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**Subject:** Re: CEN investigation - BuzzFeed posts

I think leave the body copy as-is and just put the note at the top

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 11:54 AM, Robert Colvile <robert.colvile@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Hi both,

This is now in the very final stages, so we need to decide how to treat pieces we wrote based on CEN's images/copy. These are the pieces we've tracked down so far:

[www.buzzfeed.com/wesshock/13-sexy-girls-pics-with-coffins-81p6](http://www.buzzfeed.com/wesshock/13-sexy-girls-pics-with-coffins-81p6) (now deleted)

[www.buzzfeed.com/lukelewis/this-is-what-happens-when-your-leave-the-hot-tap-running-all](http://www.buzzfeed.com/lukelewis/this-is-what-happens-when-your-leave-the-hot-tap-running-all)

[www.buzzfeed.com/rossalynwarren/a-dog-gave-birth-to-green-puppies-in-spain](http://www.buzzfeed.com/rossalynwarren/a-dog-gave-birth-to-green-puppies-in-spain)

[www.buzzfeed.com/nicolamedinamora/black-death-plague-surfaces-in-china-and-forces-government-t](http://www.buzzfeed.com/nicolamedinamora/black-death-plague-surfaces-in-china-and-forces-government-t) (proper news story, we just bought the pic)

[www.buzzfeed.com/alisonvingiano/this-man-says-his-justin-bieber-ringtone-saved-him-from-a-be](http://www.buzzfeed.com/alisonvingiano/this-man-says-his-justin-bieber-ringtone-saved-him-from-a-be) (debunked, needs to be updated)

[www.buzzfeed.com/gaetan/un-jeu-vidao-japonais-tras-sexuel-crae-la-pola-fnga](http://www.buzzfeed.com/gaetan/un-jeu-vidao-japonais-tras-sexuel-crae-la-pola-fnga) (community post)

[www.buzzfeed.com/mattfraserlong/12-unbelievably-easy-ways-for-motorists-to-save-ca-xnxx](http://www.buzzfeed.com/mattfraserlong/12-unbelievably-easy-ways-for-motorists-to-save-ca-xnxx) (community post)

[www.buzzfeed.com/alanwhite/german-builders-say-this-pavement-swastika-was-an-innocent-m](http://www.buzzfeed.com/alanwhite/german-builders-say-this-pavement-swastika-was-an-innocent-m)

[www.buzzfeed.com/alanwhite/a-man-in-china-apparently-ended-up-riddled-with-tapeworm-par](http://www.buzzfeed.com/alanwhite/a-man-in-china-apparently-ended-up-riddled-with-tapeworm-par) (already corrected)

[www.buzzfeed.com/bustle/selfie-diet-helps-icelandic-woman-shed-100-pound-16alw](http://www.buzzfeed.com/bustle/selfie-diet-helps-icelandic-woman-shed-100-pound-16alw) (partner post)

As you can see, there aren't actually that many - and Alison's is the only one we've conclusively debunked.

Given recent controversy, think we should steer clear of deleting the posts outright. Would suggest instead that we replace the pics in the Black Death story (adding update given reasoning), update Alison's piece and Alan's X-ray piece, as they feature in the CEN investigation (Alan can liaise with Alison), and add a new top subbuzz to the others along the lines of:

'This article was based on material provided by the CEN news agency, which BuzzFeed News no longer views as a credible or trustworthy journalistic organisation, for reasons explained here [LINK]. We have been unable to verify its accuracy independently.'

The question then is whether we also delete the body copy below that - personally, it feels more transparent to leave it there, so people can see what we bought/wrote, but you may feel otherwise.

We'll also appeal in the investigation piece itself for others to flag up any pieces we've missed - and make clear the quantity of CEN material that others are using, which massively outweighs our own.

Best,

Rob

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