

The “Fake News” Controversy: Mainstream Media Used Fake Videos in Coverage of March Brussels Terror Attacks

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A smear campaign is currently underway accusing the alternative online media of producing “Fake News”.

Our analysis confirms that the mainstream media are routinely involved in distorting the facts and turning realities upside down.

They are the unspoken architects of “Fake News”.

In this regard, we bring to your attention a GR March 2016 which documents how Belgium’s TV news used “fake videos” in its report of the Brussels terrorist attacks. In fact it was a blogger who discovered that the media had broadcast video footage from a 2011 Moscow airport attack.

[A subsequent GR article](#) confirms the use of a fake video in the news coverage of the second bomb attack in the afternoon of March 22 at the Brussels Maelbeek Metro station. The TV report (which was broadcast Worldwide) used video footage from a 2011 terror attack in Minsk, Belarus.

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Brussels News media Dernière Heure at [dhnet.be](#) as well as La Libre reported on the terror attacks by providing a CC Camera Airport Surveillance Video of the terror attacks.

The published video footage was fake as documented by a [blog posting on Media Part](#).

The video pertains to a terror attack at Moscow’s Domodedovo airport on 24 January 2011 (posted on youtube in November 2013).

The report of DHnet.be on the Brussels airport attack used the video of the Moscow 2011 attack with the date of the Brussels attack: (22/03/2016) pasted onto the Russian video.

Below is the screenshot of DH's report.



Vidéo de surveillance au moment d'une des explosions à l'aéroport -...
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And the screenshot of La Libre at <http://lalibre.be>,

TOUS LES JOURS

<http://www.lalibre.be/.../zaventem-decouvrez-la-premiere-vid...>


La barbarie humaine

Zaventem: Découvrez la première vidéo de l'explosion (VIDEO)

Voici la première vidéo de l'explosion à Zaventem. On y voit plusieurs personnes s'échapper en courant tandis que d'autres sont projetées au sol.

LALIBRE.BE

And here is a screenshot of the January 2011 terror attack at Moscow's Domodedovo International Airport published on youtube in November 2013 followed by the full youtube video of the Moscow attack:



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В Московском областном суде вынесли приговор по делу о теракте в аэропорту Домодедово. Троице террористам дали пожизненное. Еще одного соучастника - Ахмеда Евлоева - приговорили к 10 годам. Пожизненные сроки получили братья Ислам и Илез Яндиевы, а также Башир Хамхоев.

According to [the BBC \(January 24, 2011\) report \(which includes the video\), the Moscow 2011 airport attack](#) resulted in 35 dead.

Both the DH and La Libre reports have since then been removed:

VIDÉO



Vidéo de surveillance au moment d'une des explosions à l'aéroport

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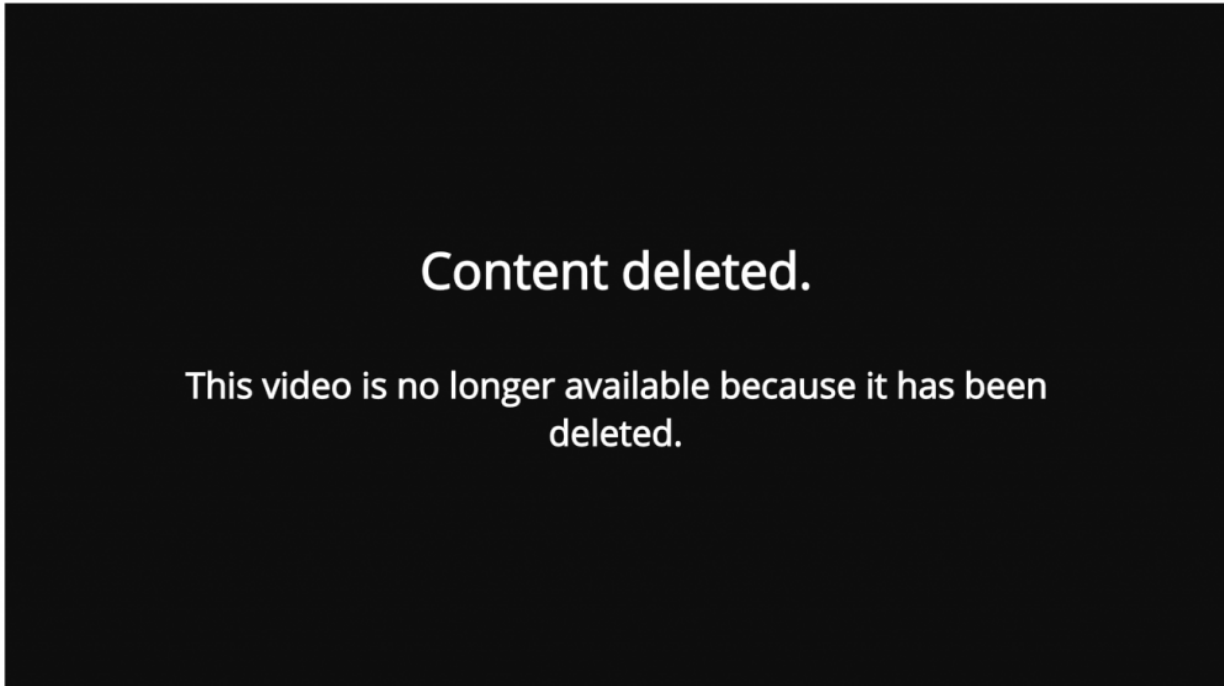
Publié le mardi 22 mars 2016 à 09h17

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source: <http://www.lalibre.be/recherche?query=video>

Was it sloppy journalism or media disinformation? Or profit? Did the Brussels media (mistakenly) rely on a fake video taken from social media or from video archives? The background audio in Russian was suppressed.

The CC camera video recordings at Brussels airport would not normally have been made available to journalists immediately after the attacks.

The video was posted on lalibre.be and dhnet.be at 9.07 am local time; the attacks took place at approximately 8am local time. The video was identified as an airport CC surveillance video. The timely decision to post this video indicating its source (Airport surveillance camera) was taken within less than an hour following the attacks.

Under the auspices of airport security, the video would normally have been made available to police investigators prior to a later decision to making it public.

Update

The official media through an RTL Belgique report acknowledged that the video was fake, pointing to the spreading of rumors on the internet. What the RTL report fails to acknowledge is that the "rumor" was spread by a powerful mainstream media, which produced one of the first documented video reports within an hour of the announcement of the attacks, shortly after 8.00am. In all likelihood, they took it from their archives and inserted it into their report.

Attentats à Bruxelles: attention aux fausses rumeurs qui circulent sur le web (vidéos)

Publié le 22 mars 2016 à 14h19 , mis à jour à 15h52 | 👁 2709 | 💬

RTL Belgique at rtl.be

<http://www.rtl.be/info/belgique/faits-divers/attentats-a-bruxelles-attention-aux-fausse-rumeurs-qui-circulent-sur-le-web-vidéos-804189.aspx>

Patric Jean on his Blog on the internet (see below) saw the fallacy and accused La Dernière Heure (DH.be), one of Belgium's largest dailies (in print and online) of deliberately digging up a fake video in its March 22 report 9.07am, -i.e. promoting sensationalism to increase profits. "I could not imagine that the editors of a national daily would cynically publish a fake video of an attack less than an hour after its occurrence"

Quand un journal rentabilise immédiatement un attentat

22 MARS 2016 | PAR PATRICJEAN | BLOG : LE BLOG DE PATRIC JEAN

L'attentat de l'aéroport de Bruxelles à peine commis, "La Dernière Heure", un des principaux quotidiens du pays, publie la vidéo surveillance de l'explosion. Sauf qu'il s'agit d'une veille vidéo russe. Ce bidouillage volontaire n'a qu'un seul but: provoquer un maximum de clics, quitte à montrer n'importe quoi.

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Je reconnais être moi-même tombé dans le panneau. Difficile d'imaginer que la rédaction d'un quotidien national puisse cyniquement publier une fausse vidéo d'un attentat moins d'une heure après celui-ci. J'ai donc partagé via Twitter le lien du journal belge "La Dernière Heure". On y voit les images de vidéo surveillance relatant l'attentat dans le hall de l'aéroport de Zaventem.



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