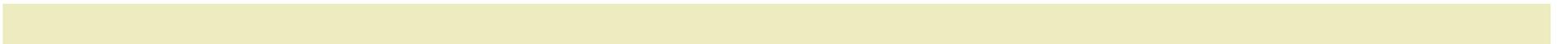


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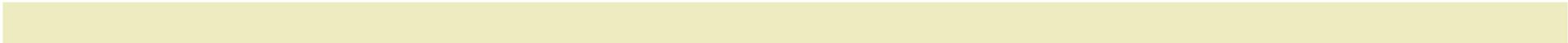
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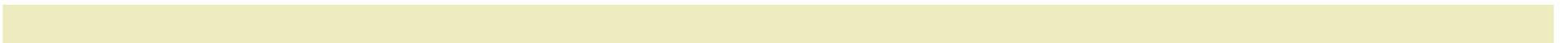
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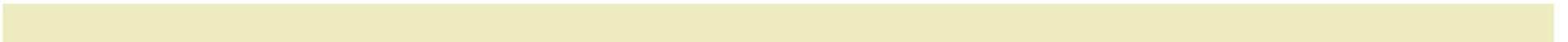
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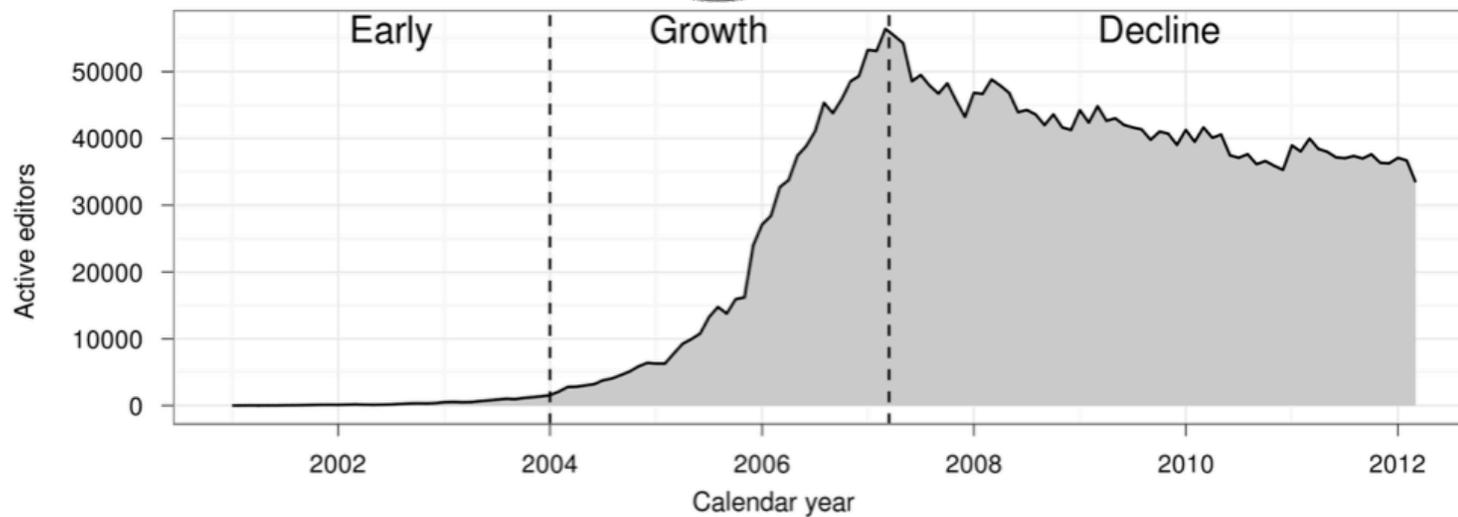


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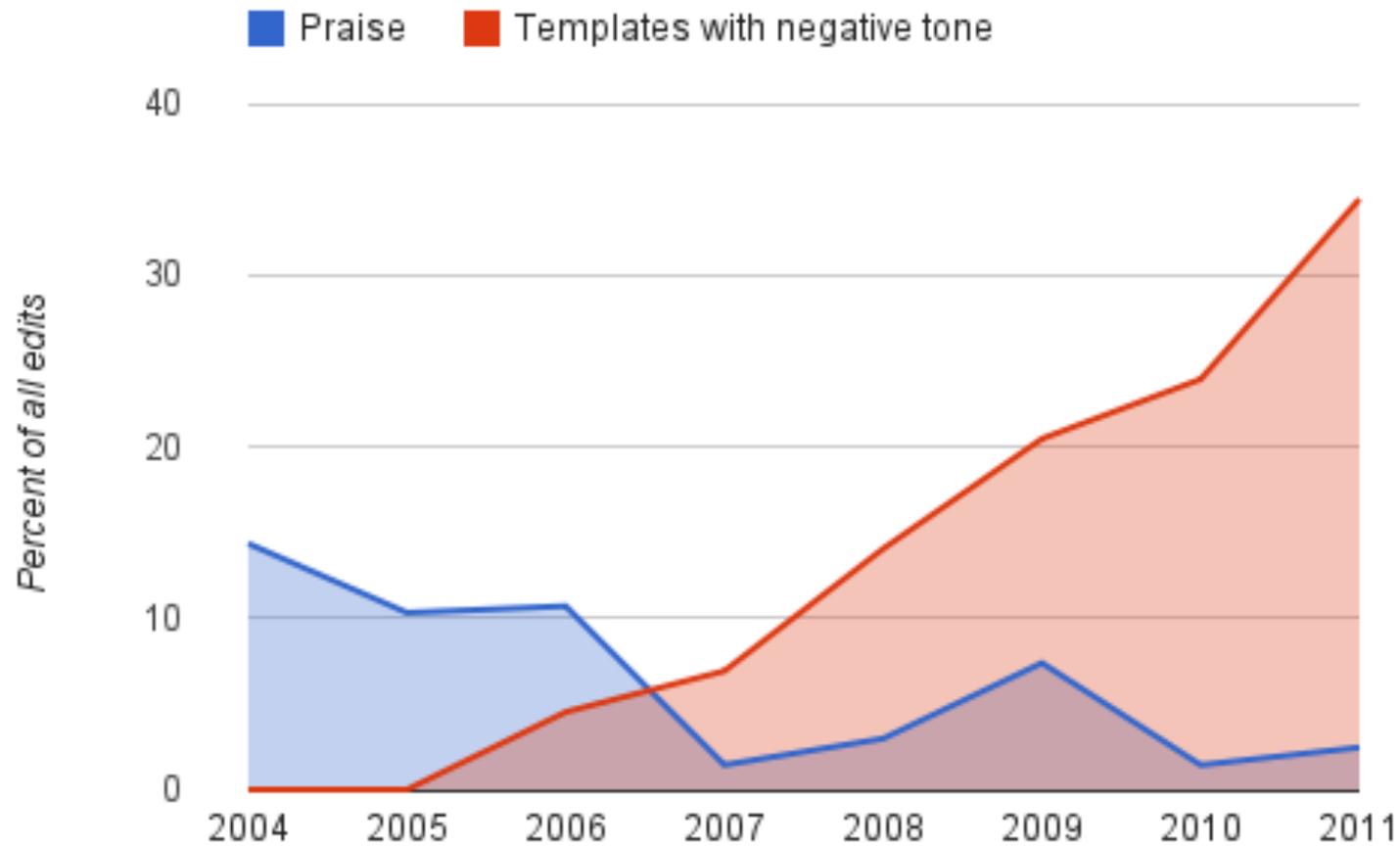


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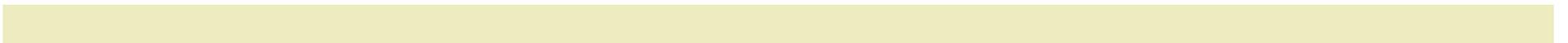
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Clear video game backlog?

[\[edit\]](#)

There is a discussion going on at the **Video games WikiProject** about cleaning out the backlog for **video game nominations**. As you know, there are some month-old GANs that are in need of reviewing there, but there are also second opinion requests for these as well. If anyone is willing to step up and clear out the backlog, please do so. Thanks, **Lord Sjones23** ([talk - contributions](#)) 05:19, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

The backlog there is due to one editor who has burnt a few bridges when it comes to reviewers. **AIRcorn** ([talk](#)) 05:48, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

Yes, he has burnt a few bridges when it comes to reviewers. The editor in question, Niemi, is currently the subject of an ongoing **RFC** for disruptive behavior related to video game articles and it seems unlikely he'll be responsive to the RFC. At this point, what is the best possible solution? **Lord Sjones23** ([talk - contributions](#)) 06:07, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

I have no idea. A limit on how many nominations an editor could have at once would help with the backlog in these situations at least, but that has failed to get consensus the last few times it has been proposed. It also doesn't solve the underlying issue. I guess we could propose a motion to ban them from submitting articles here, but I don't know whether that would gain consensus either. There is no real ban worthy issue with the nominations that I can think of. It just seems to be a case of an editor that doesn't play well with others. **AIRcorn** ([talk](#)) 06:41, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

Part of the RFC is about his behaviour at GANs as detailed [here](#). Niemi (as HanzoHattori) was previously banned because of chronic incivility and inability to cooperate with others back in 2008, was unbanned in 2012 and he narrowly avoided that same fate this past November. We should go ask the VG project about this matter. **Lord Sjones23** ([talk - contributions](#)) 06:48, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

I would say that any decisions regarding his Good articles should be discussed/made here (or even better at **WT:GAN** as it has a higher traffic flow). Looking at the VG thread most of the respondents seem to have wiped their hands of this. **AIRcorn** ([talk](#)) 07:03, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

I have started a centralised discussion at the **GAN talk page** and I also feel that this backlog cleanup needs to happen *sooner* rather than later. The discussion can be found at **Wikipedia talk:Good article nominations#Clearing out the VG backlog**. Please direct your comments there. **Lord Sjones23** ([talk - contributions](#)) 17:28, 14 February 2013 (UTC)

Really need a qualified 2nd Opinion on **Talk:Thomas Traherne/GA1**

[\[edit\]](#)

I nominated **Thomas Traherne** for GA in December, it finally got a reviewer (**User:Michael!**) but from his comments he seems to not have read large swaths of the article he's reviewing, admitted he's not qualified to finish the review right from the start, and exhibits being rather oblivious to policies/guidelines. His rigor seems to be demanding the scrutiny of a FAC, asking for expansion of content that goes beyond the wise limits of **WP:SUMMARY** and **WP:DETAIL** and frankly inappropriate for a simple GA nomination. I'd like a second opinion from a qualified reviewer, because his comments are becoming incredibly frustrating.--**ColonelHenry** ([talk](#)) 17:10, 14 March 2013 (UTC)

Blocked reviewer

[\[edit\]](#)

I posted this at the **help desk**, but have been advised to take it here. I'm in the process of having **Bradley Wiggins** reviewed, but the reviewer **GAtechnical** has been given an indefinite block. Of course I'm not going to wait until it's lifted, if ever. What's my next move? Does it need to be closed and renominated? **BaldBoris** 17:47, 14 March 2013 (UTC)

Interesting. I don't know whether you should close & renominate because that would look like the GAR failed. It seems that **GAtechnical** is the sock of a banned user, not just simply blocked. So, why don't you go and remove **GAtechnical** as the reviewer? What you'd need then is a new reviewer. Someone from this project might pitch in, or you could post notices on the talk pages of the various WikiProjects which pertain to your article. It looks like you've already addressed the editing concerns, so the review should be quick. (Sorry, I'm not in a **WP:DIY** mood right now. ☺).-- **S. Rich** ([talk](#)) 18:27, 14 March 2013 (UTC)

GAN discussion

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After Futuretrillionaire quick-failed **Jill Valentine** due to sourcing concerns as explained at **RSN**, a discussion about GANs has started over at **WT:GAN#Problem: reviewers often not**

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● What WikiProjects are

- Group workspaces
- Anyone can create or join one
- No official control over anything
- Been around since the early days of WP
- 1000s of them on en.wiki
- 100s(?) more across Wikimedia projects

● What WikiProjects do

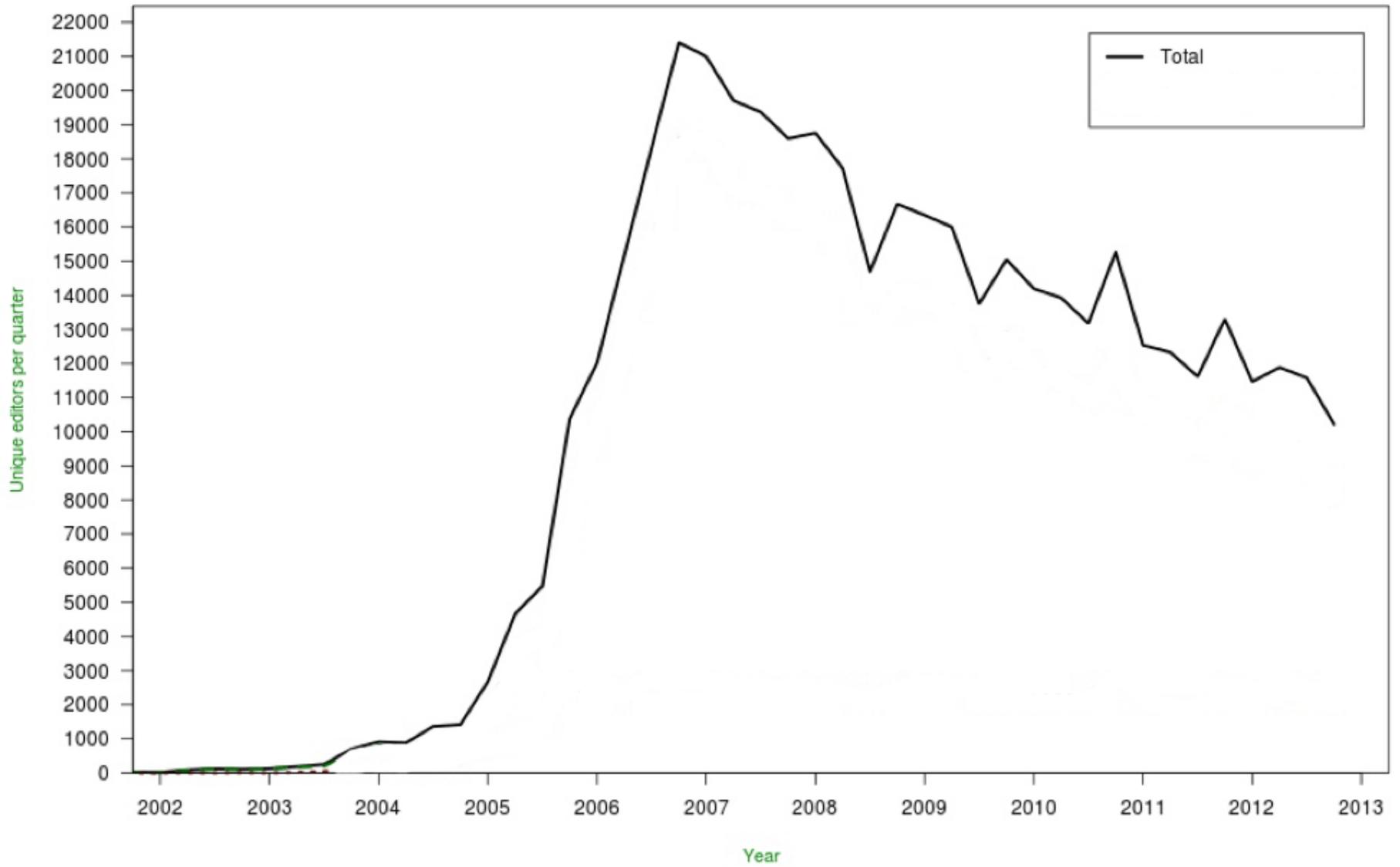
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- Develop & apply content standards and assessment criteria
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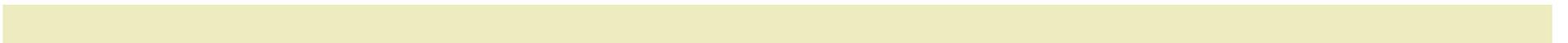
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● WikiProjects: conventional view



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Goals: producing and curating content

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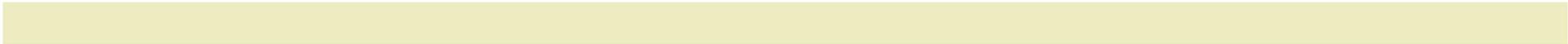
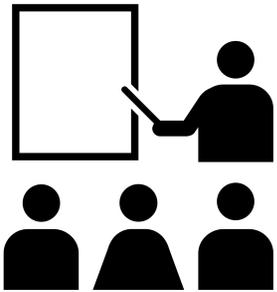
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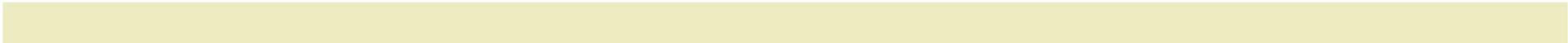
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● Editing across topics

wikify (*third-person singular simple present **wikifies**, present participle **wikifying**, simple past and past participle **wikified***)

1. (*transitive, of text or other content*) To adapt to the standards and facilities of an existing **wiki**.

*As a starting point, I've **wikified** an article I wrote a while ago.*

“I consider the process really important. **One of the greatest improvements I've made to an article was just through wikifying it.**”

~ Member, *WikiProject Wikify*

Editing meta-content

Main page Discussion Scope Guidelines Templates Participants Newsletter

Welcome to the Wikipedia Help Project!

This is a centralized project for improving and maintaining Wikipedia's help system.
For information on WikiProjects in general, see [Wikipedia:WikiProjects](#).

The current project collaboration is **Assessment** of help pages.

Assessed quality: **29%** complete

Assessed importance: **14.5%** complete

The trouble with help pages [\[edit\]](#)

The help pages of Wikipedia are a rabbit warren of various types of pages, written to differing levels of technical expertise and in widely varying styles. The [Shortcuts:](#)

“I'd been interested in a lot of this meta stuff and I'd kind of touched on Help pages before and made a few edits... I saw someone had proposed this project to improve the help pages and I thought "God, yes they really do need improving”

~ Member, *WikiProject Help*

Community maintenance

project editor retention
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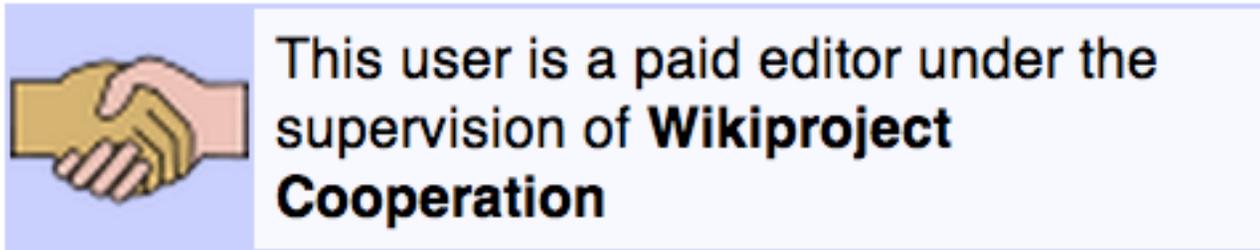
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~ *WikiProject Editor Retention*

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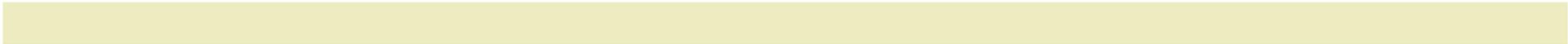
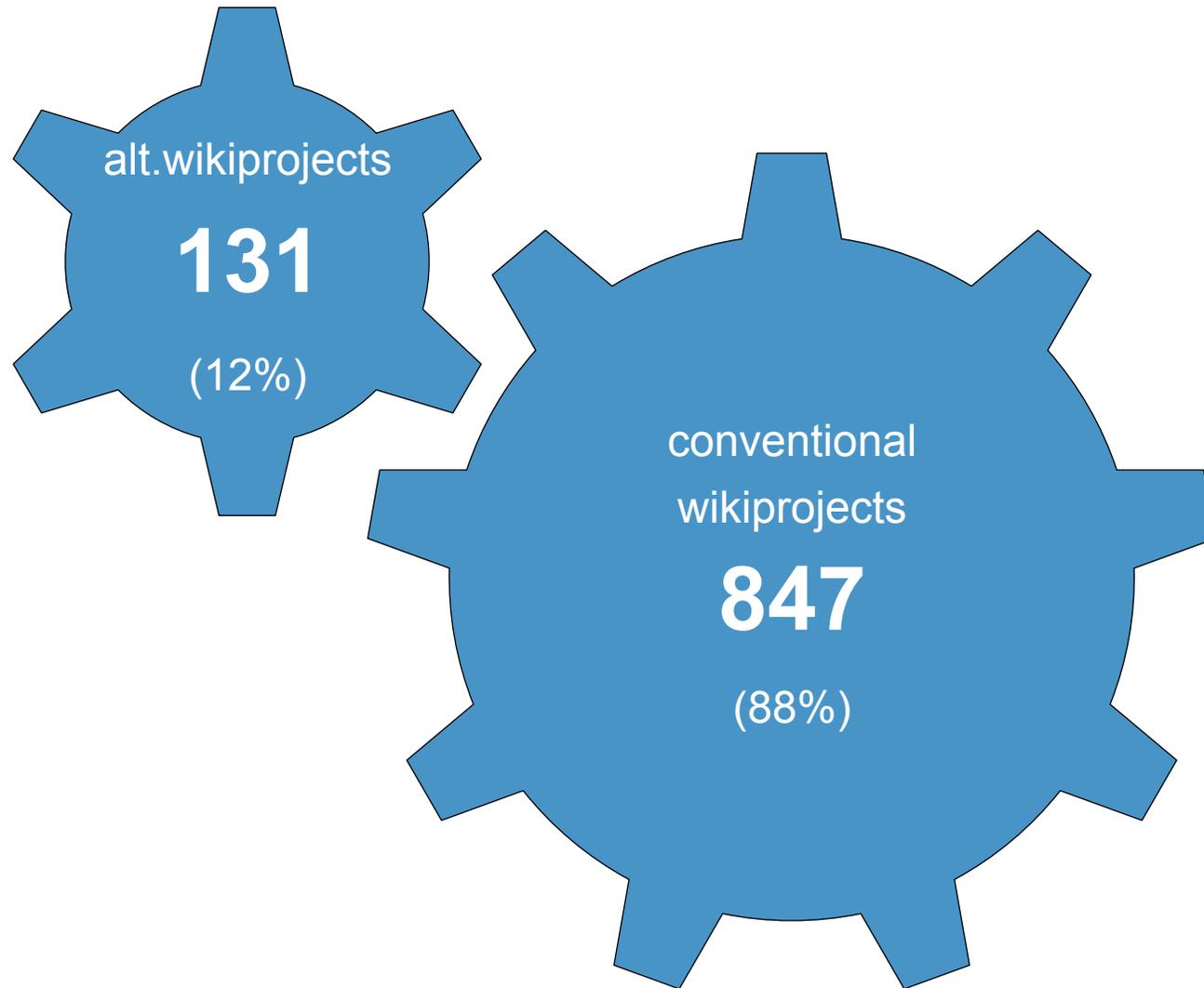
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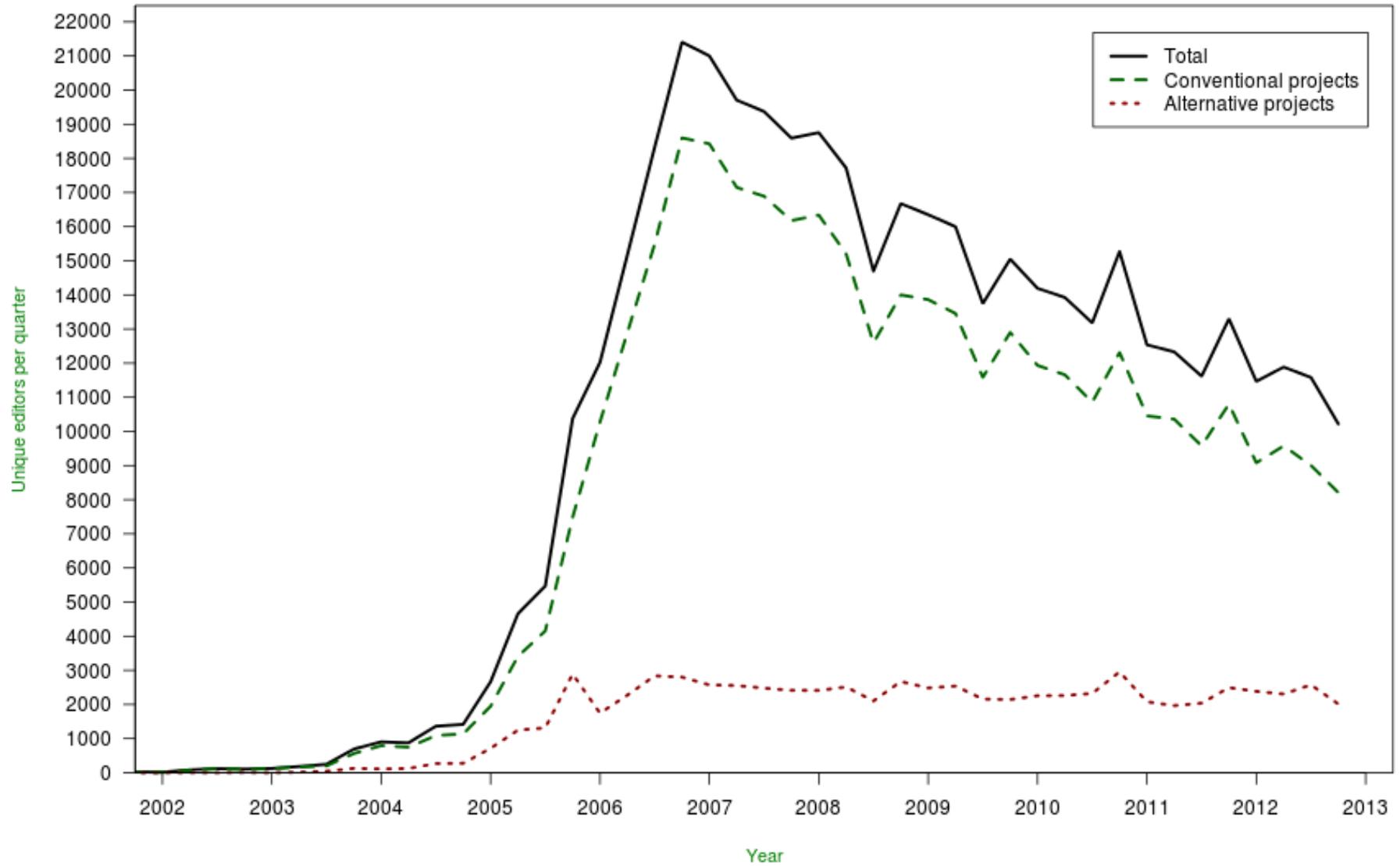
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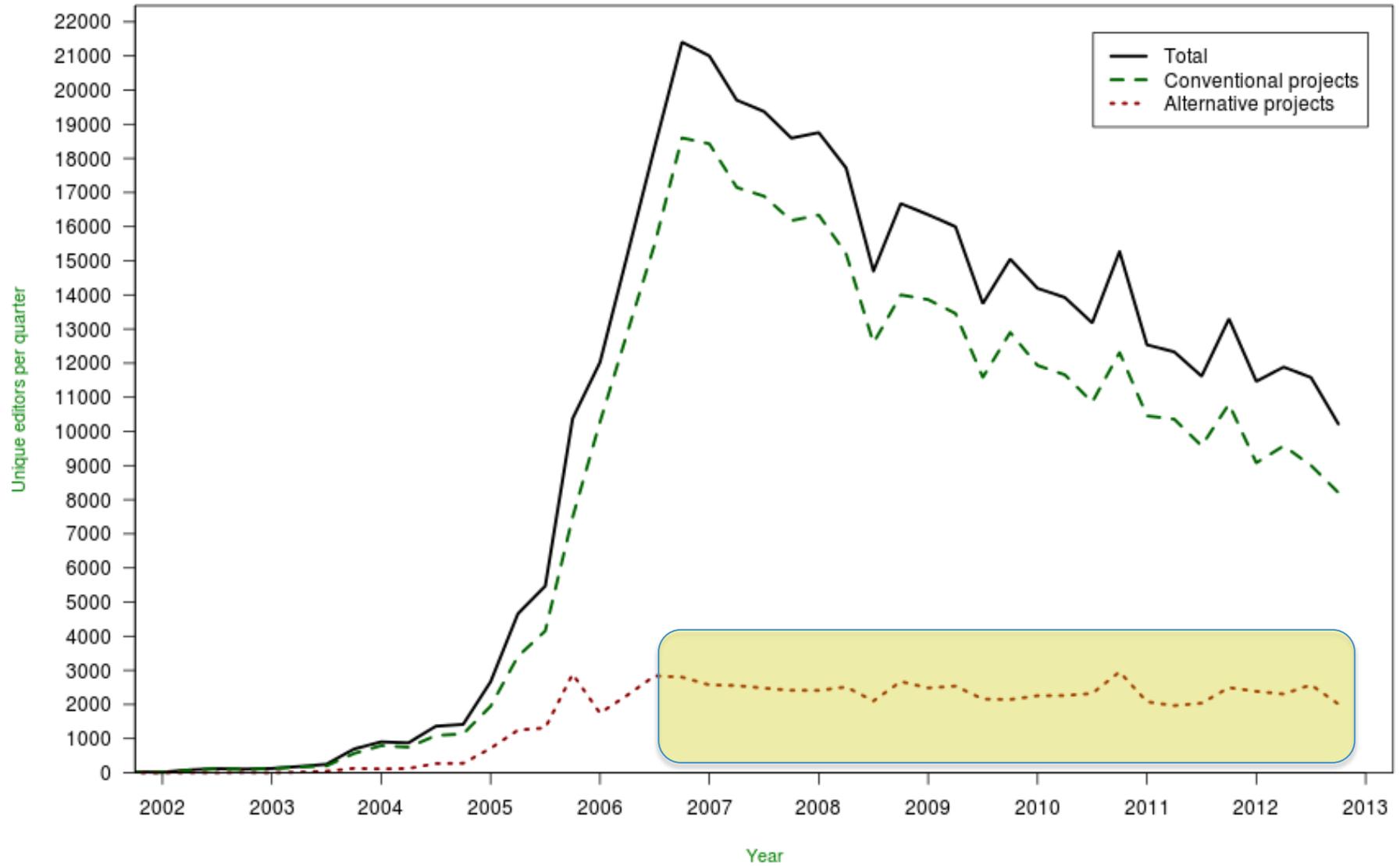
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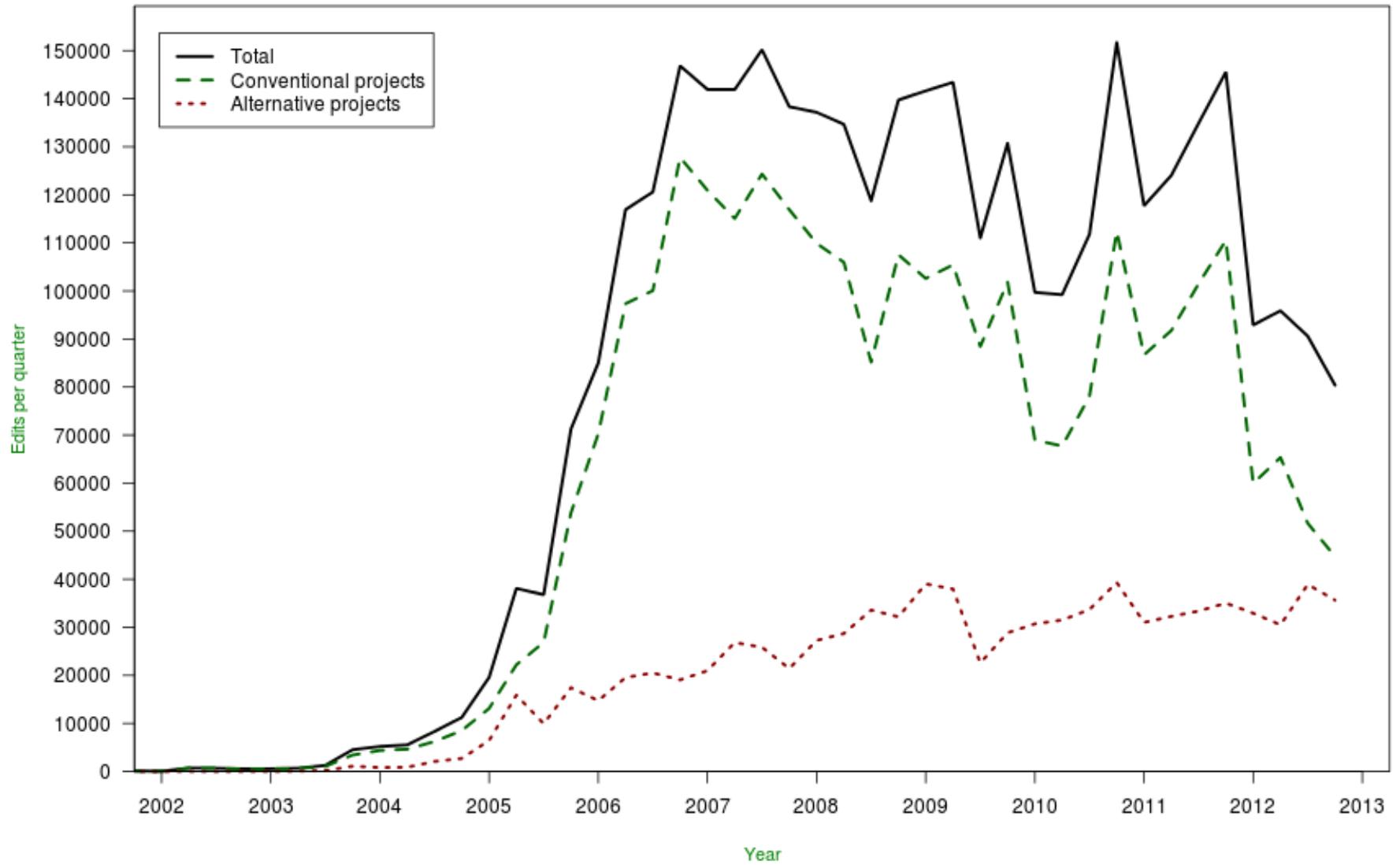
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Outline

- What are the consequences?
 - for WikiProjects



● Maintaining momentum



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“WikiProjects that are gathered around specific article subjects might lose steam once coverage of that subject becomes more complete.”

~ Member *WikiProject*
Unreferenced BLP Rescue

● Getting noticed

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Reconnaissance satellite



Model of a German SAR-Lupe
reconnaissance satellite inside a
Cosmos-3M rocket

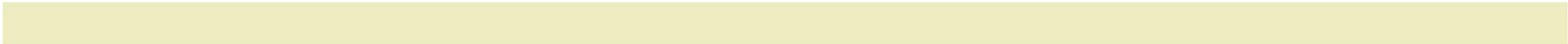
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“The main motive [for WikiProject TAFI] was to create a good enough framework for all editors and collaborators to come in... **It was as much of a "Rope in the newcomers" thing as "Improve the important articles"**”

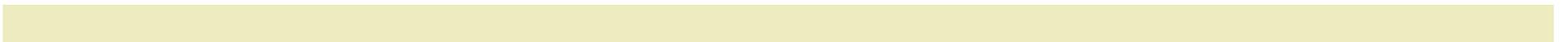
~ Member, *WikiProject Today's Article for Improvement*

- Working with the tools available



Outline

- What are the consequences?
 - for English Wikipedia



● Harder to maintain quality

● Category:Unassessed-Class articles

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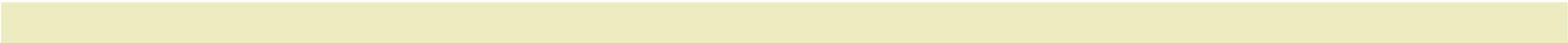
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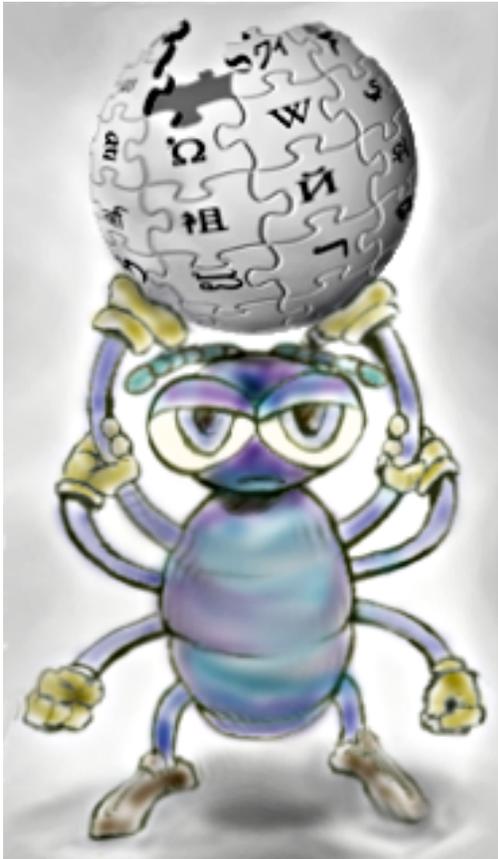
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● Harder to increase coverage



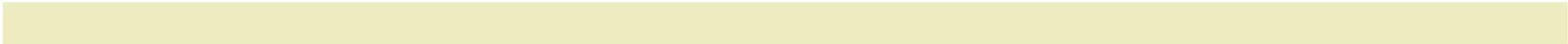
“The Wikipedia project suffers systemic bias that naturally grows from its contributors' demographic groups, manifesting an imbalanced coverage of a subject, thereby discriminating against the less represented demographic groups.”

~ WikiProject countering systemic bias

- Harder to fostering collaboration

Collaborative**Helpful**
Arrogant**Intelligent**
Dumb**Unfriendly**
Friendly

Rude



Outline

- What's next for WikiProjects?



● Connect newcomers with projects



teahouse

Hello! **Mcgroth**, you are invited to the [Teahouse](#), a forum on Wikipedia for new editors to ask questions about editing Wikipedia, and get support from peers and experienced editors. Please join us! [Sarah \(talk\)](#) 13:15, 23 May 2012 (UTC)

● Build better collaboration tools

Hot articles edit

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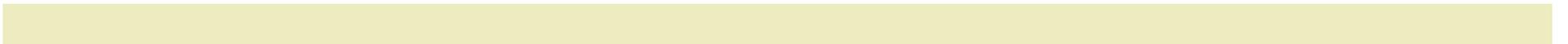
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● Create new projects!



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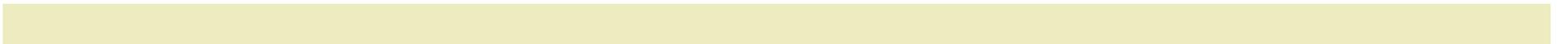


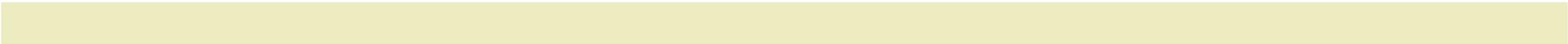
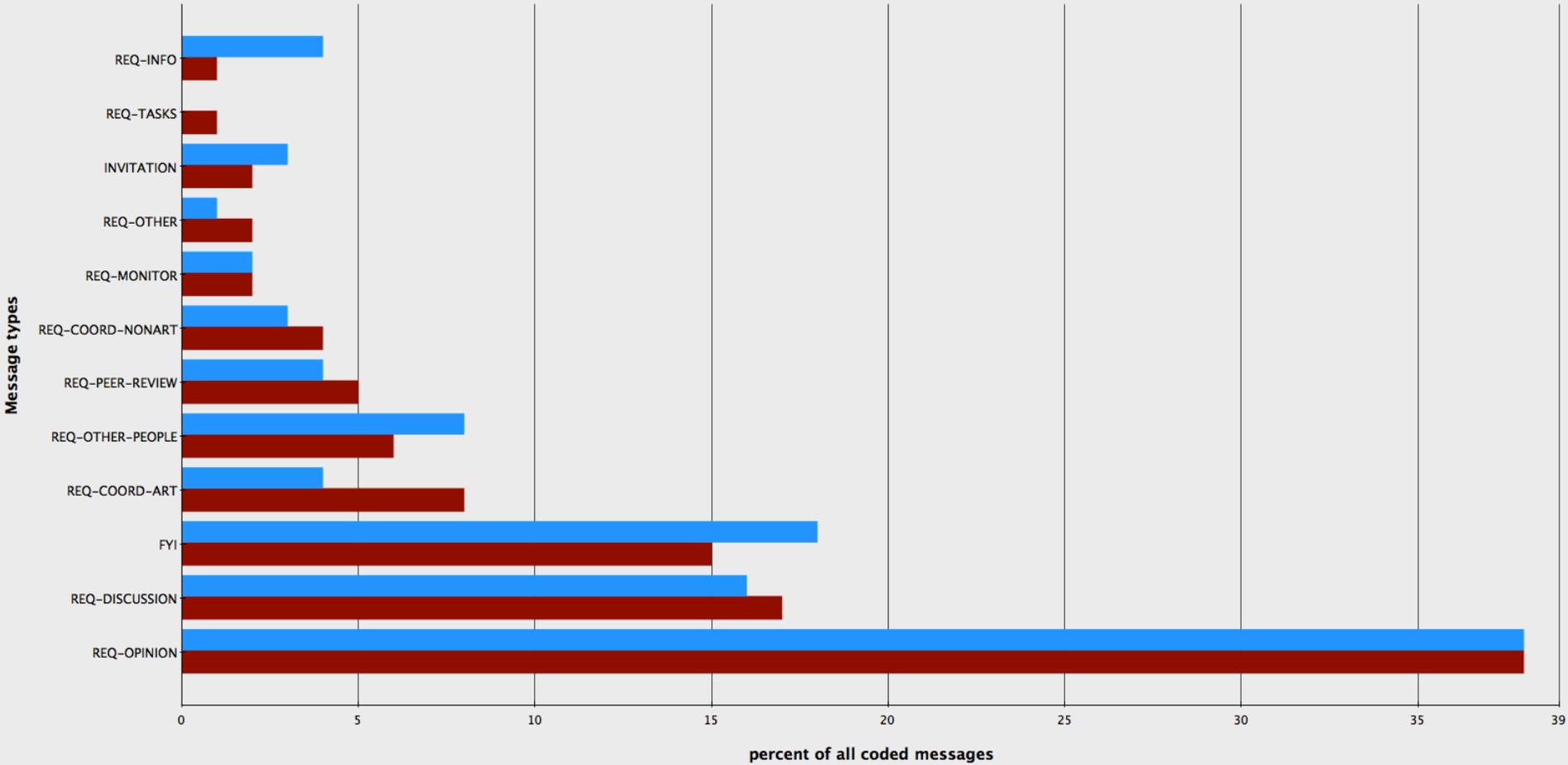
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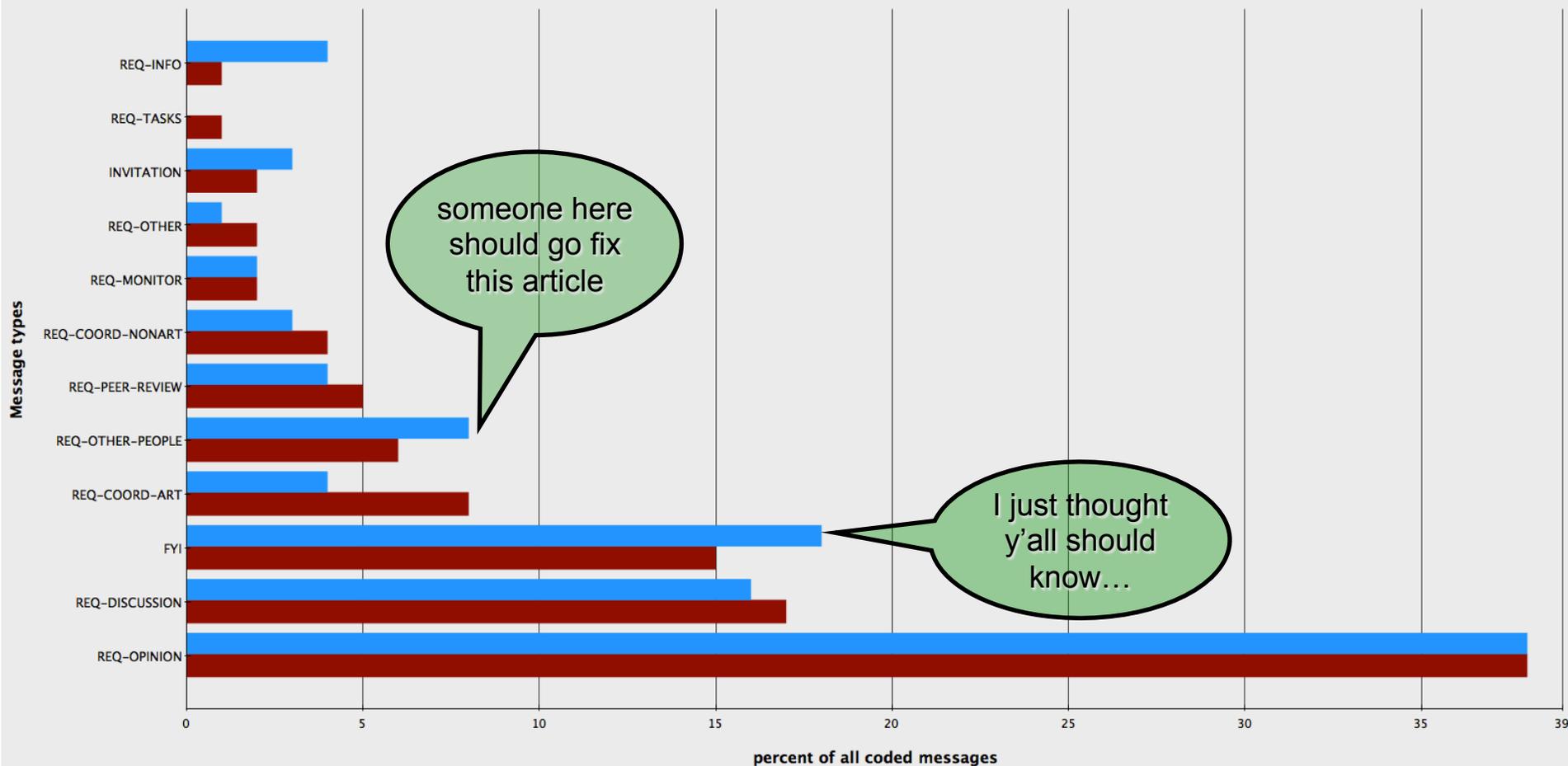
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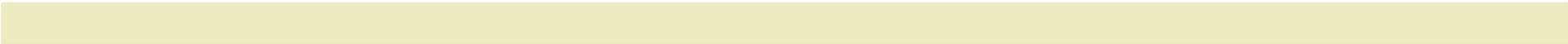


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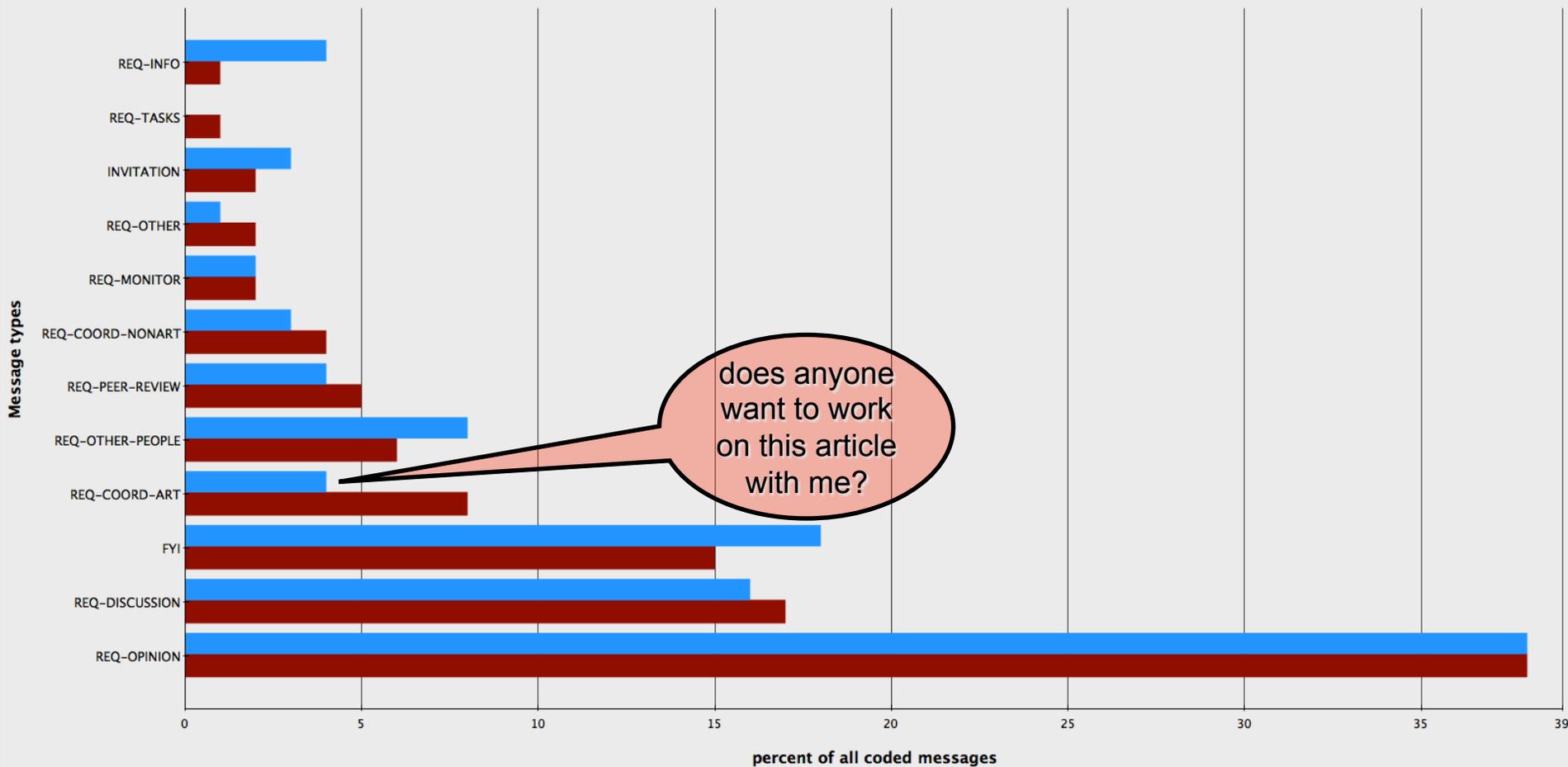


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I just thought y'all should know...



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does anyone want to work on this article with me?

