

britannica.com: analysis blocked, no trust verdict: 90/100

britannica.com

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

britannica.com appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-09-28 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

This site blocks TrustSniffer's automated capture, so the page itself was read through a visitor's browser (with private details removed there). Every other check ran on TrustSniffer's servers, and the score is limited to what those checks support.

What this site appears to be

Encyclopaedia Britannica article describing the SS (Schutzstaffel): history, structure, leaders, role in Nazi Germany, and involvement in war crimes and the Holocaust. Includes citations, related topics, and external reference links.

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	Archived since 1998 5000 snapshots	CLEAR

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).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is Encyclopaedia Britannica's editorial reference service, presenting a researched article on the SS (Schutzstaffel), Nazi Germany, its leadership, structure, and involvement in war crimes and the Holocaust. Its apparent business model is an established encyclopedia supported by subscriptions, advertising, and content licensing.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity contradiction was observed. The article uses consistent Britannica branding, identifies editorial authorship, provides citations and related reference material, and presents substantive historical content rather than inducements or transaction-focused claims. External reputation checks were clean, and the site's established public footprint is consistent with an apparently legitimate information service. The real-world operator identity is not independently verified, so the available evidence supports apparent legitimacy rather than proving the legal identity behind the service.

EVIDENCE

- The SS article identifies Britannica branding, Britannica Editors, editorial review, citations, and related reference sources.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no blacklist or phishing finding.
- The domain was registered on 1995-06-14 and is approximately 31.31 years old.
- The archive contains 5,000 snapshots spanning 1998–2014, with 17 years tracked.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available page evidence supports an informational publishing service rather than a regulated financial or investment offering. Licensing is not claimed, and the on-page disclosure state is unclear; this is a transparency and verification consideration, not evidence of deception or a scam. The site's editorial identity is presented consistently, while independent confirmation of the real-world operating entity remains appropriate before contractual or payment commitments. No broker-dataset match was identified.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration is recorded through CSC Corporate Domains, Inc., a corporate registrar.
- Technical resolution records AS13335, Cloudflare, Inc.
- The transport certificate is issued by WE1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-11-11.
- The article page presents an editorial reference function rather than a regulated financial-service activity.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an institution should independently confirm the merchant or billing entity, review applicable subscription, cancellation, refund, and renewal terms, and ensure that payment protections are available. Any external reference destination should also be checked to confirm that it belongs to the intended publisher or cited institution. Where formal registration or licensing is relevant to the planned engagement, confirmation should be made through the appropriate official registry.

EVIDENCE

- The site presents subscription and login functionality, making billing identity and account terms relevant to independent review.
- The article includes external reference links, creating a need to validate destination authenticity before relying on those sources.
- The available evidence does not independently verify the legal entity responsible for any subscription transaction.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the website is apparently legitimate and evidence-consistent with an established reference publisher. No contradictory risk signals were identified, although operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site benefits from AWS CDN/WAF protection, with observed delivery through edge infrastructure rather than a directly exposed origin. Infrastructure mapping records Amazon AS14618, while the resolved service evidence records Cloudflare AS13335; both are mainstream hosting or edge-delivery providers and provide a mitigating infrastructure signal rather than proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational use is proportionate; before submitting credentials or making payments, standard independent checks of the contracting entity, commercial terms, and payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-09-28 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	LIKELY
Identity score	73/100
Identity verification confidence	74%

- Trusted social count=1

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 britannica.com.

- The request stayed on britannica.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-03.org, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-06-13. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-05-23. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	CSC Corporate Domains, Inc.
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	104.18.4.110
Name servers	NS-1050.AWSDNS-03.ORG, NS-1567.AWSDNS-03.CO.UK, NS-243.AWSDNS-30.COM, NS-829.AWSDNS-39.NET
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-11-11
Domain age	31.31 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-06-13
Archive first seen	1998-05-23
Archive snapshots	5000
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 britannica.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.

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