based programmer named Danilo Gaglione, according to the site's About Us (Chi siamo) page. The Privacy Policy page refers to Gaglione as the site's "Data Controller" ("Titolare del Trattamento dei Dati"), and his LinkedIn profile says he is the site's "web developer" ("programmatore web").

The site derives revenue from advertising and links to e-commerce sites at the bottom of some articles.

Content

JedaNews.com publishes news and commentary on science, politics, and finance in Italy and globally. The site is strongly critical of globalization, banks, and multilateral bodies such as the European Union.

The site's content is organized in sections including Current News (Attualità), Economics (Economia), Politics (Politica), Technology (Tecnologia), and Scienza (Science). Some articles are only a few paragraphs long, while others are lengthy and densely written, featuring videos and photographs.

Articles are sometimes re-published or translated from other websites, and these stories typically include a link to the original source at the bottom.

Typical articles have run under headlines including "Conte: the real reasons why I closed bars and restaurants" ("Conte: i veri motivi per cui ho chiuso bar e ristoranti"); "How to retire at 62" ("Come è possibile andare in pensione a 62 anni di età"); and "Veneto: carcinogenic substance discovered inside the masks" ("Veneto: scoperta sostanza cancerogena all'interno delle mascherine").

Credibility

Original JedaNews articles are typically based on reporting from other sites, but they rarely cite their sources, unless the stories are re-published in full from those sites. When articles do reference sources, JedaNews cites both credible media organizations such

- ✗ 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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as La Stampa, SkyTG24, and USA Today as well as outlets such as Russian propaganda site RT and conspiracy theory site Collective Evolution.

JedaNews has repeatedly published stories promoting false health claims and unfounded conspiracy theories including about the Coronavirus pandemic.

For example, a June 2020 article titled “Colonel Kvachkov: ‘the coronavirus is a terrorist operation for the control of humanity’” (“Il colonnello Kvachkov: ‘il coronavirus è una operazione terroristica per il controllo dell’umanità’”) claimed that COVID-19 is “engineered” and that “is a global strategic operation. There is command and work by the powers that operate behind the scenes of the world to control humanity! Here is the goal of the coronavirus”. (“È così che hanno inventato il coronavirus”, “Si tratta di un’operazione strategica globale. C’è il comando e il lavoro da parte dei poteri che operano dietro le quinte del mondo per il controllo dell’umanità! Ecco l’obiettivo del coronavirus”).

The claim that the coronavirus was engineered has been debunked by biologists, fact-checkers, and major health organizations. 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.”

A January 2018 article, headlined “Absorbing positive energy from others is possible. Science confirms” (“Assorbire energia positiva dagli altri è possibile. La scienza conferma”), claimed that “our bodies are like sponges that can absorb from their surroundings” and “we’re able to absorb energy” (“I nostri corpi fisici sono come spugne, che assorbono l’ambiente circostante. Siamo in grado di assorbire energia.”)

The article distorted the findings of a 2012 study published in the scientific journal Nature Communications. The study showed that in sub-optimal growing conditions, the green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* can draw energy by breaking down and

consuming the cellulose of nearby plants. The study made no mention of whether these findings related in any way to humans.

In its article, JedaNews connected this study to the research of “Dr. Olivia Bader-Lee,” whom the site described as a psychologist and “energy healer” (“guaritore d’energia”). Bader-Lee, the article stated, “suggests that the field of bio-energy is now constantly evolving and that studies on the plant and animal world will soon be translated and demonstrated” (“suggerisce che il campo della bio-energia è ora in continua evoluzione e che gli studi sul mondo vegetale e animale saranno presto tradotti e dimostrati.”)

Fact-checking site Snopes assessed this claim and concluded that a Dr. Bader-Lee may not exist. NewsGuard was likewise unable to find any evidence of a researcher with that name or of her supposed research.

Another article published January 2018 advanced a conspiracy theory claiming that the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program — a U.S. government-designed research station located in the U.S. state of Alaska — is able to manipulate the weather.

The article, headlined “HAARP: the NASA satellite pictures demonstrate climate manipulation” (“Haarp: le foto satellitari Nasa che dimostrano la manipolazione climatica”), stated that “Whether it’s chemtrails or meteorological manipulators like HAARP, the link between the government’s covert operations and the effects these can have on the weather cannot simply be dismissed as a conspiracy theory.” (“Che si tratti di scie chimiche o manipolatori meteorologici come HAARP, il legame tra le operazioni segrete del governo e gli effetti che questi possono avere sul tempo atmosferico non può essere semplicemente scartato come teoria della cospirazione.”)

Conspiracy theorists have claimed since the 1990s that HAARP was launched with hidden motives, including the claim that the U.S. government “weaponizes” the weather by triggering floods, hurricanes, droughts, and earthquakes on demand. Such claims have been repeatedly debunked. For example, Stanford professor and physicist Umran Inan told U.S. magazine Popular Science in 2008 that power radiated by HAARP is

“minuscule” compared to that of even a single lightning flash and does not possess the intensity to manipulate the weather. (HAARP has not been a U.S. government facility since 2015, when it was donated to the University of Alaska Fairbanks.)

JedaNews has promoted the belief that freemasons — members of an international fraternal order, which holds elaborate ceremonies — are manipulated by an all-powerful “Jewish lobby” — such as a March 2018 post headlined “What is freemasonry? This video explains it perfectly” (“Cos’è la massoneria? Ecco il video che lo spiega alla perfezione.”)

Another April 2018 article, “World powers are afraid of conscience's awakening. Here is why” (“Il potere mondiale teme il risveglio delle coscienze. Ecco perché”), claimed that the post-WWII “democratization” that occurred in many countries was the result of secret manipulation by institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, through “fake” elections and propaganda.

Because JedaNews.com has frequently published false or misleading articles and headlines, often relying on dubious sources, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

JedaNews.com does not state a corrections policy, and NewsGuard could not find corrections on the site.

The site does not disclose an agenda or political orientation. On its Facebook page, JedaNews.com describes its mission as “fighting the disinformation that has been spreading in our country in the past few years” (“si pone come principale obiettivo la costante ricerca della VERITÀ e dell’informazione, combattendo la DISINFORMAZIONE che da qualche anno dilaga in questo paese”).

Nevertheless, many articles on JedaNews.com, including articles posted in the News section, express opinions on globalization and other issues.

For example, a January 2020 article about Coronavirus published in the Current Affairs section, headlined “Coronavirus: yet another perfect panic epidemic is back” (“Coronavirus: riecco l’ennesima, perfetta epidemia di panico”), stated: “This is not a Coronavirus

epidemic: 1,360 infected are not an epidemic, much less a 'pandemic'. It is less than the deaths on the roads that a specific brand of Vodka makes in China. This is a panic epidemic. And the only vaccine is the F**k all". ("Questa non è un'epidemia di coronavirus: 1360 contagiati non sono un'epidemia, tantomeno una "pandemia". È meno dei morti sulle strade che fa in Cina una specifica marca di Vodka. Questa è un'epidemia di panico. E l'unico vaccino è l'esticazzi").

A news article published in December 2019 about the French grassroots Yellow Vests movement argued that a similar movement did not spread in Italy because "we now have people to defend us at an institutional level" ("Se in Italia non ci sono i gilet gialli è perché ora abbiamo chi ci difende nelle istituzioni"), referring to the coalition League-Five Star Movement that run the government between June 2018 and September 2019.

Because the site is not upfront about its political orientation and injects opinions favoring its agenda in stories presented as news, NewsGuard has determined that JedaNews.com does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

NewsGuard sent three emails to JedaNews' contact email to inquire about the site's editorial practices, including its publishing of false news, its mixing of news and opinion, and its approach to corrections, but did not receive a response.

Transparency

JedaNews discloses its ownership by Gaglione on the About (Chi Siamo) page. Gaglione is also listed as "web writer" and the only staff member on the Newsroom page (La Redazione), which NewsGuard considers disclosure of editorial leadership.

Most articles do not name the author. The website does not identify any staff members other than Gaglione.

Advertising is not always clearly labeled. For example, the site runs a feature called "You May Like" that provides links to sites selling various products without indicating that they are ads. In June 2019, these included linked labeled "1 Simple Trick To Restore Your Eyes To 20/20 Vision (Try This)"; "MD: Do This Immediately If You Have Diabetes (Watch Now)"; and "Drink 1 Cup Before Bed, Watch Your Body Fat Melt Like Crazy."

NewsGuard sent three emails to JedaNews inquiring about the site's lack of information about content creators and its labeling of advertising, but did not receive a response.

History

The website was founded under the name JedaSupport in 2012, with the stated mission of providing “a conscious information to open eyes, minds and hearts” (“un’informazione consapevole atta ad aprire occhi, mente e cuore”), as stated on the site’s Facebook page. In 2020, the website changed its domain name from JedaNews.it to JedaNews.com.

In January 2015, JedaNews.com was named in Wired Italy’s report about “alternative news” as a site that publishes dubious, exaggerated, or false content. Italian fact-checking website Bufale.net includes JedaNews.com on its “black list” of unreliable Italian websites, saying that it spreads conspiracy theories and misinformation on politics, health, and science.

Editor’s Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on Nov. 12, 2020, to reflect that the site’s domain name has changed and that it now discloses its ownership. The criteria checklist was adjusted accordingly.

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Transparency

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