

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

theepochtimes.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

theepochtimes.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 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Front page/article listing of a major news publisher covering national and international news, opinion pieces, health, lifestyle, and multimedia with subscription and donation options.

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	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36	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).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is The Epoch Times, an established online news publisher presenting national and international reporting, opinion, health, lifestyle, business, sports, entertainment, video, podcasts, and regional editions. Its apparent business model combines advertising with paid subscriptions, membership services, and reader donations.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the supplied evidence: there were no phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or confirmed blacklist indicators. The homepage is structurally and editorially consistent with a large news and media operation, and its subscription and donation model is coherent with that purpose. Some external network activity was observed during browsing, but it was not accompanied by hidden sensitive forms, password submission to external destinations, wallet activity, clipboard manipulation, cloaking, or suspicious inline scripts; in context, the activity is more consistent with ordinary advertising, analytics, and media-site functionality than with an abuse pattern. The available evidence supports an apparently legitimate established site, while not independently proving the real-world operator identity.

EVIDENCE

- The domain registration record shows creation on 2003-12-17 and an age of 22.66 years; expiration is recorded as 2030-12-17.
- The homepage is classified as News / Editorial, with broad news coverage and no reported page-level red flags.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections and 0 suspicious detections; the site has an established traffic rank of 5512 and is within the top one million sites.
- Browser testing recorded no hidden forms, external password forms, wallet-connect runs, wallet-sensitive runs, wallet-drainer runs, clipboard hijacking, or cloaking.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a news publisher rather than as a regulated financial-service provider. No licensing claim or license number is recorded in the supplied homepage analysis; for this business model, that is a disclosure point to clarify rather than evidence of deception. The available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified. The

registration record identifies GoDaddy.com, LLC as registrar, while the transport layer uses a valid domain-validated certificate issued by a known certificate authority.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage business model is recorded as advertising-supported publishing with subscription and donation revenue.
- The domain registrar is GoDaddy.com, LLC.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2027-02-10T23:59:59+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an enterprise or consumer should independently confirm the publishing entity through a separately sourced corporate or official contact channel. Subscription and donation users should review the applicable terms, cancellation and refund provisions, billing descriptor, and payment-protection options before completing a transaction. Independent confirmation of the official support and contact channels is also appropriate where account recovery or payment disputes may be involved.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents subscription, membership, and donation pathways that create account and payment-related exposure.
- Browser testing found no sensitive form, external password form, or wallet-connection behavior during the captured interaction.
- The captured page returned successfully in both observed browser runs, with no reported cloaking or hidden-form behavior.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The conclusion supports ordinary use, but operator identity remains independently unverified and therefore legitimacy should be described as evidence-consistent rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Cloudflare's CDN and WAF, with observed resolution involving Cloudflare edge infrastructure and a potential origin candidate. This arrangement is a meaningful exposure-mitigation measure for the public service, but protective hosting alone does not establish the operator's identity or legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- The site is served from AS13335, operated by CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- Observed Cloudflare edge IPs include 104.17.157.22, 104.17.158.22, 2606:4700::6811:9d16, and 2606:4700::6811:9e16.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; credentials or payments should follow independent entity confirmation, review of applicable terms, and use of available payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 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 theepochtimes.com.

- The request stayed on theepochtimes.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under GoDaddy.com, LLC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2030-12-17. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700::6811:9e16
Name servers	GRACIE.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM, JUSTIN.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
SSL issuer	Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36
SSL expiry	2027-02-10
Domain age	22.66 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2030-12-17
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about theepochtimes.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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