

Is abcnews.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

abcnews.com

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

abcnews.com appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-07-16 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

GPT summary status=degraded | GPT summary call failed: HTTP error from GPT: 429 Too Many Requests { "error": { "message": "You exceeded your current quota, please check your plan and billing details. For more information on this error, read the docs: https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/error-codes/api-errors.", "type": "insufficient_quota", "param": null, "code": "insufficient_quota" } }

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	31 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is an established digital news service whose politics section presents breaking political reporting, video, and analysis for readers seeking current-affairs coverage.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, phishing indicators, impersonation signals, or malicious reputation findings were observed. The domain's multi-decade registration, substantial global traffic footprint, established page authority, and behavior consistent with an ordinary content site strongly support the conclusion that this is the legitimate ABC News web property.

- The domain registration record shows registration on 20 April 1995 (~31.31 years old), through CSC Corporate Domains, Inc., with expiry on 21 April 2027.
- The captured politics page returned successfully and identified itself as "Politics News | Breaking Political News, Video & Analysis-ABC News - ABC News."
- External reputation checks reported 0 malicious and 0 suspicious classifications, no malicious safe-browsing finding, no threat-signature matches, and no abuse reports.
- The site held a global traffic rank of 11,999 and a high page-authority classification at the time of assessment.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The observed site operates as an editorial news service, not as a broker, financial intermediary, or regulated transaction platform. Its politics page makes no licensing or investment-services claim requiring validation, and the available third-party broker context contains no matched broker profile. Regulatory authorization is therefore not a material legitimacy criterion for the observed service.

- The politics page is classified as a content site and presents political news, video, and analysis rather than regulated financial services.
- The third-party broker-intelligence dataset returned no matching broker record.
- The site's transport encryption uses an Amazon RSA 2048 M04 domain-validated certificate, valid to 2 December 2026.

What to Verify Next

Routine institutional onboarding should confirm that bookmarks and inbound links resolve to the exact corporate domain, and that any account-related workflow is reached through the site’s own navigation. For processing personal information, the applicable privacy terms and account controls should be reviewed through the official site interface.

- Automated interaction testing completed two of two runs without cloaking, hidden forms, externally submitted password forms, wallet-provider activity, clipboard hijacking, or suspicious inline scripts.
- The tested page returned HTTP 200 and contained substantive rendered text.
- The observed destination remained consistent during testing, with no final-destination mismatch detected.

Summary Verdict

The site is legitimate, established, and trustworthy, with strong convergence across domain longevity, public reach, technical security, reputation, and observed behavior. No contradictory evidence undermines its identity or ordinary use.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is delivered through AWS CloudFront, providing mainstream CDN/WAF protection and reducing direct exposure of the underlying service. One potential origin candidate was observed alongside five edge addresses; this protective architecture is a mitigating security control, not independent proof of legitimacy.

- Hosting is served from AS16509, operated by AMAZON-02 — Amazon.com, Inc., US.
- Infrastructure resolution identified six unique addresses: five CDN edge addresses and one potential origin candidate.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing, account login, and standard site functions are appropriate, subject to ordinary organizational controls for domain validation and personal-data handling.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-03 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNKNOWN
Identity score	50/100
Identity verification confidence	30%

- AI page analysis unavailable (page captured; identity not AI-verified)

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of abcnews.com.

- The request stayed on abcnews.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under CSC Corporate Domains, Inc.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by awsdns-60.org, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-04-21. NOTED
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	CSC Corporate Domains, Inc.
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	18.165.122.5
Name servers	NS-1511.AWSDNS-60.ORG, NS-1594.AWSDNS-07.CO.UK, NS-163.AWSDNS-20.COM, NS-983.AWSDNS-58.NET
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M04
SSL expiry	2026-12-02
Domain age	31.3 years
Domain expiry	2027-04-21
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about abcnews.com at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

This report online: <https://trustsniffer.com/report/abcnews.com> · assessed 2026-07-16