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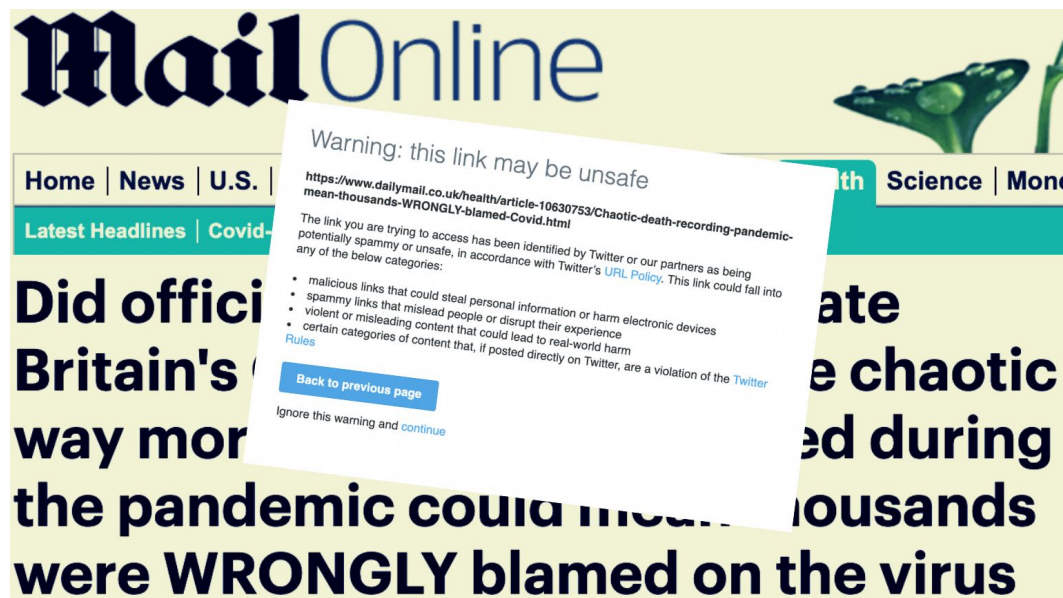
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## Twitter blocked links to Daily Mail article that questioned Covid death stats

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By Christina Maas(<https://reclaimthenet.org/author/christina-maas/>) Posted 10:02 am

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**Update: Twitter appeared to stop blocking links to the article at around 10.35AM EDT. The original article follows.**

Twitter has put a warning on an article from the UK's Daily Mail, one of the biggest news outlets in the country, that describes the article as potentially being "unsafe."

The [article \(https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-10630753/Chaotic-death-recording-pandemic-mean-thousands-WRONGLY-blamed-Covid.html\)](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-10630753/Chaotic-death-recording-pandemic-mean-thousands-WRONGLY-blamed-Covid.html) is written by the newspaper's deputy health editor, Eve Simmons, and discusses how official government figures vastly overstated the COVID-19 death rate due to bad reporting.

## Did official figures overestimate Britain's Covid death toll? The chaotic way mortalities were recorded during the pandemic could mean thousands were **WRONGLY** blamed on the virus

By [EVE SIMMONS](#), DEPUTY HEALTH EDITOR FOR THE MAIL ON SUNDAY

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Did official figures overestimate Britain's grim Covid death toll?

It's a question that has been asked persistently by medics and members of the public alike almost since the start of the pandemic.

First, disturbing stories emerged from bereaved relatives of terminally ill patients who died from the disease they'd battled, only to be posthumously labelled Covid victims.

Then health chiefs admitted, embarrassingly, that the numbers they'd been feeding the Government were only an approximation – provoking fury from Ministers.

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“Warning: this link may be unsafe,” Twitter displays when users go to click the link to the article.

“The link you are trying to access has been identified by Twitter or our partners as being potentially spammy or unsafe, in accordance with Twitter’s URL Policy,” it says at the time of writing.

It’s unclear who these “partners” are that have called for the censorship of the article.

“Health chiefs admitted, embarrassingly, that the numbers they’d been feeding the Government were only an approximation – provoking fury from Ministers,” the article reads.

“More recently it was revealed that a quarter of Omicron deaths included in the daily figures did not, in fact, list Covid as a primary cause.

“More than two years since Covid-19 emerged, many feel they want a simple answer: how many were killed by this virus?

Twitter’s URL blocking feature is often used for articles that are thought to be a security risk or for URLs that pose a phishing attack risk. Yet, this URL is to a prominent mainstream media article and isn’t the type of warning that Twitter usually uses to try and discredit a news story; it tends to favor “misinformation” labels for that.

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