

Is post-gazette.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

post-gazette.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

post-gazette.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 2026-08-03 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

{
 "trust_quality": {
 "score": 0.86,
 "overall_assessment": "Established regional news publisher with clear editorial sections, subscription offerings, advertising disclosures, corporate copyright identity, contact resources, and standard account features. No strong evidence of phishing, impersonation, financial manipulation, or deceptive behavior is present, though extensive advertising and consent-based tracking reduce privacy quality."
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 "dom_content": {
 "has_dom_text": true,
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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	32 years old Registered history	CLEAR

Web archive

Archived since 1998

CLEAR

5000 snapshots

Certificate

Encrypted connection

NOTED

Issued by RapidSSL TLS RSA CA G1

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

The website is the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's regional news platform, presenting local and Pennsylvania reporting alongside sports, business, politics, arts, lifestyle, weather, national coverage, classifieds, and public notices, supported by subscriptions, advertising, sponsored content, and account-based services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, impersonation indicators, phishing behavior, or confirmed malicious reputation signals were observed. The site's long-established domain, extensive and continuous historical record, prominent global traffic footprint, and consistent newspaper branding strongly support authentic provenance. The available form sends an article by email and does not submit credentials to an untrusted destination; behavioral testing also found no hidden forms, cloaking, clipboard manipulation, wallet activity, or suspicious inline scripts.

- The domain record shows registration on 5 January 1995, making it approximately 31.6 years old, with Network Solutions, LLC as registrar and expiration on 4 January 2029.
- The historical record contains 5,000 archive snapshots spanning 14 January 1998 to 1 February 2017, covering 20 tracked years with no detected repurposing or semantic drift.
- External reputation checks reported 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, no search-browser safety hit, no external blacklist finding, and no abuse reports; the domain holds a global traffic rank of 8,057.
- The homepage presented no suspected brand impersonation, hidden forms, untrusted form destination, or phishing-oriented login form.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as an established news publisher rather than a broker, investment service, cryptocurrency platform, or other regulated financial intermediary. Its homepage provides a corporate copyright identity, policies, contact resources, account options, advertising disclosures, and sponsored-content areas. The evidence does not establish a third-party regulatory authorization, but none is indicated as necessary for the identified publishing model. The principal compliance consideration is privacy: the homepage uses analytics and

advertising technology and presents consent choices covering personalized advertising, device storage, audience profiling, precise geolocation, and a large vendor list.

- The homepage identifies the service as a news and media publication supported by subscriptions, advertising, sponsored content, classifieds, and related services.
- The homepage displays publisher identity, policy and contact resources, subscription and free-account options, and advertising disclosures.
- The homepage detected one analytics service and one advertising network, together with a consent interface for personalization, measurement, storage access, profiling, and geolocation.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by RapidSSL TLS RSA CA G1, valid until 28 January 2027.

What to Verify Next

Institutional onboarding should confirm that subscription invoices, account correspondence, and contractual documentation consistently identify the publisher presented on the site. Privacy and procurement reviewers should examine the applicable policy and consent controls against internal requirements, particularly where personalized advertising, profiling, or geolocation processing is material. Official customer-service channels should also be recorded through independently maintained procurement or vendor-management records.

- The homepage offers both subscription services and free accounts, creating an identifiable basis for billing and account-documentation checks.
- The homepage provides policy and contact resources suitable for privacy, procurement, and vendor-governance review.
- The homepage's consent interface exposes configurable data-processing purposes and a substantial vendor ecosystem.
- The site's account and content-delivery behavior showed no external password forms or hidden sensitive forms during observed interactions.

Summary Verdict

This is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy website with strongly convergent identity, provenance, reputation, and operational signals. No contradictory evidence undermines its presentation as the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's news service, and normal interaction—including account login, subscription activity, and standard use—is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to a single likely origin address rather than operating behind a detected CDN or WAF. It is served from AS13490 by Buckeye Cablevision, Inc. in the United States; this identifiable, stable hosting posture is consistent with the wider evidence, although infrastructure configuration alone is not proof of legitimacy.

- Hosting resolves to 72.240.104.198 on AS13490 (Buckeye Cablevision, Inc., United States), registered through ARIN.
- Infrastructure observation found one resolved IP, no CDN edge addresses, and one likely origin address.
- No CDN or WAF vendor was detected, and the normalized infrastructure assessment found no confirmed integrity concern.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may proceed with normal browsing, account access, subscriptions, and routine transactions, subject to ordinary organizational privacy and vendor-onboarding controls.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-04 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	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- 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 post-gazette.com.

- The request stayed on post-gazette.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Network Solutions, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by buckeyecom.net, across 3 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2029-01-04. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-01-14. CLEAR
- It is hosted on BUCKEYECABLEVISION, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Network Solutions, LLC
Hosting	BUCKEYECABLEVISION - Buckeye Cablevision, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	72.240.104.198
Name servers	NS1.BUCKEYECOM.NET, NS2.BUCKEYECOM.NET, NS3.BUCKEYECOM.NET
SSL issuer	RapidSSL TLS RSA CA G1
SSL expiry	2027-01-28
Domain age	31.6 years
Domain expiry	2029-01-04
Archive first seen	1998-01-14

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 post-gazette.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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