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

Report for Governments and the WHO

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

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@radiocourtoisie
13,700 followers

**@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   📅 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 !)

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egaliteetreconciliation.fr   🛡️ **NewsGuard**

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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 →**

| CREDIBILITY | TRANSPARENCY |
|---|---|
| ✗ Does not repeatedly publish false content | ✗ Website discloses ownership and financing |
| ✗ Gathers and presents information responsibly | ✓ 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 | |

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@france_soir (verified)
61,100 followers

@LLP_Le_Vrai
36,800 followers

@reseau_internat
16,700 followers

**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 🛑

reseauinternational.net   🛡 **NewsGuard**

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

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# @byoblu
# 80,500 followers

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

Cesare Sacchetti
@CesareSacchetti

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

🔗 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...

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lacrunadellago.net                              🛡 **NewsGuard**

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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.
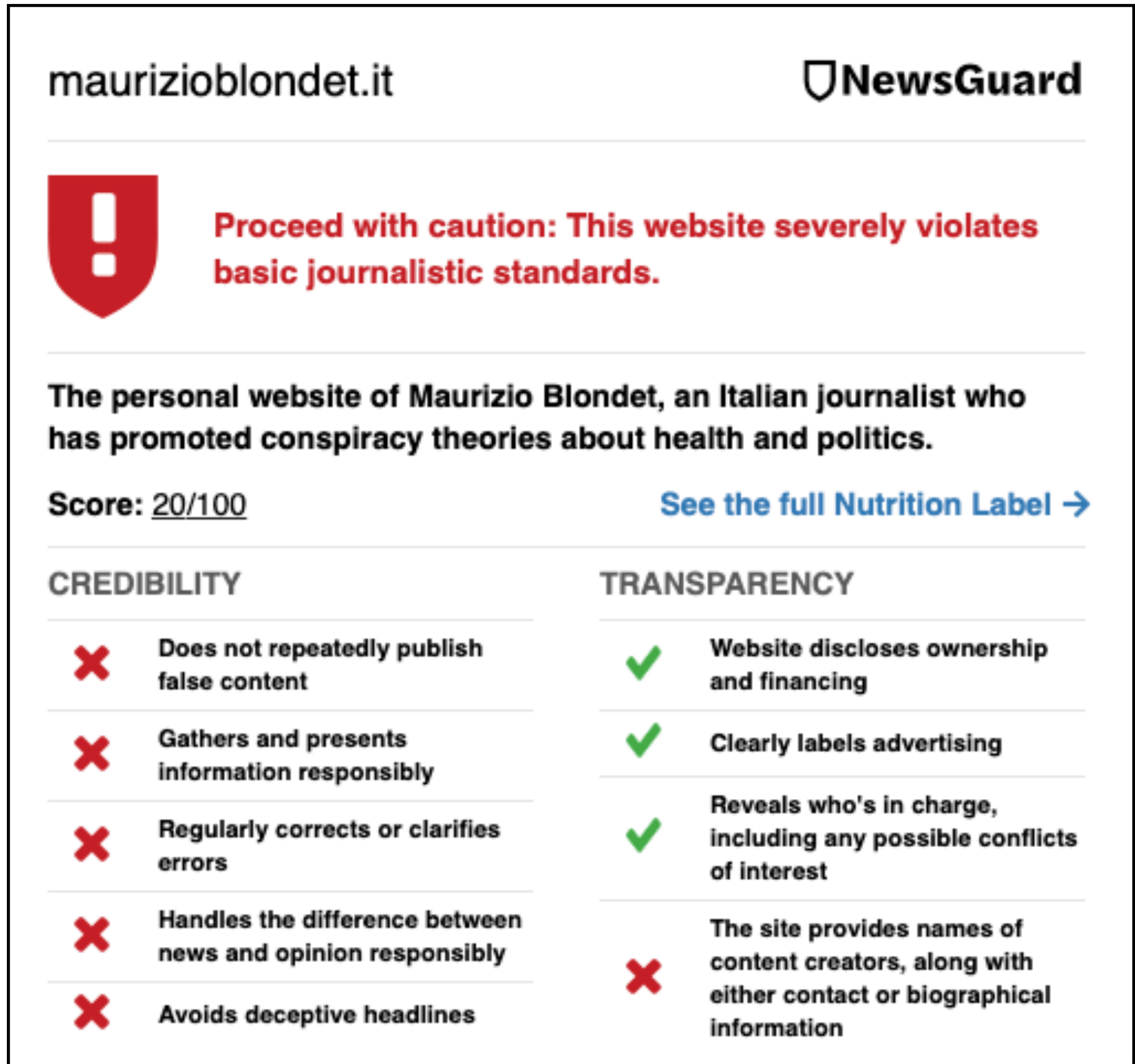
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@maurizioblondet
13,800 followers

maurizioblondet.it    NewsGuard

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The personal website of Maurizio Blondet, an Italian journalist who has promoted conspiracy theories about health and politics.

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@jouwatch
12,000 followers

**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

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Die Freiheit steht im Feuer: Fortgesetzte Anschläge auf die Meinungsfreiheit durch Lösch- und Sperrzensur und staatlichen ...
journalistenwatch.com

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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.

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@contra_magazin
2,144 followers

**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

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contra-magazin.com    🛡 **NewsGuard**

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

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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 website 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.

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