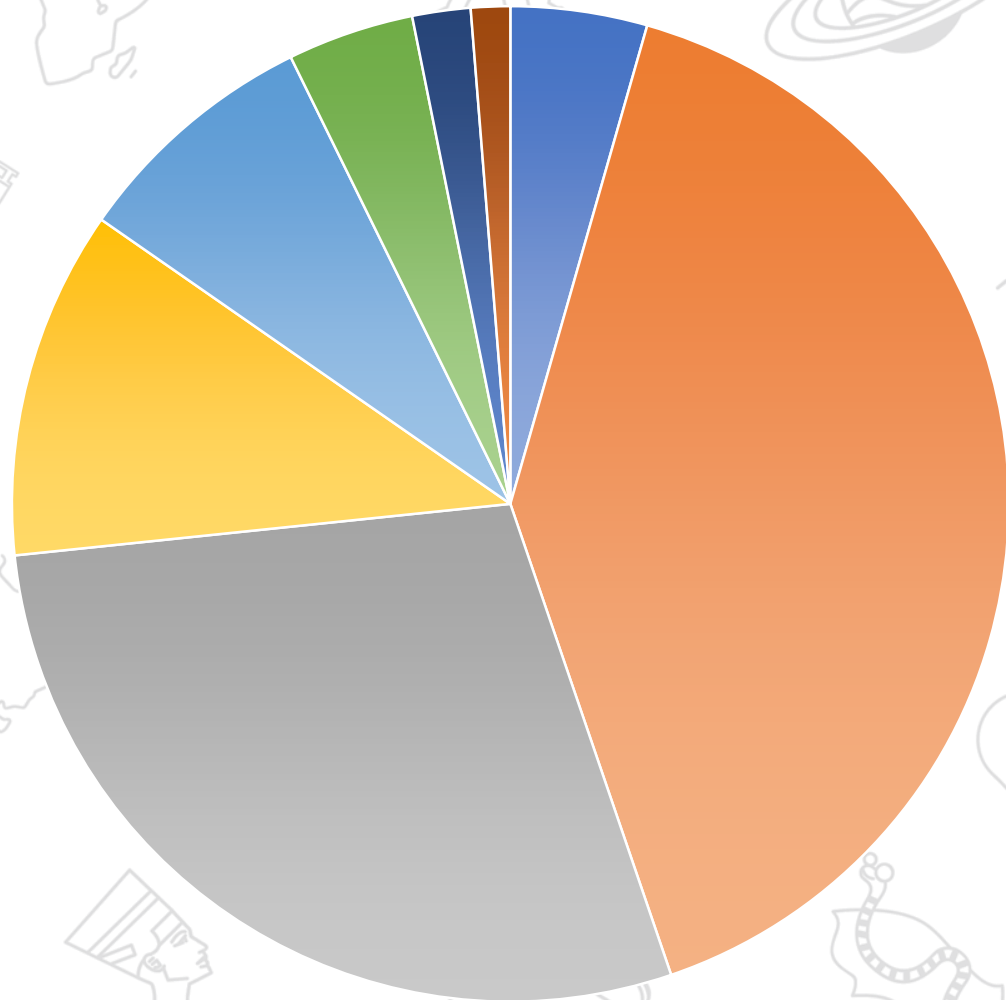


“I’m Sorry About What I Did in 2006”: When You Shouldn't Assume Good Faith When Editing Wikipedia

Robert Fernandez
Wikimedia District of Columbia
Wikimania 2017



WIKIMEDIA
DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA



■ Absolute genius

■ Good, well-sourced edits

■ Meh

■ Well-meaning, but inaccurate

■ Drunk, but accurate

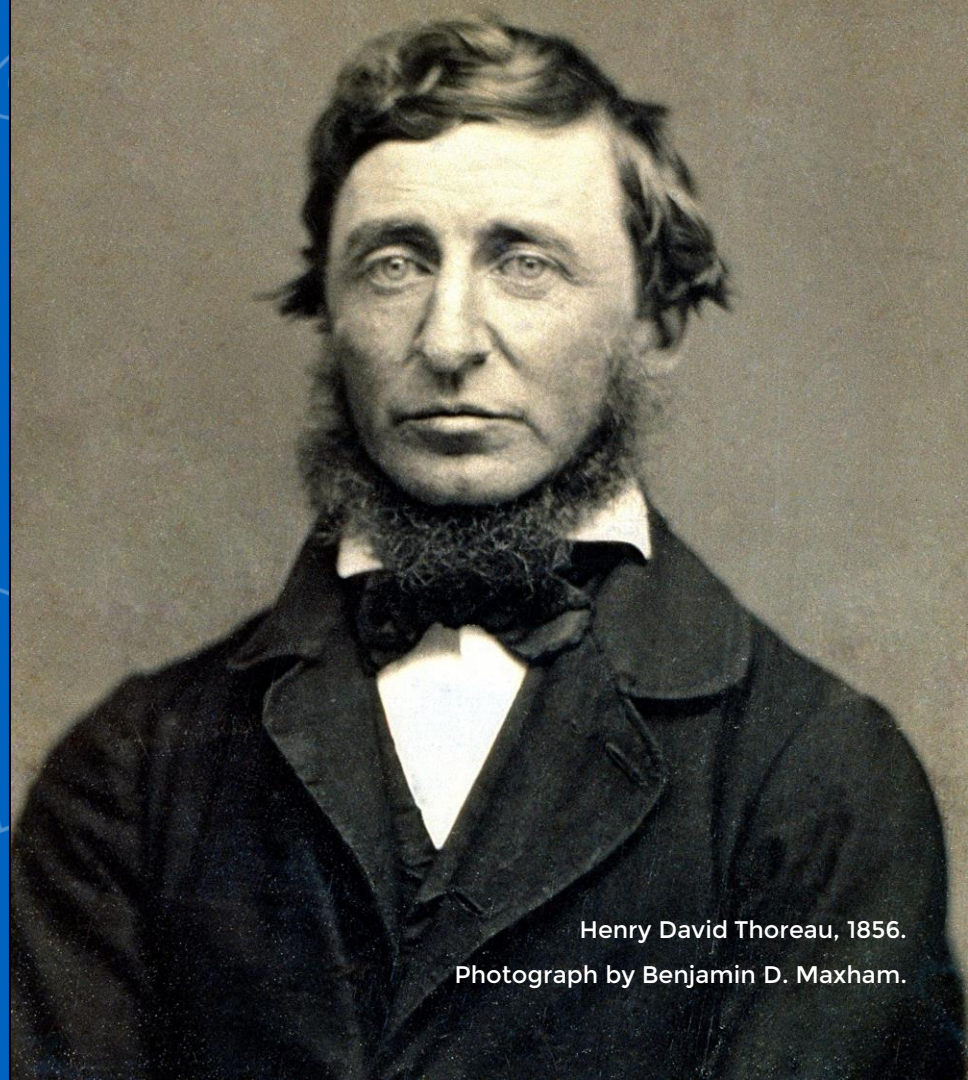
■ Drunk, but inaccurate

■ Drunk vandalism

■ Sober vandalism

Thoreau also wore a neck-beard for many years, which he insisted many women found attractive. However, Louisa May Alcott reportedly mentioned to Emerson that Thoreau's facial hair "will most assuredly deflect amorous advances and preserve the man's virtue in perpetuity." Thoreau did in fact die a virgin.

[[Henry David Thoreau]], English Wikipedia, 21 Dec. 2007.
https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Henry_David_Thoreau&oldid=179402925

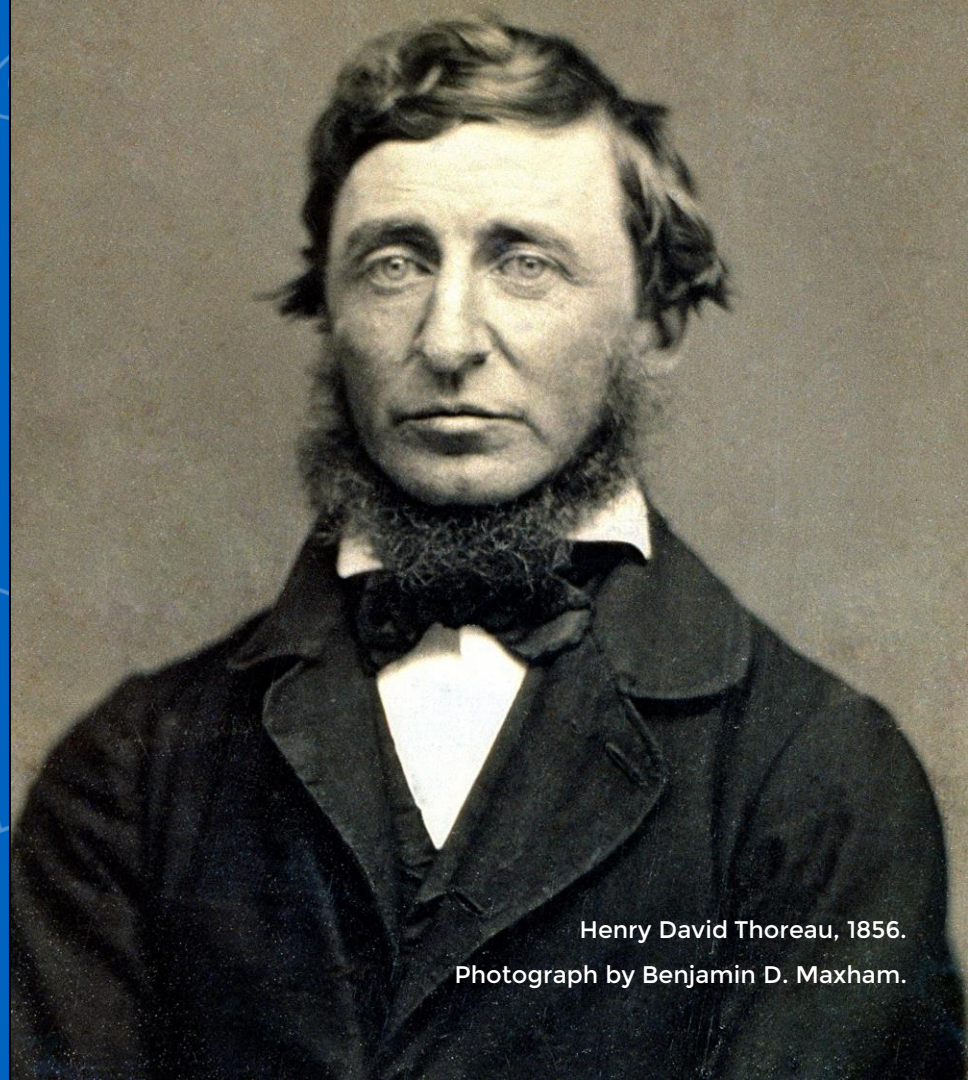


Henry David Thoreau, 1856.

Photograph by Benjamin D. Maxham.

...preserve the man's virtue in perpetuity." Thoreau did in fact die a virgin.<ref>Gilman, William, et al, The Journals and Miscellaneous Notebooks of Ralph Waldo Emerson"16 vols. (Cambridge, Mass 1960-)"</ref>

[[Henry David Thoreau]], English Wikipedia, 21 Dec. 2007.
https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Henry_David_Thoreau&oldid=179463427



Henry David Thoreau, 1856.

Photograph by Benjamin D. Maxham.

Trust but verify

Read the whole Thoreau story here:

West, Jessamyn (2015-04-13). ["How to lie with Wikipedia"](#). *Medium*. Retrieved 2017-08-05.

