



What do critics say about Bellingcat?



Critics of Bellingcat have argued that the organization is biased in favor of Western governments and against enemies of those governments. Additionally, many of the site's contributors have backgrounds that suggest they are biased in favor of Western governments and against enemies of those governments. This has led some to question the independence of Bellingcat's reporting. Furthermore, due to the reliance on open source information and reliance on volunteers, the accuracy of Bellingcat's reporting has come into question. This is particularly true in cases where the organization has relied heavily on eyewitness accounts or social media posts [5].

[5] <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/05/world/europe/bellingcat-ukraine-malaysia-airlines>.



What are examples of Bellingcat's bias for western governments and against their enemies?



Examples of Bellingcat's bias for Western governments and against their enemies can be seen in the organization's reports on the downing of MH17, the use of chemical weapons in Syria, and the poisoning of Alexei Navalny. In the case of MH17, Bellingcat's reports have sought to implicate Russian forces in the downing of the jet, while overlooking the involvement of Ukrainian forces. In the case of Syria, Bellingcat's reports have consistently blamed the Assad regime for the use of chemical weapons, while downplaying or ignoring evidence of involvement by rebel forces. In the case of Navalny, Bellingcat's reports have sought to implicate the Russian government in his poisoning, while ignoring evidence of involvement by other actors [6].

[6] <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/dec/17/bellingcat-verification-prime-suspect-downing-mh17-shot-down-by-russ>