



Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>

Error in Clinton/Gabbard/Grooming story

1 message

Bryan White <zebrafactcheck@gmail.com>
To: maarten@leadstories.com

Mon, Oct 21, 2019 at 11:50 AM

Dear Maarten Schenk,

While preparing a story on *Lead Stories'* would-be debunking of *National Review's* article saying Hillary Clinton said Russian was grooming Tulsi Gabbard, I noticed a fairly clear-cut error.

The story originated from [an article](#) (archived [here](#)) published by The National Review on October 18, 2019 under the title "Hillary Clinton Claims Russians 'Grooming' Tulsi Gabbard as Third-Party Candidate".

The problem is one of chronology. The fact check asserts that the story "originated" with *National Review*. The publishing time stamp for the *National Review* story was 11:48 a.m. [But the Daily Beast published a parallel story the hour before](#), wearing a 10:49 a.m. time stamp (Oct. 18, 2019).

The *Daily Beast* story ran with this headline:

Hillary Clinton Appears to Claim Russians 'Grooming' Tulsi Gabbard to Run as Third-Party Candidate

Lead Stories should either clarify how *National Review* originated the story an hour after the *Daily Beast* published, or else run a correction correctly identifying which publisher originated the story. Alternatively, *Lead Stories* could run a correction omitting as unfounded the claim *National Review* originated the story.

Cheers.

--

Sincerely,

Bryan W. White
editor
zebrafactcheck.com