

realrawnews.com

An anonymously run website that has published baseless and debunked conspiracies about COVID-19 and U.S. politics.



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

Ownership and Financing

RealRawNews.com does not disclose information about its ownership, and NewsGuard could not determine its owner.

The site includes a link to a PayPal page for donations. “As a shoestring publisher, we rely on listener and reader contributions to survive. Please see our PayPal or Patreon pages if you’re interested in helping Real Raw News stay in the fight,” the site states on the About Us page.

RealRawNews.com does not appear to run advertisements.

Content

Stories on the site generally promote conspiracy theories and other debunked claims, including about U.S. politics, the COVID-19 pandemic, and a nonexistent planet called Nibiru that has been the focus of conspiracy theories for more than 20 years, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The site, which began publishing in December 2020, had only published 18 stories at the time of NewsGuard’s January 2021 review.

RealRawNews.com states on the About Us page that the site is “dedicated to exposing political and scientific corruption. Our in depth and substantive investigations frequently focus on politics, war, conspiracy, the media, technology, criminal injustice, and more. We provide journalists editorial freedom to expose corruption wherever it is found. We are apolitical, and we have no dog in the fight, as they say.”

Content is organized in sections including News, World, USA, Russia, and COVID-19.

Credibility

RealRawNews.com publishes stories promoting

Score: 20/100

- ✗ 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)
- N/A** 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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conspiracy theories and false claims on a range of subjects.

For example, a January 2021 article titled “Delta Force Raids Biden Compound in Ukraine,” claimed that on Dec. 31, 2020, “Delta Force operators infiltrated a Biden-controlled stronghold in southeast Ukraine near the port city of Mariupol, according to an anonymous White House Source who said President Trump greenlit the operation following a series of telephone calls to US military commanders and to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.”

There is no evidence that a “Biden-controlled stronghold” exists in Ukraine, that an Army raid occurred in the country on Dec. 31, 2020, or that President Trump approved such an operation.

According to the fact-checking website Lead Stories, the RealRawNews.com story was copied almost entirely from a 2017 story published on the website SomeonesBones.com, with just a few details changed. The original article claimed that the compound belonged to former U.S. President Barack Obama and that it was located in Thailand, according to a copy of the story saved on the Web Archive.

In December 2020, the site published an article titled “Trump Orders Military Tribunal for Brad Raffensperger.” According to the article, which included no named sources, “a White House source speaking on deep background” told the site that “President Donald J. Trump on Saturday declared his intent to let a military tribunal decide the fate of ‘traitor’ Brad Raffensperger, Georgia’s Republican secretary of state.”

There is no evidence that any such military tribunal will take place, and no other sources have confirmed RealRawNews.com’s reporting on the matter.

In another December 2020 article, titled “Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Causes ‘Monsterism,’” the site claimed that Moderna’s Covid-19 vaccine “may cause recipients to experience an extremely rare but potentially lethal side effect.” The article described the

alleged side effect as “monsterism, a degenerative disease that ravages a victim with physical and mental deformities.”

In fact, “monsterism” does not appear to be a real medical condition or disease. It does not appear in the Mayo Clinic’s Diseases and Conditions database or anywhere on the website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). According to the CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, there have been no reports related to the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine that match the description of this “monsterism” condition, including any mention of “physical or mental deformities.”

Also in December 2020, the site published an article titled “Putin To Recall Troops Home Before Nibiru Arrival in 2021,” which centers on a claim that a planet called Nibiru exists and will cause a doomsday event on Earth. According to the article, “Russian President Vladimir Putin said he aims to recall all military assets currently stationed in foreign countries before Nibiru reaches perigee in early 2021.” The article also stated that Putin believes that “Nibiru’s arrival was a God-given certainty.”

According to a 2012 post on the NASA website, “Nibiru and other stories about wayward planets are an Internet hoax. There is no factual basis for these claims.” In a 2011 post, NASA stated that “The idea that doomsday will result from a planetary collision was first proposed in 1995 by Nancy Lieder, a self-described ‘contactee.’ Lieder claims she has the ability to receive messages through an implant in her brain from aliens in the Zeta Reticuli star system.”

Because RealRawNews.com has published numerous stories with false claims and baseless conspiracy theories, NewsGuard has determined that the site has repeatedly published false information, does not gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

RealRawNews.com does not state a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find corrections on the site. Moreover, NewsGuard’s review found that nearly all of

the stories published by the site have included falsehoods, such as those cited above, which have not been corrected.

The site's stories do not typically contain opinionated language. Therefore, NewsGuard has determined that the site does not handle the difference between news and opinion irresponsibly.

NewsGuard emailed an address listed on the PayPal page of the website, inquiring about the site's editorial practices. A response from an email account named "Twisted Truth" did not address NewsGuard's queries and stated: "It's a satire site, exposing the insanity of rabid Trumpists (who lack the mental wherewithal to distinguish fact from fiction.)"

However, there is no labeling on the site indicating that it is intended to be satire, and articles are not humorous. The site did not respond to a follow-up email inquiring about the satire claim.

Transparency

RealRawNews.com does not disclose any information about its ownership, editorial leaders, or content creators. Stories are typically attributed to "realrawnews."

The site includes a general form on the Contact Us page.

RealRawNews does not appear to run advertisements.

The respondent to NewsGuard's email did not address the questions about the site's transparency practices.

History

RealRawNews.com was created in April 2020, according to domain registration records, although the site did not begin publishing until late December 2020.

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Sources

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Credibility

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