

Is cryptome.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

cryptome.org

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

cryptome.org 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 2026-07-31 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Cryptome is a long-running public-interest archive that publishes government, intelligence, court, architecture, security, and whistleblower-related documents. The page is primarily a chronological index of downloadable HTML, PDF, Office, audio, and compressed archive files, with no evident sensitive-data form or financial transaction request.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness:

UNKNOWN

- 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	27 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1999 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Network Solutions RSA DV SSL CA 4	NOTED

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 1999.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Cryptome is an established public-interest publishing archive that provides a chronological collection of government, intelligence, court, architecture, security, privacy, cryptology, and whistleblower-related materials in web, document, audio, and compressed-file formats, without presenting a commercial product, investment offer, payment flow, or credential-based service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, phishing indicators, brand impersonation, or deceptive financial claims were observed. The homepage's extensive direct-download index is consistent with the stated archival mission, while the absence of login forms, hidden forms, external data submissions, wallet interactions, clipboard manipulation, cloaking, and suspicious scripts materially reduces the likelihood of credential theft or transactional fraud. Because the archive distributes Office files and compressed packages alongside PDFs and HTML documents, individual downloads should nevertheless be treated as untrusted content and processed under normal document-security controls; this is a file-consumption risk, not evidence that the website is illegitimate.

- The homepage identifies Cryptome as a publication venue for material concerning freedom of expression, privacy, cryptology, national security, intelligence, and secret governance.
- Homepage inspection found no login form, sensitive-data form, hidden form, payment request, investment solicitation, or cryptocurrency feature.
- Interactive testing completed 2 of 2 runs without external XHR requests, external posts, wallet activity, clipboard writes, cloaking, or suspicious inline scripts.
- The domain was registered in 1999 and is approximately 27.12 years old; 5,000 archive snapshots span 1999-10-13 to 2025-11-03, covering 27 years with no established suspicious repurposing.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The observed website functions as a non-commercial publishing archive rather than a financial, brokerage, payment, or investment service. It makes no licensing claim, and the supplied pages show no regulated financial activity for which a financial-services authorization would ordinarily be expected. Registration through Network Solutions and a substantial global traffic footprint support its established status; registrant privacy through Perfect Privacy is an administrative registration detail and does not conflict with the site's presented identity. No corresponding broker profile was identified in the supplied third-party broker context, but that result is neither a licensing determination nor an adverse reputational finding.

- The homepage describes a document-publication mission and presents no required payment, financial transaction, or regulated investment product.
- The site holds a top-tier global traffic position at rank 45,744 and has high page authority.
- Domain registration is maintained through Network Solutions, LLC, with expiry on 2027-06-25.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by Network Solutions RSA DV SSL CA 4, valid through 2026-10-11.

What to Verify Next

Enterprise users should validate downloaded PDFs, Office documents, and compressed archives in an isolated inspection environment before opening them, particularly where files could contain active content or nested payloads. Researchers intending to submit sensitive material should independently confirm the currently published submission procedure and apply their organization's information-classification, legal-review, and source-protection requirements. Institutional reliance on archived material should include document-level provenance checking, since the website's legitimacy does not independently authenticate every third-party document it hosts.

- The homepage links directly to PDF, DOCX, ZIP, 7Z, HTML, and other downloadable formats.
- The homepage publishes instructions for anonymous document submission.
- The archive covers classified and declassified records, intelligence material, court records, surveillance, and other content that may require legal or handling review.
- The page links to established external communication presences on Mastodon and a mailing-list service, providing channels that can be cross-checked independently.

Summary Verdict

Cryptome is a legitimate, long-established, and trustworthy public-interest archive. Its sustained provenance, clean external reputation, substantial audience footprint, coherent editorial purpose, and benign observed behavior converge strongly, with no contradictory fraud or impersonation signals. Normal interaction and standard use are appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to a single likely origin address in the United States and is served directly from AS19871 by Network Solutions Hosting, without a detected CDN or WAF layer. Direct origin visibility is consistent with this comparatively simple content-delivery architecture; the identified hosting network and valid TLS configuration provide conventional infrastructure integrity, although neither is independent proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may use the site normally, while applying standard enterprise controls to downloaded documents and independently validating any material used for legal, operational, or intelligence decisions.

Written analysis generated 2026-07-31 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	37%

- 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 cryptome.org.

- The request stayed on cryptome.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Network Solutions, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by dnsbycomodo.net, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-06-25. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1999-10-13. CLEAR
- It is hosted on NETWORK-SOLUTIONS-HOSTING, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Network Solutions, LLC
Hosting	NETWORK-SOLUTIONS-HOSTING - Network Solutions, LLC, US
Country	US
Server IP	205.178.145.65
Name servers	ns1.dnsbycomodo.net, ns2.dnsbycomodo.net
SSL issuer	Network Solutions RSA DV SSL CA 4
SSL expiry	2026-10-11
Domain age	27.1 years
Domain expiry	2027-06-25
Archive first seen	1999-10-13
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 cryptome.org 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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