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This Nutrition Label was referenced in an April 2021 Misinformation Monitor. To see the most up-to-date version of this Nutrition Label, download NewsGuard’s browser extension or app at newsguardtech.com.
Credibility

The BipartisanPress.com articles are generally produced by staff journalists and cite credible sources, such as government officials, public statements, and reporting from reliable outlets, including CNN, the Associated Press, and The New York Times. The site also republishes articles from ProPublica. (The site also labels ProPublica articles based on purported bias.) Headlines accurately reflect the content.

In addition to describing the bias of every article it publishes, the site’s About Us page assures the overall bias of the site itself, through a shaded scale that is blue liberal on one side and red (conservative) on the other. According to the About Us page, the scale is “auto-updated when a post is published.” In March 2021, the graphic pointed to a light blue section of the scale, signalling a slight liberal bias in the site’s coverage.

Janet Ybarra, the site’s senior contributing editor, appears to have written most of the content on the site. She is identified as a Democrat and “left wing.” The site notes that the purported political orientation of the writer is not a factor in the site’s determinations about specific articles, and NewsGuard’s review found examples of articles found to have a right wing bias that were written by writers deemed to be left wing, “it’s important to keep in mind that while an author might be strongly liberal or conservative, the story itself might not be,” the site states.

Some articles on the site posted in 2020 or earlier are labeled as “opinion articles,” with a note stating that “the content below expresses the viewpoint of the author, not our site as a whole.” Interestingly, some opinion articles were found to be bias-free, while many news articles are found to be biased. For example, an October 2020 opinion article titled “The Value of a Polarizing Op-ed: Do We Have The Critical Thinking to Make it Worthwhile?” received a rating of “neutral bias.”

The site no longer labels some articles as opinion. However, because the Bipartisan Press clearly reveals the purported bias of every article, NewsGuard has determined the site handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The Bipartisan Press does not publish a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections published on the site since 2019, which does not meet NewsGuard’s standard for regularly publishing corrections.

Asked to comment on The Bipartisan Press’s approach to corrections, the site’s co-founder and managing editor, Winston Wang, told NewsGuard in an email that “As far as corrections go, we simply haven’t had the need.”

Transparency

The BipartisanPress.com states on our Our Staff page that Julian Connor and Winston Wang co-founded the site and identifies Connor as the site’s owner. The Our Staff page includes contact and biographical information for the site’s editors.

Articles are generally attributed to authors and include the author’s biography in information.

Advertising is distinguishable from editorial content.

History

The website was registered in December 2018. In March 2020, founder Wang told Forbes that the site launched midway through the Trump administration “to address the growing issue of media bias and political tribalism.”

Wang sent NewsGuard an academic study published by the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology in Delhi, India, and other research institutions that used the site’s software to assess bias in news content.

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