

Hackers mimic Huffington Post's Twitter feed

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(AP) -- A Huffington Post spokesman says the left-leaning news and opinion Web site was not hacked when a Twitter social network feed emerged in its name and began issuing insults with a conservative bent.

Mario Ruiz tells The Associated Press in an e-mail Saturday that the account isn't operated by The <u>Huffington Post</u>, but was set up to appear as though it was. He followed up later Saturday to say that <u>Twitter</u> had suspended the account.

Some Twitter subscribers earlier Saturday mistook the mimicked <u>feed</u> for The Huffington Post's own commentary when they were alerted to it by other Twitter users. The feed included mostly unpublishable insults about political and media figures, including President Barack Obama and MSNBC commentator Keith Olbermann.

There also was an admonition to "Vote McCain" in 2012.

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