

Is mediapart.fr legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

mediapart.fr

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

mediapart.fr 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 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage of a French investigative news outlet (Mediapart) featuring articles across politics, international, climate, and culture with subscription prompts.

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% confidence AbuseIPDB, 1 report; shared hosting inflates reports	CLEAR
Domain age	19 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.mediapart.fr/>

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What mediapart.fr served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

Mediapart is a French investigative journalism website presenting reporting and analysis across politics, international affairs, climate, economics, society, and culture, with reader subscriptions and membership as its apparent primary business model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed between the website's presentation and the available technical or reputational signals. The homepage has the coherent structure of an established news publication, including editorial sections, newsletters, podcasts, legal information, reader services, and subscription prompts; no brand-impersonation, phishing, hidden-form, wallet, or externally submitted password indicators were identified. Some dynamic-script and post-interaction DOM signals were recorded, but the observed behavior did not include cloaking, wallet activity, clipboard manipulation, hidden forms, or untrusted password destinations, so these signals do not presently indicate an impersonation pattern.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as news/media content and contains substantial editorial material across politics, international affairs, climate, economics, and culture, with no page-level red flags.
- The homepage's interaction testing recorded 2 suspicious inline scripts and a maximum post-interaction DOM difference of 5035, while also recording no hidden forms, no external password forms, no wallet-provider activity, and no cloaking.
- The domain registration record shows creation on 2007-09-04 and an age of 18.96 years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate publisher, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified by the supplied material. The site exposes legal and commercial information routes, including Mentions légales, a deontological charter, terms and conditions, privacy information, and subscriber-service contacts. No licensing claim or license number is presented in the supplied content; for a journalism and subscription business, this is a transparency item for confirmation rather than evidence of a scam. The external reputational context is broadly clean, and the site has a strong global audience footprint.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides links labelled "Mentions légales," "Charte de déontologie," "CGV," and "Confidentialité."
- The domain is registered through GANDI and has an expiration date of 2027-08-27.
- Hosting is identified as AS54113, FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by YE2 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-11-02T07:09:19+00:00; the observed traffic rank is 15250 and the domain is within the top 1 million sites.

What to Verify Next

Before a paid subscription or credential interaction, an independent check should reconcile the publisher's legal entity and billing identity with the information shown in the site's legal notices. The applicable subscription terms, cancellation and refund provisions, and payment-protection arrangements should also be reviewed, with official support channels confirmed through an independently obtained contact route rather than relying solely on a message or page reached through an unsolicited link.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides direct routes to "Nous contacter" and "Contacter le service abonné-es."
- The homepage exposes subscription, account-login, legal-notice, and terms-of-sale pathways relevant to an ordinary merchant-identity and payment review.

Summary Verdict

Mediapart presents a **high-trust, low-risk posture** and is apparently legitimate based on the convergence of its mature editorial footprint, consistent business model, clean contradiction analysis, and stable technical

operation. The classification is strong, while the connection between the website and a specific real-world operator remains unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection, and the observed addresses were CDN edge servers rather than direct origin candidates. This reduces direct exposure of the hosting origin and is a mitigating infrastructure characteristic, not independent proof of legitimacy; one abuse report associated with a shared Fastly CDN address was whitelisted, attributed to shared infrastructure, and carried zero confidence.

EVIDENCE

- DNS resolution returned 4 CDN edge addresses and 0 likely origin candidates.
- The observed edge addresses were 151.101.130.132, 151.101.194.132, 151.101.2.132, and 151.101.66.132.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing and routine account or subscription use are proportionate to the assessed posture, subject to the independent merchant-identity, terms, and payment-protection checks outlined above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Signals weighed against the site

- AbuseIPDB: 1 report on hosting IP 199.232.174.132 (Fastly, Inc., Content Delivery Network), 0% confidence. The reports are attributed to shared infrastructure, not specifically to this website.

Identity verification

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

- No on-site identity signals detected

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 mediapart.fr.

- The request stayed on mediapart.fr. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under GANDI. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-08-27. NOTED

- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GANDI
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	199.232.174.132
Name servers	pat.ns.cloudflare.com, will.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	YE2
SSL expiry	2026-11-02
Domain age	18.96 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-08-27
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0% confidence, 1 report Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about mediapart.fr 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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