

# **COVID-19 and Vaccine Misinformation Accounts on Twitter: French, Italian, German**

**Report for Governments and the WHO**

**April 20, 2021**

**This report features French, Italian, and German Twitter accounts publishing COVID-19 and vaccine misinformation to large audiences.**

**RADIO COURTOISIE**  
*Toutes les droites, tous les talents*

**Radio Courtoisie**  
@radiocourtoisie

Radio Courtoisie : Toutes les droites, tous les talents ! 🇫🇷 Compte officiel.  
[Translate bio](#)

Paris [radiocourtoisie.fr](#) Joined December 2011

1,043 Following 13.7K Followers  
Not followed by anyone you're following

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes

**Promoted Tweet**

**IPVM** @ipvideo  
The right candidate will be excited to have the opportunity to go after impactful stories, fight for what is ethical, and expose what is unethical.

**Radio Courtoisie** @radiocourtoisie · 7m  
Actuellement sur [#RadioCourtoisie](#) : "Un document pour l'Histoire : l'importance du rôle du général Weygand" (Rediff. du 04.08.2004)  
[radiocourtoisie.fr/?p=116178](#)

**@radiocourtoisie**  
**13,700 followers**

radiocourtoisie.fr

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

The website of Radio Courtoisie, a far-right talk and news station that has published false and misleading claims, including COVID-19 misinformation and Russian propaganda.

Score: 32.5/100 [See the full Nutrition Label →](#)

CREDIBILITY	TRANSPARENCY
Does not repeatedly publish false content	Website discloses ownership and financing
Gathers and presents information responsibly	N/A Clearly labels advertising
Regularly corrects or clarifies errors	Reveals who's in charge, including any possible conflicts of interest
Handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly	The site provides names of content creators, along with either contact or biographical information
Avoids deceptive headlines	

# @EetR\_National 33,300 followers

**E&R National**  
@EetR\_National

Association trans-courants gauche du travail et droite des valeurs, contre la gauche bobo-libertaire et la droite libérale.

[Translate bio](#)

[egaliteetreconciliation.fr](https://egaliteetreconciliation.fr) Joined January 2011

458 Following 33.3K Followers

Not followed by anyone you're following

**Tweets** Tweets & replies Media Likes

**Pinned Tweet**

**E&R National** @EetR\_National · Feb 8

Le Grand Reset... ou le grand ménage ? #2 – Great Reset et Santé Disponible en avant-première !  
Cet épisode d'une durée de 1h50, agrémenté de 5 bonus (près de 2h de bonus !)

egaliteetreconciliation.fr

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

**A far-right website that often publishes false information, including about the COVID-19 pandemic. The site's founder, Alain Soral, has been convicted of inciting racial hatred.**

Score: 25/100 [See the full Nutrition Label →](#)

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@france\_soir (verified)  
61,100 followers

francesoir.fr NewsGuard

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

The website of FranceSoir, a former national newspaper that relaunched online in 2015, and that has published unsubstantiated claims about the COVID-19 pandemic and other topics.

Score: 22.5/100 [See the full Nutrition Label →](#)

CREDIBILITY	TRANSPARENCY
<span style="color: red;">✗</span> Does not repeatedly publish false content	<span style="color: green;">✔</span> Website discloses ownership and financing
<span style="color: red;">✗</span> Gathers and presents information responsibly	<span style="color: red;">✗</span> Clearly labels advertising
<span style="color: red;">✗</span> Regularly corrects or clarifies errors	<span style="color: green;">✔</span> Reveals who's in charge, including any possible conflicts of interest
<span style="color: red;">✗</span> Handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly	<span style="color: red;">✗</span> The site provides names of content creators, along with either contact or biographical information
<span style="color: green;">✔</span> Avoids deceptive headlines	

**Algerie : de la théorie à la pratique du complot**

**Salim Laïbi**  
Président du Colonel M. Sarraoui

**LLP**  
LELIBREPENSEUR.ORG

**LeLibrePenseur**  
 @LLP\_Le\_Vrai

Chir. dentiste, lanceur d'alerte, éditeur, écrivain.  
 Aider [fr.tipeee.com/salim-laibi-le...](https://fr.tipeee.com/salim-laibi-le...)  
 Notre Telegram : [t.me/Salim\\_Laïbi\\_LLP](https://t.me/Salim_Laïbi_LLP)  
[Translate bio](#)

Marseille [lelibrepenseur.org](https://lelibrepenseur.org) Joined April 2011

90 Following 36.8K Followers  
 Not followed by anyone you're following

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes

Pinned Tweet

**LeLibrePenseur** @LLP\_Le\_Vrai · 17h

Les ODD : le Nouvel Ordre Mondial démasqué, par Salim Laïbi




**LeLibrePenseur** @LLP\_Le\_Vrai  
 Les ODD : le Nouvel Ordre Mondial démasqué, par Salim Laïbi  
[pscp.tv](https://pscp.tv)

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**@LLP\_Le\_Vrai**  
**36,800 followers**

lelibrepenseur.org **NewsGuard**

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

**A website that frequently publishes false health claims, including anti-vaccine misinformation and misleading claims about the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Score: 5/100 [See the full Nutrition Label →](#)

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**Réseau International**

@reseau\_internat

Site de réflexion et de réinformation

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[reseauinternational.net](#) Joined March 2013

527 Following 16.7K Followers

Not followed by anyone you're following

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media

Likes



Réseau International @reseau\_internat · 1h

La Chine annonce le désengagement avec les forces indiennes le long de la frontière contestée



La Chine annonce le désengagement avec les forces indiennes le...  
Le Ministère de la Défense de Pékin a annoncé le désengagement organisé des forces armées chinoises et indiennes le long de la ...

[reseauinternational.net](#)

@reseau\_internat  
16,700 followers

reseauinternational.net



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

A website that frequently shares conspiracy theories and false international news, including misinformation about the Sept. 11 attacks and COVID-19.

Score: 7.5/100

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**Byoblu**  
@byoblu

Il primo network di informazione libera e indipendente nato realmente dal basso e approvato sul digitale terrestre, con @DavveroTV  
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📍 Milano, Lombardia [byoblu.com](#) 📅 Joined September 2007

1,551 Following 80.5K Followers  
Not followed by anyone you're following

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes

**Byoblu** @byoblu · 23h ...  
Da 'Spiderwick – Le Cronache' al 'Trono di spade', come si costruisce la figura del "cattivo"? Scopriilo su #Byoblu24, con l'intervista a Marina Lenti e Martina Frammartino.

L'OMBRA DEL CATTIVO. L'ANTAGONISTA NELLA LETTERATURA E...  
Uno dei personaggi che maggiormente colpisce l'immaginario collettivo è quello del cattivo. Che sia letteratura, cinema o teatro...  
[byoblu.com](#) ⚠️

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**@byoblu**  
**80,500 followers**

byoblu.com

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

The website of Italian blogger Claudio Messora, which has published false and unsubstantiated health claims, including about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Score: 20/100 [See the full Nutrition Label →](#)

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**Cesare Sacchetti**  
@CesareSacchetti

Journalist. Politically incorrect and heretical. My blog is The eye of the needle ([lacrunadellago.net](http://lacrunadellago.net)). Join me on Telegram: [t.me/cesaresacchetti](https://t.me/cesaresacchetti)

[lacrunadellago.net](http://lacrunadellago.net) Joined April 2013

204 Following 39.4K Followers

Followed by Anna Brees and Angelo Paura

**Tweets** Tweets & replies Media Likes

**Cesare Sacchetti** @CesareSacchetti · 2h  
According to the estimates provided by the Italian associations against cancer, in Italy, in 2020, 183,200 died from cancer. Even if we take for granted the fake Covid death toll, people died from cancer exceed by 63,000 units people died with Covid. 1/2

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**Cesare Sacchetti** @CesareSacchetti · 2h  
Cancer is the real pandemic. If you die from cancer, the system doesn't care. The killer is not Covid. The killer is the globalist dictatorship.  
[knowandbe.live/it/news/63-i-n...](https://knowandbe.live/it/news/63-i-n...)

1 18 47

**@cesaresacchetti**  
**39,400 followers**

lacrunadellago.net

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

The website of Italian blogger Cesare Sacchetti, which has frequently published false and misleading information on the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, as well as unsubstantiated conspiracy theories.

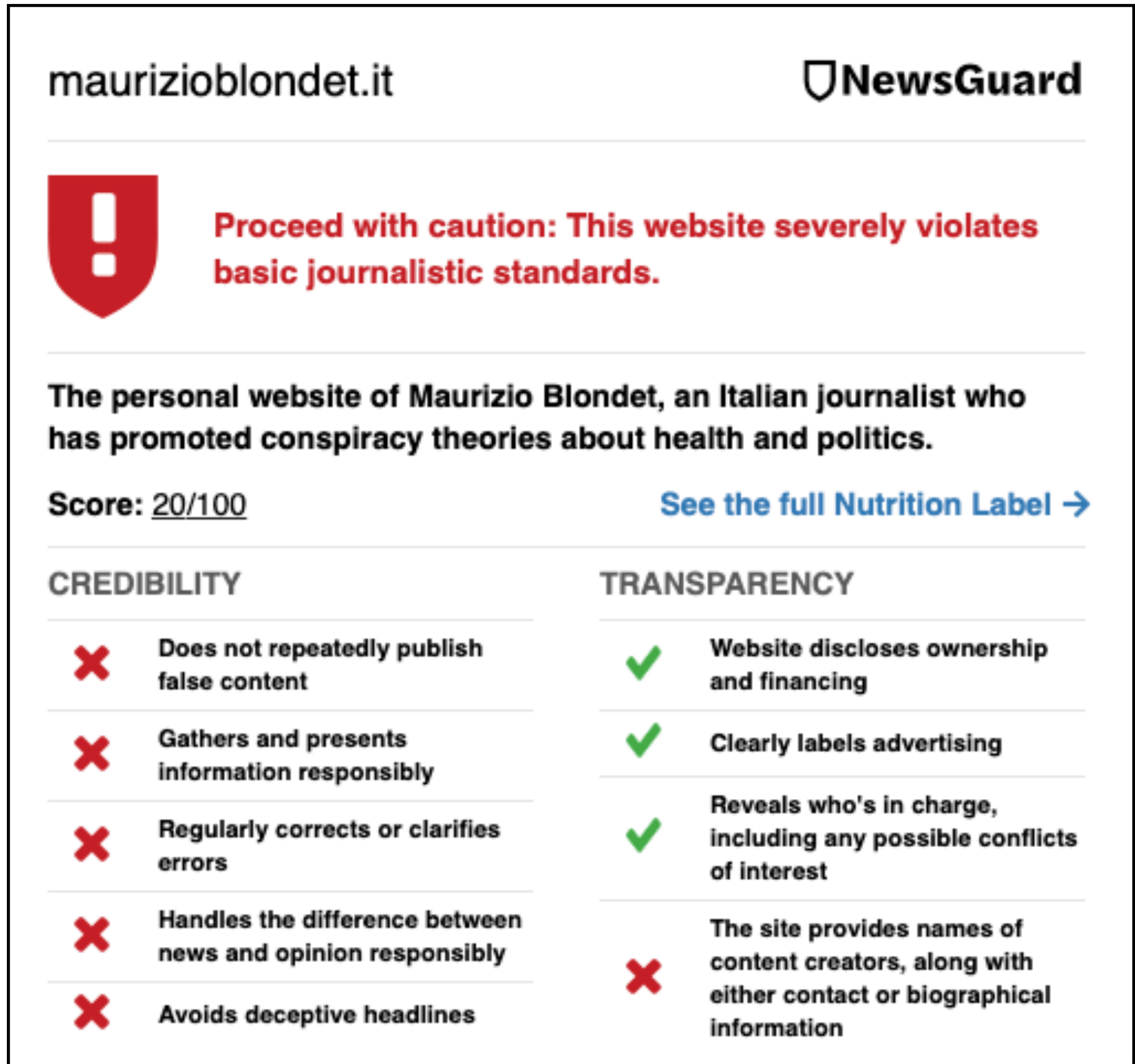
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**@maurizioblondet**  
**13,800 followers**



The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile for Maurizio Blondet. At the top is a large video thumbnail of him speaking, with a circular profile picture of him below it. To the right of the profile picture is a 'Follow' button. The name 'Maurizio Blondet' and handle '@MaurizioBlondet' are displayed. The bio reads: 'Giornalista, scrittore e conferenziere di orientamento cattolico-tradizionalista. Tratto l'influenza delle lobby nei governi mondiali.' Below the bio is the location 'Corsico, Lombardia', the website 'maurizioblondet.it', and the date 'Joined June 2015'. It shows '339 Following' and '13.8K Followers'. A tweet from Jan 14 says 'Cavie di tutto il mondo, unitevi!'. At the bottom, a warning message states: 'The following media includes potentially sensitive content. Change settings View'.



The image shows a NewsGuard credibility score for the website 'maurizioblondet.it'. The NewsGuard logo is in the top right. A red shield icon with an exclamation mark is on the left, followed by the text: 'Proceed with caution: This website severely violates basic journalistic standards.' Below this is a summary: 'The personal website of Maurizio Blondet, an Italian journalist who has promoted conspiracy theories about health and politics.' The score is '20/100' and there is a link to 'See the full Nutrition Label'. A table below compares 'CREDIBILITY' and 'TRANSPARENCY' criteria.

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### Journalistenwatch

@jouwatch

jouwatch - das Nachrichtenergänzungsmittel mit garantiert politischen Nebenwirkungen

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Berlin [journalistenwatch.com](#) Joined February 2012

553 Following 12K Followers

Followed by Ciarán O'Connor

Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes



Journalistenwatch @jouwatch · 23m

Linke Untergrabung der Justiz: GG-loyale Richter werden in die rechte Ecke gedrängt



Linke Untergrabung der Justiz: GG-loyale Richter werden in die r... Die Freiheit steht im Feuer: Fortgesetzte Anschläge auf die Meinungsfreiheit durch Lösch- und Sperrzensur und staatlichen ... [journalistenwatch.com](#)

# @jouwatch 12,000 followers

journalistenwatch.com



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

**A website that has relied on misleading or unsubstantiated claims to back an undisclosed far-right, anti-Islam viewpoint in its coverage of journalism and of national and international news.**

Score: 20/100

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**Contra Magazin**

@contra\_magazin

Informationen aufregend anders

📍 Davao City, Philippines [contra.tube](#) 📅 Joined April 2010

351 Following 2,144 Followers

Not followed by anyone you're following

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media

Likes



**Contra Magazin** @contra\_magazin · 2h

So, wer will einen heißen Krieg? - [contra-magazin.com/2021/04/so-wer...](#) -Es ist ein Skorpionkampf in einem Wirbel aus verzerrten Spiegeln in einem Zirkus. Beginnen wir also mit den Spiegeln im Zirkus.

Das Nichts, das sich als ukrainischer Außenminister ausgibt, reiste nach Brüssel, um v...



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**Contra Magazin** @contra\_magazin · 6h

Welchen Krieg wird Biden vom Zaun brechen? - [contra-magazin.com/2021/04/welche...](#) -Während sich in Sachen Iran zumindest eine leichte Entspannung bemerkbar macht, könnte die Biden-Administration einen Krieg gegen Russland oder China vom Zaun brechen.

Von Marco Maier

@contra\_magazin  
2,144 followers

contra-magazin.com

NewsGuard



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

**A right-wing news site that covers German and international politics, and has repeatedly published false and misleading information.**

Score: 20/100

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This report was produced using two proprietary datasets from NewsGuard.

The ***Misinformation Fingerprints*** dataset, a catalogue of data about top misinformation narratives, contains related keywords and search terms for all of the top misinformation and disinformation narratives spreading online--produced using human intelligence but designed for use with AI/ML/NLP tools to identify content matching specific false claims. NewsGuard analysts used the Misinformation Fingerprints dataset to identify relevant searches related to misinformation narratives about COVID-19 and other topics.

The second dataset used was the ***News Website Reliability Ratings***, which consists of credibility ratings for over 6,000 news and information websites that account for 95% of online engagement with news in the U.S., U.K., France, Germany and Italy. Each site's rating is based on nine basic, apolitical journalistic criteria. Based on the criteria, each site receives an overall designation of green (generally trustworthy) or red (generally not trustworthy) and a trust score of 0-100. NewsGuard's analyst used the News Website Reliability Ratings dataset to identify misinformation sources that appeared in the results for searches conducted as part of the analysis.

For the purposes of this analysis, we focused on searches for which the searcher's intent could reasonably have been to search for accurate information about a topic. The analysis used the same searches across all search engines analysed to ensure parity. Examples selected for the report represent an illustrative, but by no means exhaustive, list of search results that contain misinformation sources. Both the Misinformation Fingerprints and the News Website Reliability Index are available to be licensed for research and other purposes.