Google, Bing, Qwant, DuckDuckGo: COVID-19 search results.

A Report for Governments and the WHO

Dec. 16, 2021



This report compares search results on the COVID-19 pandemic in English, German, Italian and French, from Google, Bing, Qwant, and DuckDuckGo.

Based on the COVID-19 searches in this analysis, users of Bing, Qwant and DuckDuckGo see search results featuring untrustworthy sites, at varying levels depending on the search and the language.

These searches using Google result only in reliable sources on the first page of results.

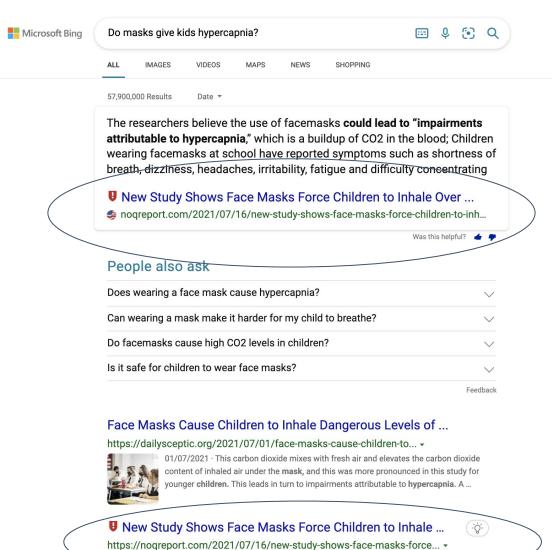
Methodology:

- Using a VPN Service to change its location depending on the language of the search, a NewsGuard analyst recorded search results from searches done on December 12 and December 13, 2021, on Google, Bing, Qwant and DuckDuckGo, using the browser Chrome.
- Searches in English were done as if from the UK. Searches in Italian were done as if from Italy. Searches in German were done as if from Germany. Searches in French were done as if from France.
- Search terms were selected using NewsGuard's database of popular online myths to see what kind of sites users looking to verify or learn more about a recurring rumor could be exposed to, depending on their search engines.

English-language searches (UK-based user)

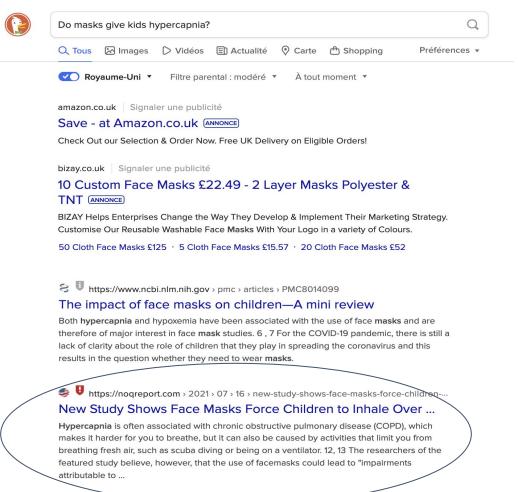
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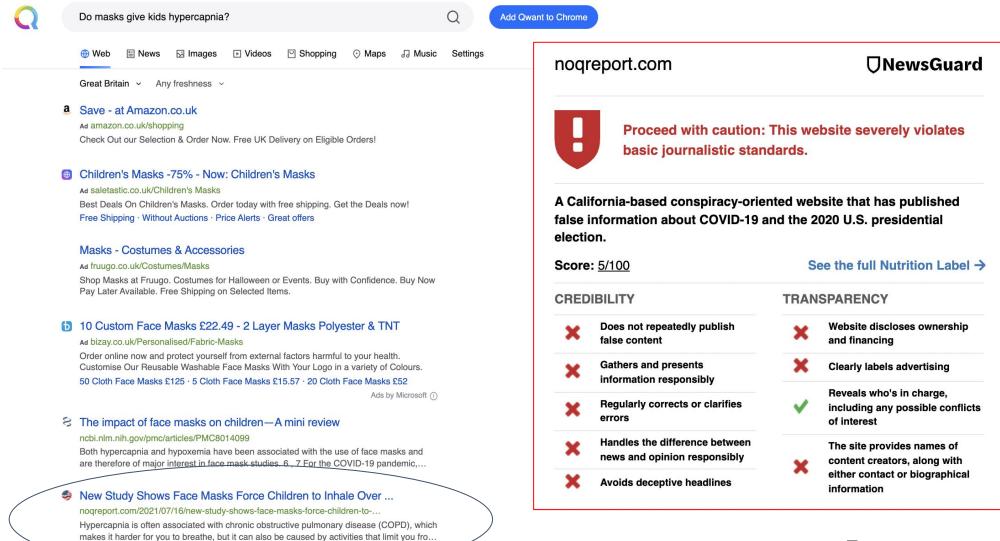
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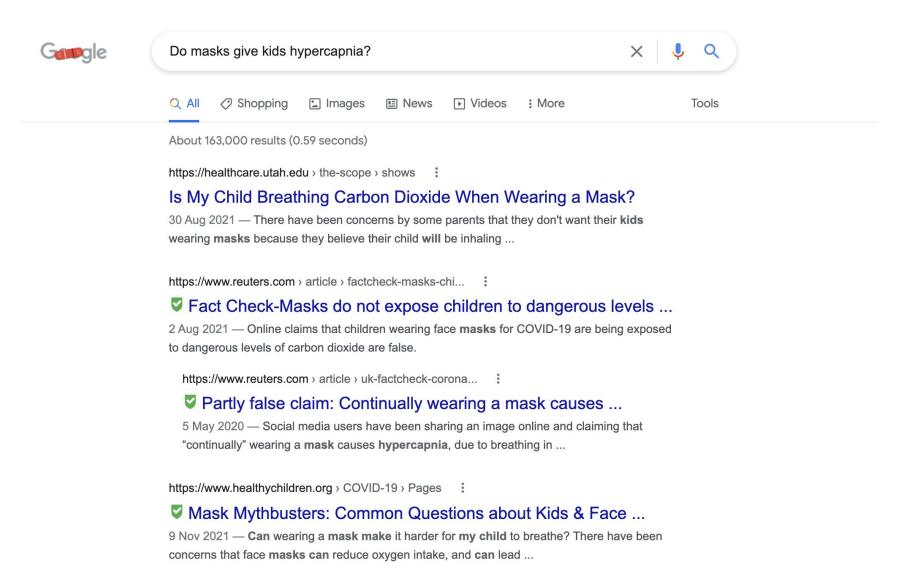


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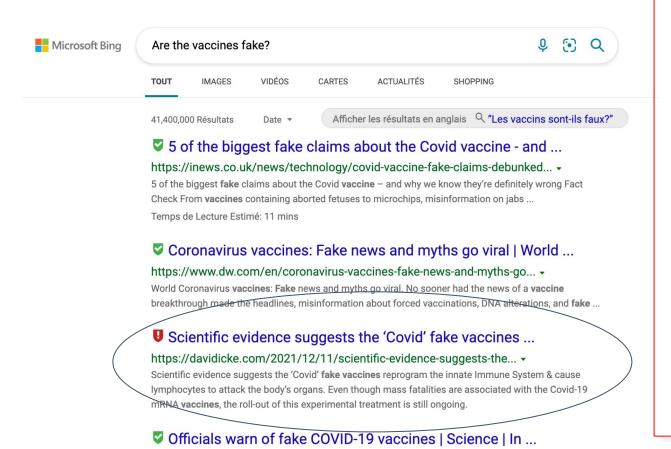
3) Qwant



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https://www.dw.com/en/officials-warn-of-fake-covid-19-vaccines/a-56123830 ▼
Fake vaccines erode trust. Though some people may think that fake medications are only a problem in

poorer countries or those with weakened health care systems, they are a problem globally.

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A website named after former British football player David Icke that repeatedly publishes conspiracy theories, including Icke's claim that the world is under the control of shape-shifting aliens.

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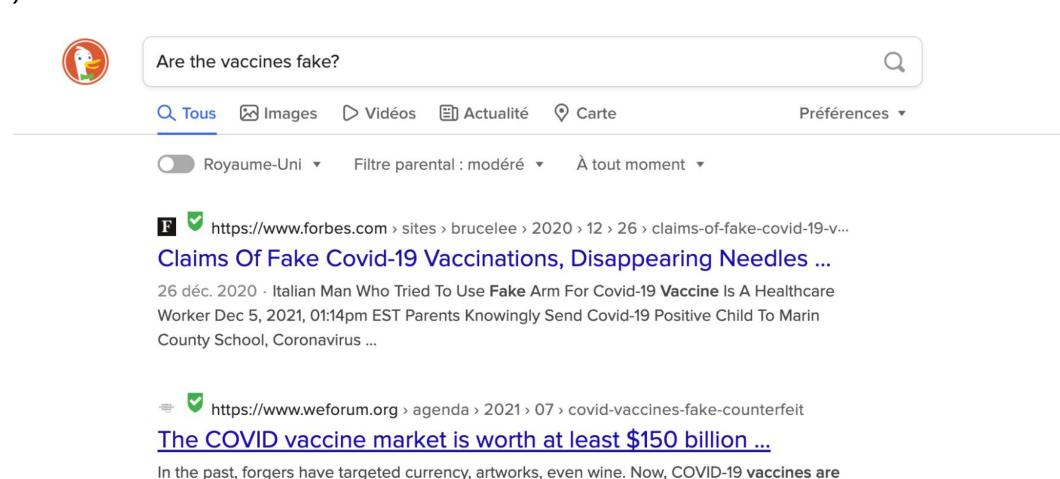
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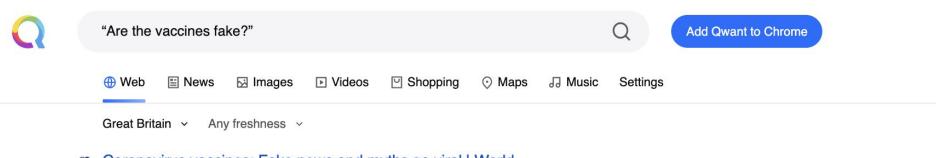
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in their sights. In July, CNN reported thousands of people had fallen prey to a scam selling **fake** coronavirus **vaccines** in India, with doctors and medical workers among those arrested for their

involvement. At least 12 fake vaccination drives were held in or near the financial hub of

3) Qwant



Coronavirus vaccines: Fake news and myths go viral I World ...

dw.com/en/coronavirus-vaccines-fake-news-and-myths-go-viral/a-55652267

World Coronavirus vaccines: Fake news and myths go viral. No sooner had the news of a vaccine breakthrough made the headlines, misinformation about forced vaccinations, DN...

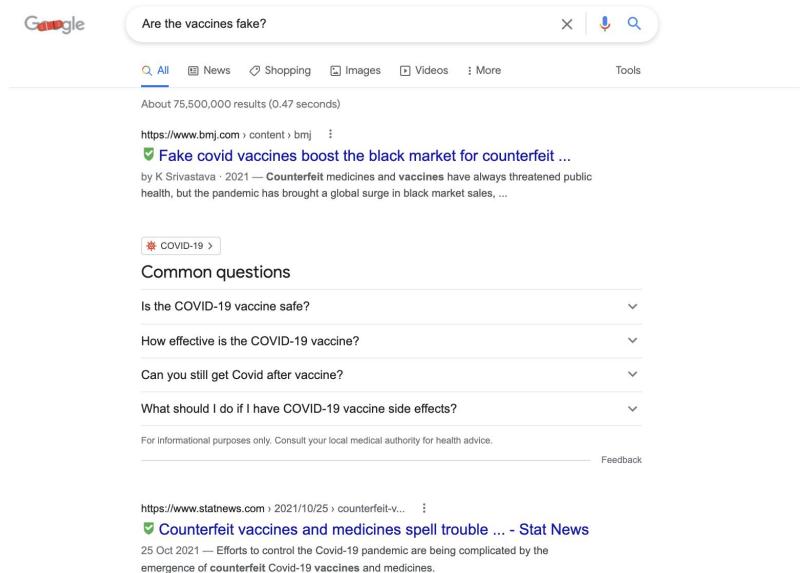
Bogus Vaccines. Fake Testing Sites. Virus Frauds Are ...

nytimes.com/2020/04/17/your-money/coronavirus-fraud.html

Offers of bogus drugs to prevent or treat coronavirus infection. Websites selling fake vaccines. False promises of speedier receipt of government stimulus checks. This is the...

Videos from "Are the vaccines fake?"





Bing



COVID-19 vaccines for kids: What you need to know - Mayo ...

https://www.mayoclinic.org/.../in-depth/covid-19-vaccines-for-kids/art-20513332 -16/11/2021 · This vaccine is not yet available to children younger than age 5. Clinical trials involving

younger children are in progress. The vaccine also shouldn't be given to a child with a known history of a severe allergic reaction to any of its ingredients. If this is the case, your child might be able to get another COVID-19 vaccine in the future.

If children don't frequently experience severe illness wi...

A COVID-19 vaccine can prevent your child from getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. If vour child gets COVID-19, a COVID-19 vaccin...

What COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for kids...

In the U.S., COVID-19 vaccines are available to children by age group: . Ages 5 through 11. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given e...

How did the FDA determine the safety and effectiveness...

For kids ages 5 through 11, the FDA reviewed a vaccine study of more than 4,600 children in this age range. Of this group, about 3,100 were

The benefits and risks of COVID-19 vaccines for kids | Hub

Washington, leaders in public health and medicine explored this complex terrain.

https://hub.jhu.edu/2021/07/02/covid-19-kids-vaccine-symposium -02/07/2021 · Just one vaccine is available for kids age 12 to 15, and access for younger ages is expected to take several more months. Some parents are impatient for that moment to arrive; others are concerned. At a symposium, June 30 hosted by Johns Hopkins University and the University of

Videos of Danger vaccine kids

bing.com/videos







Pediatrician says benefits of getting kids vaccinated outweigh the risks

YouTube > 10 Tampa Bay

What to know about possible risks and side effects for COVID-19 vacci.

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Ohio doctors say long-term health effects in kids come from COVID, not vaccines

YouTube > News 5 Cleveland

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24/06/2021 · "The implication," they concluded, "is that the risks of a COVID -19 vaccine may outweigh the benefits for certain lowrisk populations, such as children, young adults and people who... Author: Tucker Carlson

(NEW) Covid-19 vaccine adverse events in children | Sharyl ...

https://sharylattkisson.com/2021/08/new-covid-19-vaccine-adverse... -

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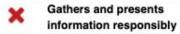
The personal website of Sinclair Broadcast Group host Sharyl Attkisson, which has repeatedly published unsubstantiated and misleading claims about the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccines.

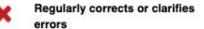
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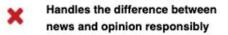
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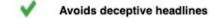
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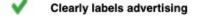


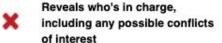




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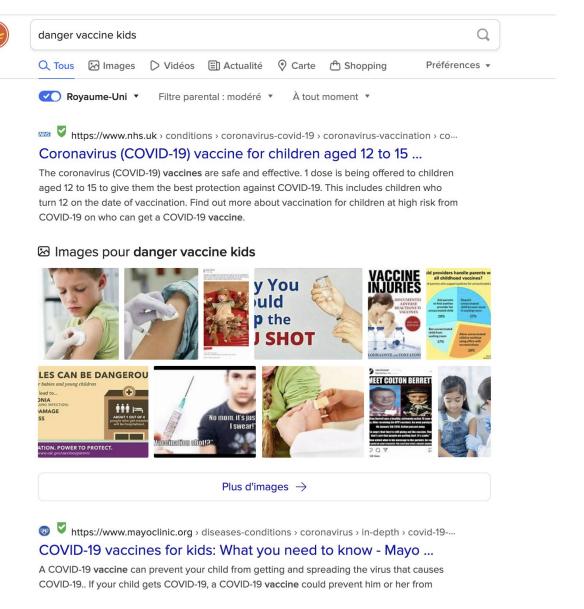


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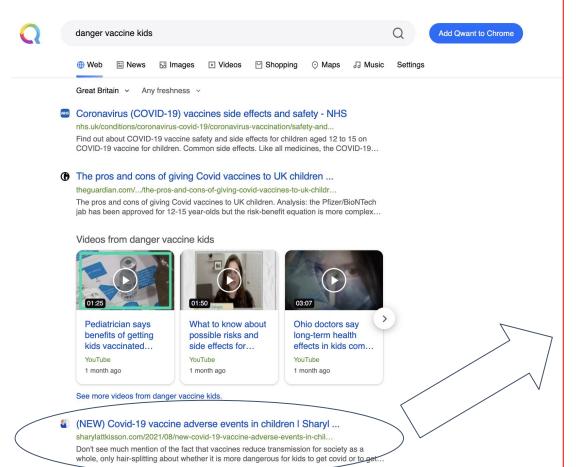
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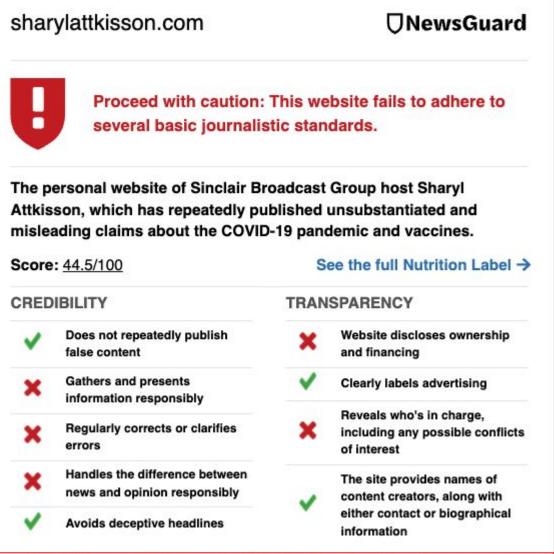
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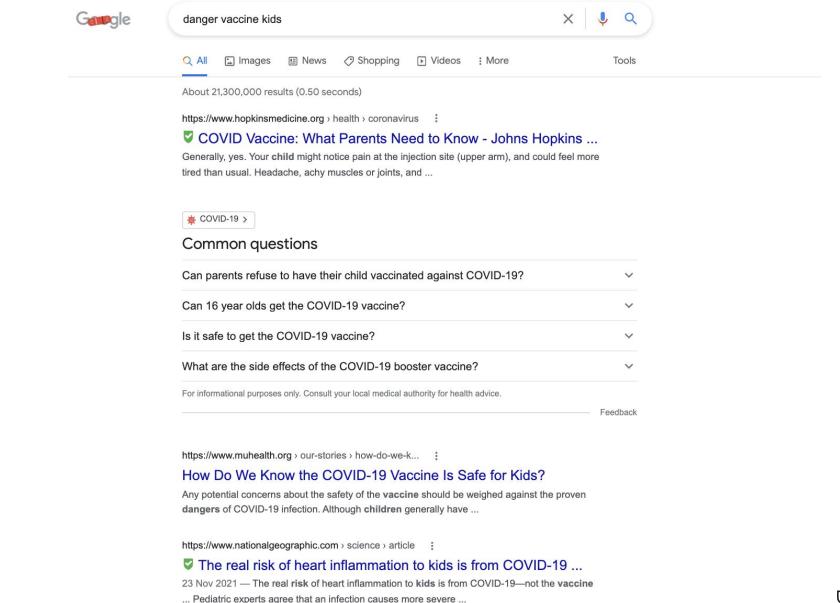


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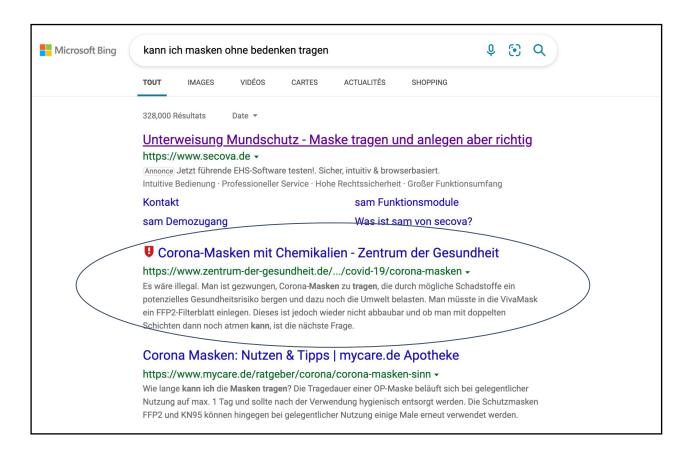




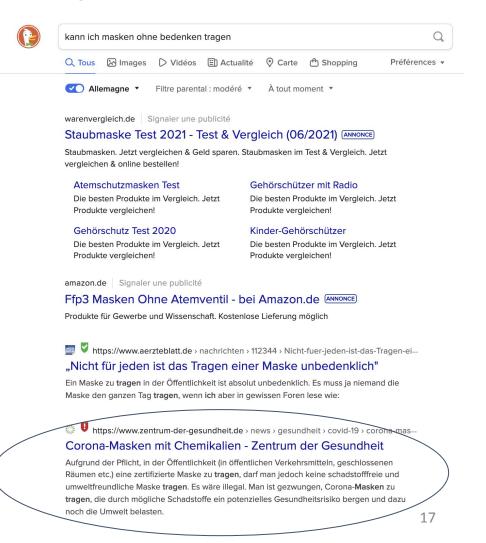
German-language searches (Germany-based user)

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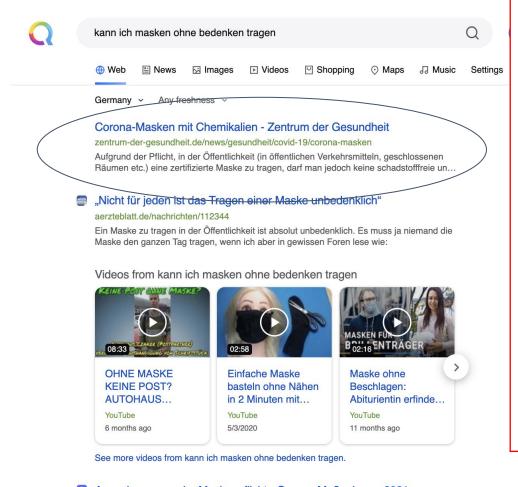


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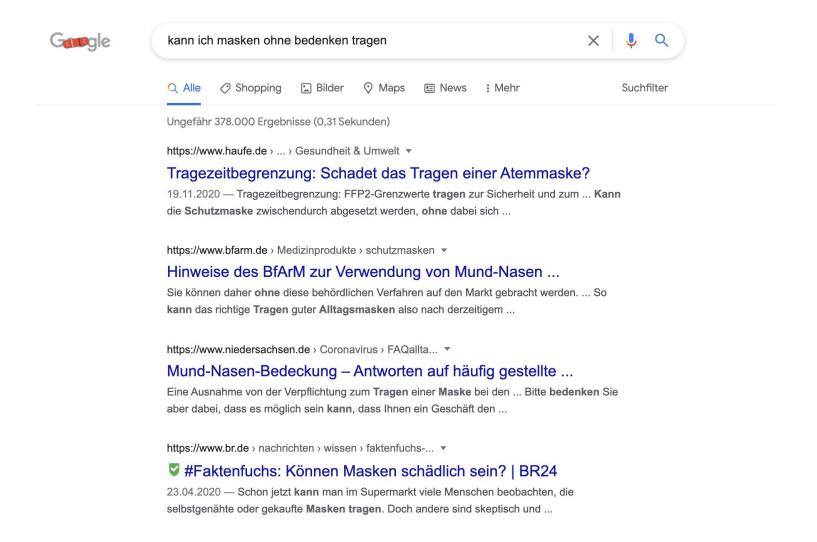




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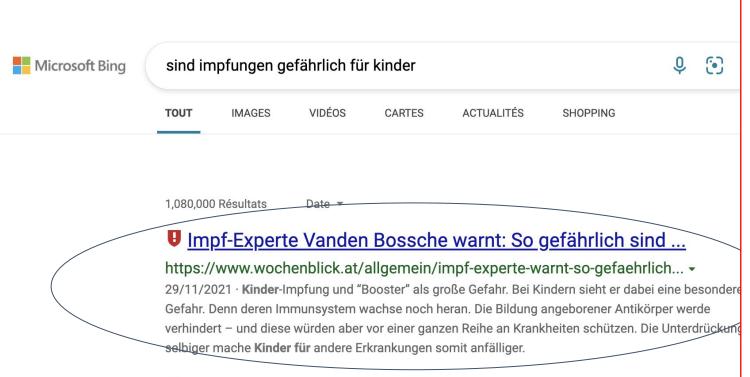
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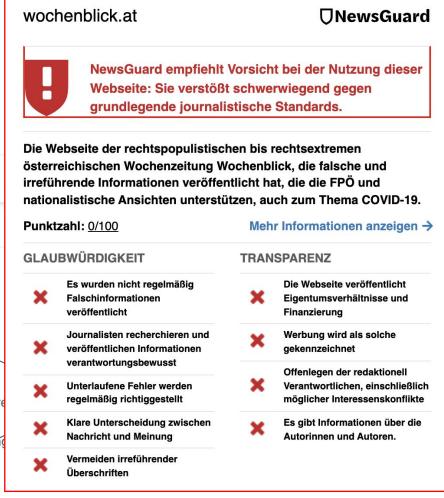
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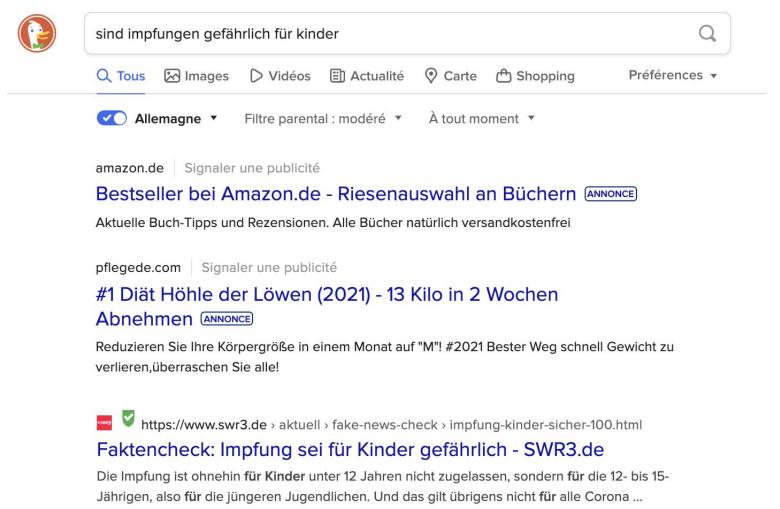
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Il y a 1 jour · **Impfungen für Kinder** ab 5 Jahren: Was Eltern jetzt wissen sollten Bei den meisten Kindern verläuft eine Covid-19-Erkrankung harmlos. Allerdings gibt es seltene schwere Fälle.



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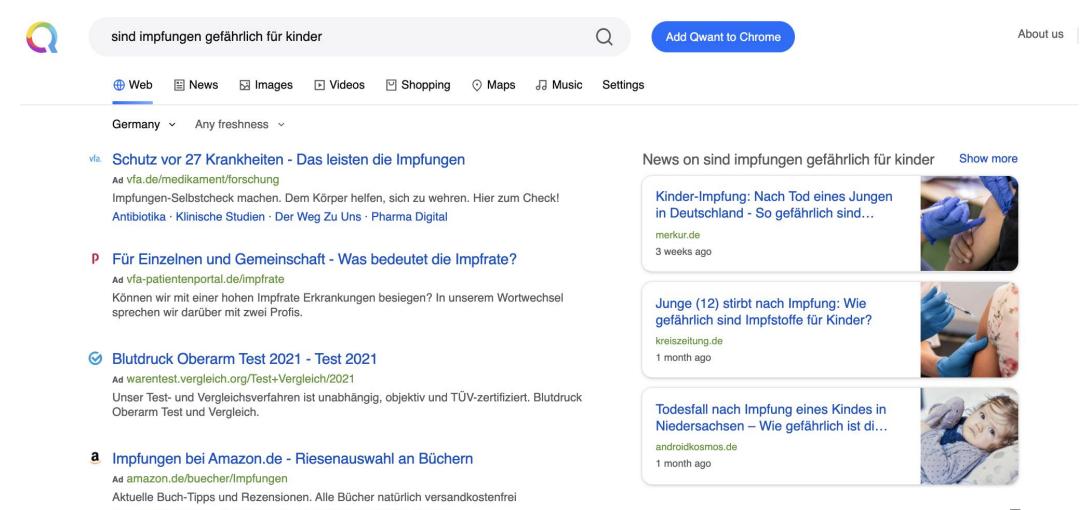
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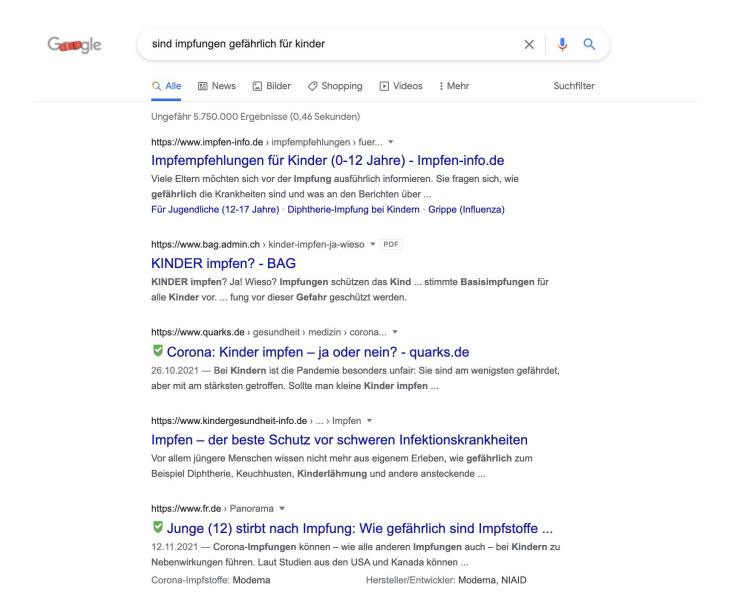
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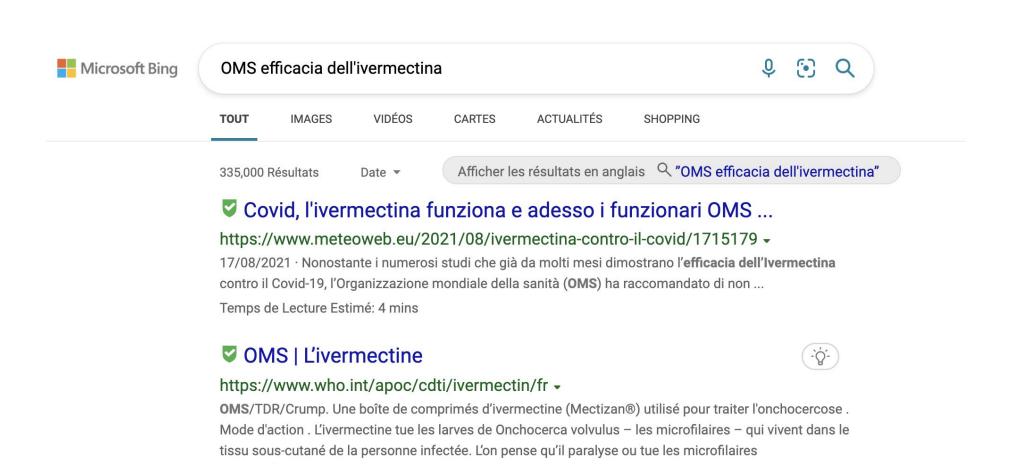


Italian-language searches (Italy-based user)

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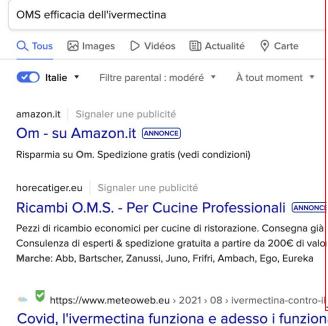
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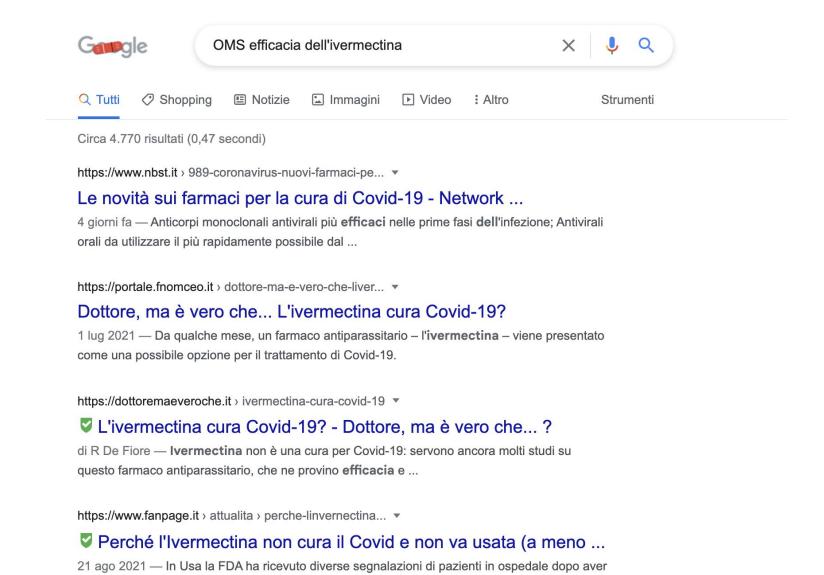
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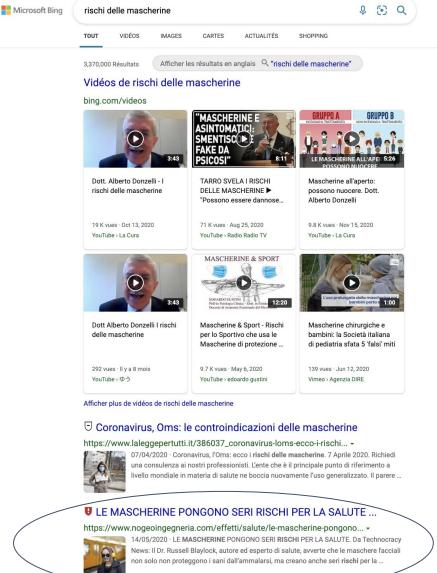
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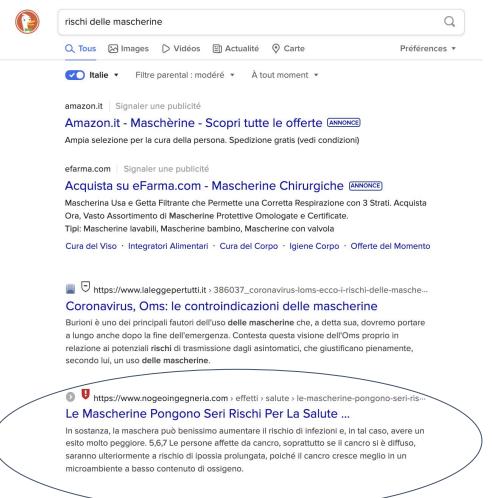
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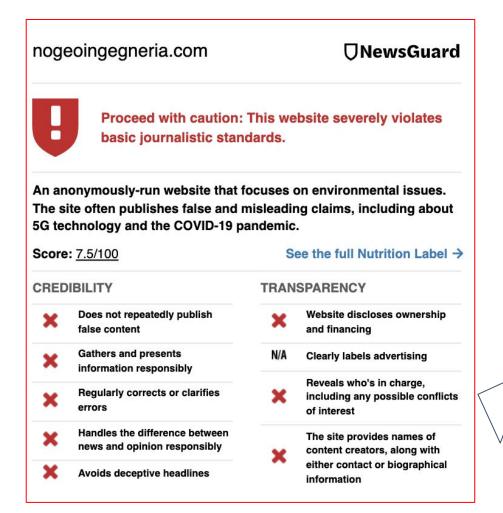


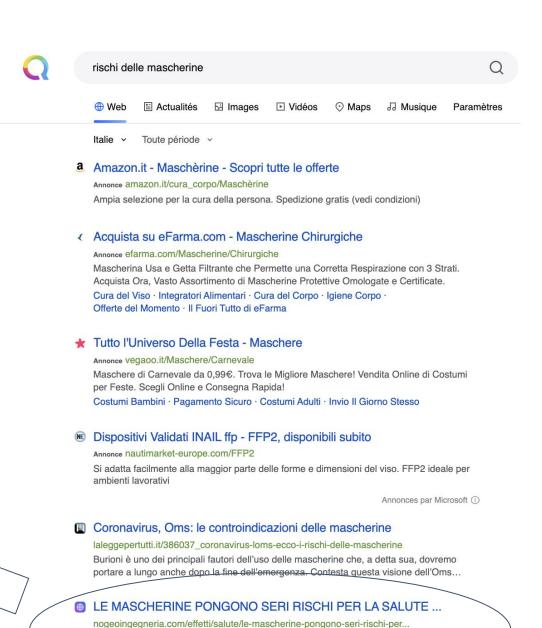
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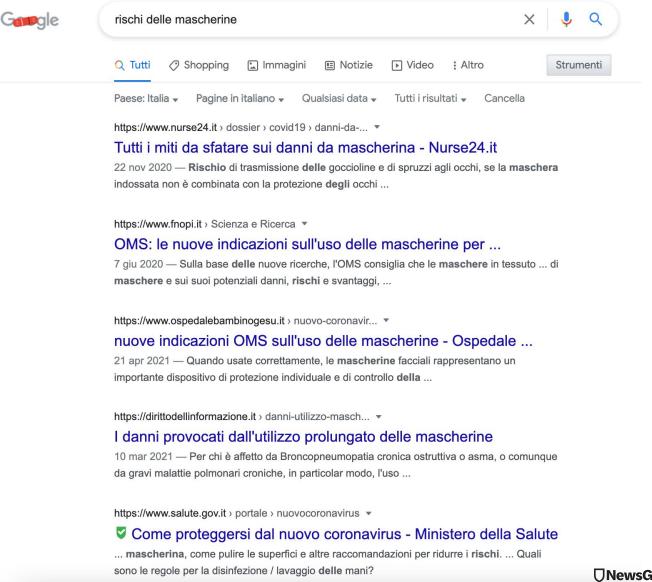




In sostanza, la maschera può benissimo aumentare il rischio di infezioni e, in tal caso, avere un esito molto peggiore. 5,6,7 Le persone affette da cancro, soprattutto se il cancro..

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French-language searches (France-based user)

Search 1: "masques formaldéhyde" "masks formaldehyde"

1) Bing



Coronavirus: Non, les masques chirurgicaux ne sont pas ...

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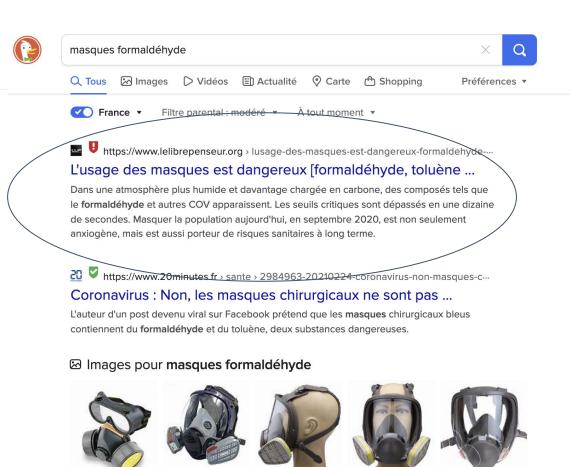
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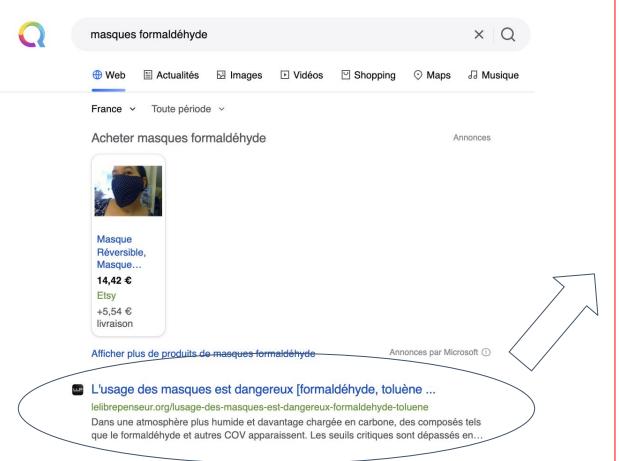
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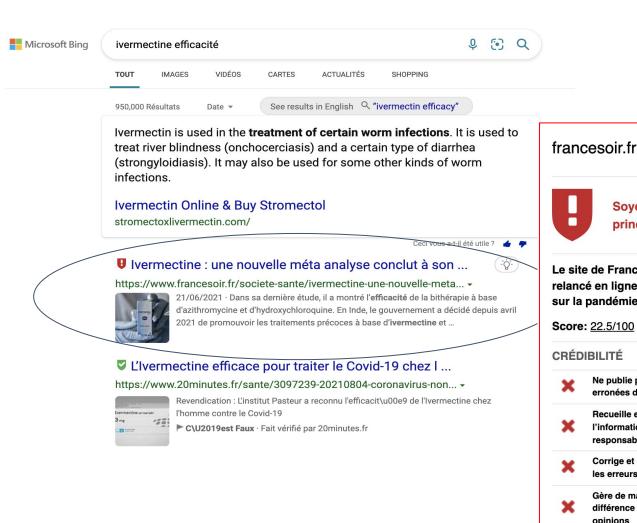


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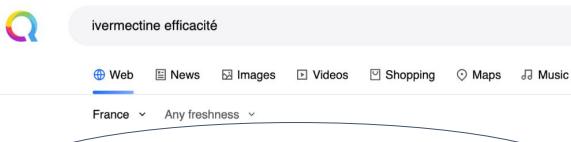
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Ivermectine : une nouvelle méta analyse conclut à son ...

francesoir.fr/societe-sante/ivermectine-une-nouvelle-meta-analyse-conclue...

L'étude a évalué l'efficacité du traitement à l'ivermectine sur la réduction de la mortalité, sur les critères de jugement secondaires et sur la chimioprophylaxie, chez les personnes...

L'Ivermectine efficace pour traiter le Covid-19 chez I ...

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L'institut Pasteur reconnaît l'efficacité de l'Ivermectine. Une seule prise pourrait chez certaines personnes éradiquer tous le matériel génétique du SARS Covid-19 (sic) ».

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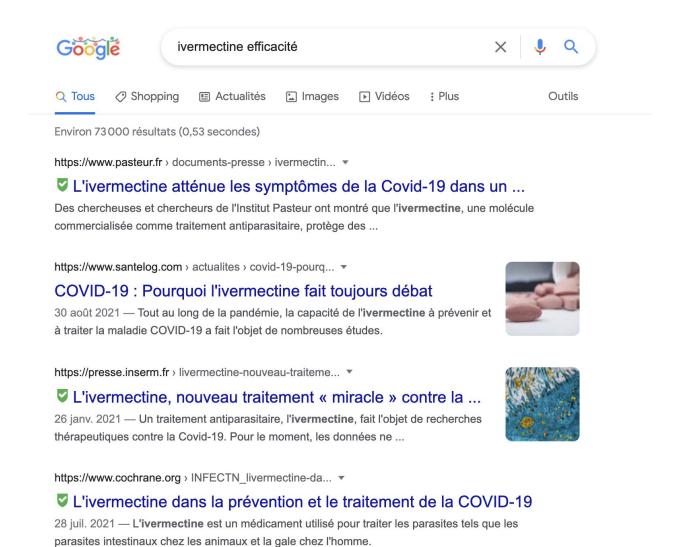
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Comme l'hydroxychloroquine, l'ivermectine n'est pas une molécule nouvelle et elle a déjà été éprouvée pour soigner plusieurs maladies. On peut lire sur Paris Match que c'est sur...



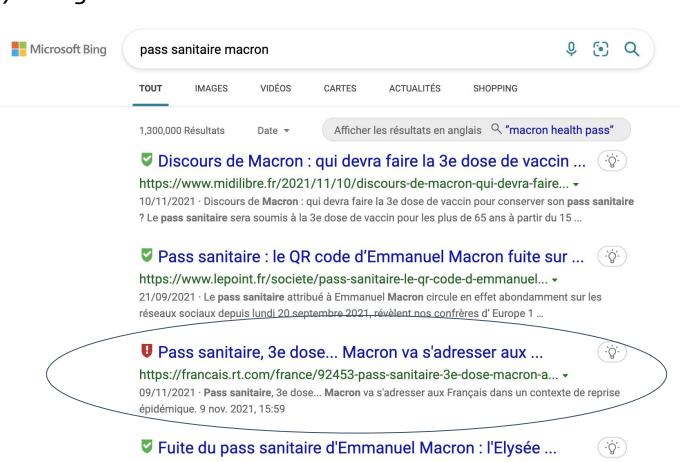


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Search 3: "pass sanitaire macron" "health pass macron"

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Discours de Macron : qui devra faire la 3e dose de vaccin ...

midilibre.fr/2021/11/10/discours-de-macron-qui-devra-faire-la-3e-dose-de...

Ce mardi 9 novembre, Emmanuel Macron a pris la parole dès 20 h. Il a notamment évoqué la crise Covid et la vaccination. Des annonces ont été faites concernant la dose de rappe...

Macron conditionne le pass sanitaire à l'injection d'une ...

bfmtv.com/politique/macron-conditionne-le-pass-sanitaire-a-l-injection-d...

C'était une possibilité à l'étude, Emmanuel Macron a tranché: pour garder un pass sanitaire valide, les plus de 65 ans vaccinés devront se faire injecter une dose de rappel, six mois...

Pass sanitaire, 3e dose... Macron va s'adresser aux ...

francais.rt.com/france/92453-pass-sanitaire-3e-dose-macron-adresse-fran...

Pass sanitaire, 3e dose... Macron va s'adresser aux Français dans un contexte de reprise épidémique. 9 nov. 2021, 15:59

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Le site de RT France, la version française de RT, chaîne de télévision en continu et vecteur de désinformation et de propagande du gouvernement russe. RT s'appelait auparavant Russia Today.

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- Le site web rend publiques les informations de propriété et de financement
- Indique clairement les publicités
- Indique qui est responsable des contenus et tous conflits d'intérêts possibles
 - Le site fournit des informations sur les créateurs de contenus

Search 3: "pass sanitaire macron" "health pass macron"



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 analyzed 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.