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## Summary

Over the years, multiple discussions and formal proposals have been initiated to close various language editions of Wikinews, including the larger and more established ones, such as the English-language version. These proposals have stemmed from concerns regarding the platform's effectiveness, engagement levels, and ability to fulfil Wikimedia's mission of providing freely accessible, high-quality, and widely utilized educational content.

Given these ongoing concerns, the SPTF has requested a comprehensive assessment of Wikinews' activity and impact. The evaluation aims to determine whether the platform serves a meaningful purpose, attracts and retains contributors, provides valuable news content, and aligns with Wikimedia's broader goals. The assessment focuses on key indicators such as user engagement, content quality, global reach, sustainability, and integration with other Wikimedia projects. The findings from this analysis will help guide discussions on whether Wikinews should continue to operate or if its closure would be in the best interest of the Wikimedia ecosystem.

## The summary of the analysis

- **Limited use to people:** [Search engine statistics](#) shows that users are not searching for and finding relevant information on Wikinews. Over [70% of read traffic](#) to Wikinews comes from search engine crawlers, not people. Of the top search queries to Google that show Wikinews results in a given month, [less than 5% are news related](#).
- **Usage is limited to a few countries:** Over [70% of Wikinews' read traffic](#) comes from the US, Russia, and Germany, and it is restricted to a small handful of projects. Three Wikinews projects (RU, ZH, EN) account for [over 60% of read traffic](#).

- **News coverage is not well-rounded:** Most Wikinews content readership is from the US, Russia, and Germany. The coverage of news content is not well-rounded enough to be educational. It is, therefore, difficult to claim that it is disseminating educational content and, even more so, that it is doing so effectively and globally.
- **Low engagement:** Volunteer engagement in peer content production on Wikinews is extremely low.
- **Community health: Low activity, lacking critical mass:** For instance, on Russian Wikinews the vast majority of edits over a year are [made by bots](#), and on Chinese Wikinews, 3 human editors [generate >70% of all edits](#).
- **Low synergy with other Wikimedia projects:** Other Wikimedia projects are [not relying significantly on Wikinews](#) – for instance, on Russian Wikipedia, there are 10x as many links to a small set of Russian news sites than to Wikinews (5x to Wikisource, 3x to Wiktionary). The trend is similar for ZH Wikinews. Furthermore, if Google were to be taken as representative of the search ecosystem, it is unlikely that many news seekers would find their way to Wikinews, even where coverage exists.

## High-Level Organization

This proposal attempts to present the state of the various Wikinews projects along the following facets:

- **Mission alignment**
  - How much do internet users use Wikinews?
  - Is Wikinews empowering and engaging people around the world?
  - How many contributors create Wikinews articles in the largest wikis?
  - Is Wikinews disseminating educational content effectively and globally?
- **Sustainability**
  - Is Wikinews a good place to direct new volunteers to the Wikimedia ecosystem?
  - How healthy are the Wikinews communities?
  - Use of editor with extended rights time (stewards, etc)
- **Other factors to consider**
  - Lack of impact generally
  - Lack of use inside other Wikimedia projects
  - Legal issues that cannot be otherwise resolved
  - Significant misuse that cannot be otherwise resolved
  - Strong external project to merge with

# Alignment with Mission

The mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to empower and engage people worldwide to collect and develop educational content under a free license or in the public domain, and to disseminate it effectively and globally.<sup>[1]</sup> [Wikinews](#) is a free-content [news source](#) wiki. The site works through [collaborative journalism](#).

A key element of that mission is the value of the educational content to users. We ask four key questions about Wikinews:

- How much do internet users use Wikinews?
- Is Wikinews empowering and engaging people around the world?
- How many contributors create Wikinews articles in the largest wikis?
- Is Wikinews really disseminating educational content effectively and globally?

We examined this through search referrals and indexing, queries and the kind of traffic we get (human, search crawlers, or other automated traffic). We also reviewed how active users are in the various projects, where we discovered that only two projects have over 5,000<sup>1</sup> daily pageviews outside of the three largest (by pageviews) language instances of Wikinews. We also reviewed the specific content served in the three largest Wikinews projects.

## How much do internet users use Wikinews?

**Summary:** Search engine statistics tell us that users are not searching for and finding relevant information on Wikinews. The vast majority of traffic to Wikinews comes from search engine crawlers, not people.

## What do people search for to find Wikinews articles?

**Many of the top queries that lead to Wikinews articles have nothing to do with news.** The possible reasons are as follows:

1. For the vast majority of search queries that yield news-like results, some results have better search ranking, such as Wikipedia or other non-Wikinews news sites. For that reason, very few search queries yield any Wikinews results at all (see [Section 6](#)<sup>2</sup> in Appendix).
2. Among the search queries that do yield Wikinews results, the vast majority concern names in different cultures, as shown in the table below. In such cases, the query itself is not news-seeking but yields Russian Wikinews results owing to large numbers of “Name” category pages on Russian Wikinews, such as “Category: Armenian male names.”

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<sup>1</sup> [Section 2](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Section 6](#)

3. Almost all of the top news queries yield Wikinews results are name queries showing Russian Wikinews name category pages as results. All of the other Wikinews projects put together have 3 queries in the top 100 Wikinews queries as of the week ending May 18th 2024.

The table below shows the most common 100 search queries that displayed a Wikinews search result on Google search. The queries in blue have been translated from Russian, those in black are in the original language/script, and those in green are from Simplified Chinese (as autodetected by Google Translate). Queries are sorted from most popular to least top to bottom in each column, starting with the leftmost column.

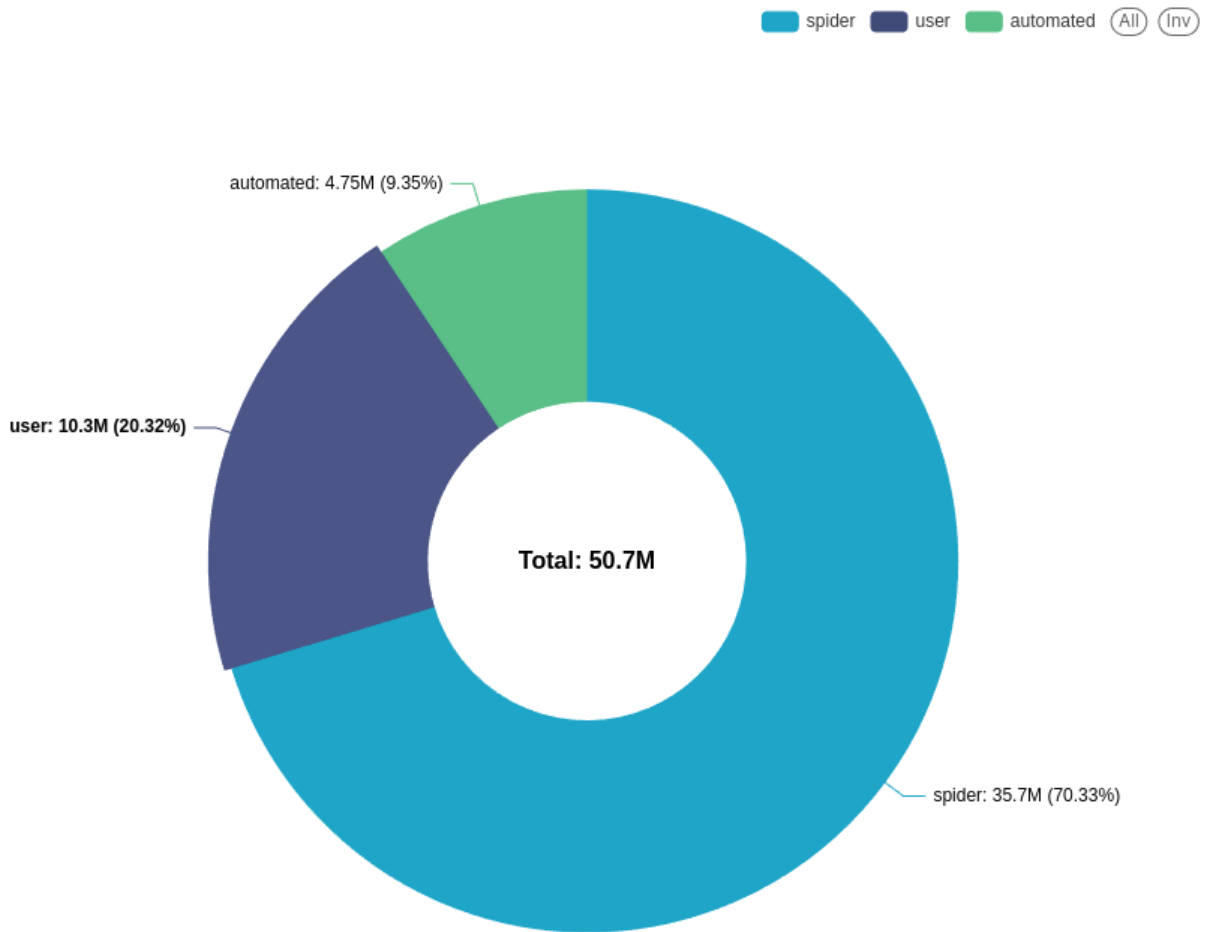
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Note: Due to how we manage domains, we cannot verify site ownership with Yandex and perform a similar analysis there.

### If users aren't using search to find Wikinews, what's happening?

Given that Google search, which drives the vast majority of all traffic to the Wikimedia projects, doesn't seem to drive traffic towards Wikinews projects, it is worthwhile to try and understand *who* reads the Wikinews projects.

## Breakdown of PageViews by Agent Type (Going back three months from 2024-05-8)



The chart above shows that a vast majority of all the page views served by Wikinews sites are for search engine crawlers, with a small fraction of all projects being served to humans. More details about what we know about the value of Wikinews articles to Google search users and Google's algorithm is included in [Section 6](#).<sup>3</sup>

### Is Wikinews empowering and engaging people around the world?

**Summary:** The bulk of Wikinews's usage comes from a small number of countries and is restricted to few projects: 3 of them account for over two-thirds of the traffic.

<sup>3</sup> [Section 6](#)

A large part of the answer to whether people are being empowered is to look at how many people Wikinews is reaching. The Wikinews statistics below assess how many users it provides knowledge to and how engaged its users are.

## By whom is this project being used?

After looking at the readers' traffic across all the Wikinews projects grouped by the country from which the traffic originated, we find that **most of the traffic originates from (in descending order) the US, Russia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Germany**. Please note that this observation does not factor in the fraction of this traffic that originates through proxies. Few countries generate more than a thousand pageviews a day.<sup>4</sup>

## Which projects are these users reading?

To contextualize the pageview distribution, examination of which Wikinews projects the readers visited reveals that most pageviews are served by (in descending order) the Russian, Chinese, and English Wikinews projects. Aside from these, only two projects have more than 5,000 pageviews daily.

## How many contributors create Wikinews articles in the largest wikis?

### Russian Wikinews

**Summary:** Most Russian Wikinews articles are imported as-is by a bot without any human curation or written by one of 6 non-bot authors.

Looking at the last 1,000 changes (from Special:RecentChanges) on the Russian Wikinews as of May 17, 2024, 6 non-bot users made all changes, with the vast majority coming from bots. Looking at a list of 20 instances of Special:Random pages, all 20 were generated by NewsBot. One article from the set had a single non-bot edit. The others had zero edits after the article was created.

### Chinese Wikinews

**Summary:** Most Chinese Wikinews articles have been written by one of three contributors.

Chinese Wikinews is not as dominated by bots but heavily relies on a few individuals as three of its users (who generated 1557 edits last month) are far more prolific than the rest of the community (which generated 450 edits last month).

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<sup>4</sup> [Section 1](#)

## English Wikinews

**Summary:** The extent of community activity is low enough that low-quality news articles occupy prominent positions on the main site for extended periods of time.

For example, one day in May 2024 there was an article about an individual (the data identifying the individual were removed for privacy, but the Taskforce has access to them), which is clearly not newsworthy by any standards, written by a user name identical to the subject of the article. This makes it highly likely that the community either does not consider this newsworthy or does not have enough content or editors to challenge this post.

The top position on the main page on the same day was occupied by a month-old [post](#) involving an original interview of a notable juggler. This correlates with the lack of editor activity.

Self-reference articles are also typical for Russian Wikinews. For example, articles about garage bands that were deleted in corresponding wikipedias give interviews, etc.

## Is Wikinews disseminating educational content effectively and globally?

**Summary:** The majority of Wikinews content readership is from three countries. The coverage of news content is not well-rounded enough to be educational. It is, therefore, difficult to make the claim that it is disseminating educational content and, even more so, that it is doing so effectively and globally.

Whether it is disseminating content globally is answered in the previous section, where we see that most of the Wikinews project's readership is concentrated in five countries. Whether or not it disseminates *educational* content can be investigated by a sampling of the articles in the top projects.<sup>5</sup>

**Volume:** The fact that exhaustive, *complete* lists of edits in the Main namespace for the three large Wikinews projects over seven days include less than 150 articles (including spam, vandalism and bot-created articles) is evidence of a lack of momentum in the Wikinews contributor communities. In comparison, [Hackernews](#), a volunteer-aggregated news service catering to tech professionals, is [believed to have over a thousand submissions per day](#) despite its niche audience.

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<sup>5</sup> [Section 4](#)

**Quality / Coverage:** While it is difficult to objectively comment on whether an individual item of news from Wikinews qualifies as educational content, it is possible to conclude that none of the three seems to have a well-rounded coverage of news, including current affairs, politics, science and technology, sports, arts, culture, and a reasonable geographical coverage expected of a news site. It seems unlikely that well-rounded coverage available on online news outlets - including citizen journalism sites - can be achieved without a traditional newsdesk structure, with the current size of the Wikinews communities.

## Sustainability

Another key element of our mission is developing a self-sustaining user community around any project. Below, we ask two key questions:

- Is Wikinews a good place to direct new volunteers to the Wikimedia ecosystem?
- How healthy are the Wikinews communities?

A challenging situation arises when there are a very small number of dedicated users but who don't attract or retain new users over time, and are unable to manage the content that's been generated. This makes the project a place where new, enthusiastic users might go, but then are met with silence and lack of activity. When this happens, we waste the opportunity to acquire a great contributor. This opportunity loss is difficult to measure, but its' possible to make an educated guess about what is happening based on observing activity, whether there are groups of people really engaging, and whether there is a steady stream of new users, even if the absolute numbers don't increase over time.

## Is Wikinews a good place to direct new volunteers to the Wikimedia ecosystem?

**Summary:** Volunteer engagement in peer production of content on Wikinews is extremely low and declining overall.

A hypothesis worth testing is: of topics covered by Wikinews, how does engagement and conversation compare to a successful project? (data gathered May 9 2024)

Topic	English WikiNews Coverage	English Wikipedia Coverage
Self-immolation of Maxwell Azzarello	<a href="#">Wikinews Article</a> Created 19 April 2024 5 contributors Marked for deletion	<a href="#">Wikipedia Page</a> Created 19 April 2024 70 recent contributors 174 edits  No reference to wikinews article.
Kerem Shalom border crossing	<a href="#">Wikinews Article</a> (most recent) Created 6 May 2024	<a href="#">Wikipedia Page</a> (Kerem Shalom crossing)

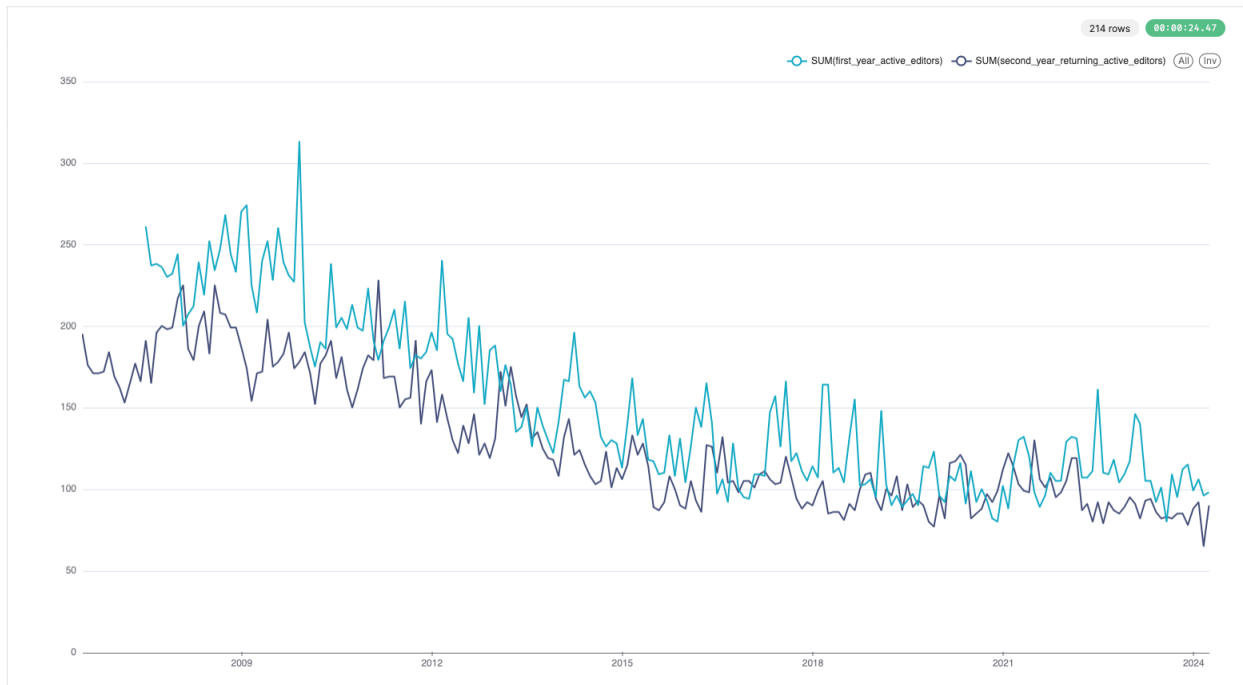
<p>1 contributor Marked for publication (since deleted)</p> <p><a href="#">Wikinews Article</a> Created 19 July 2014 0 recent contributors Last significant edit 19 July 2014</p> <p><a href="#">Wikinews Article</a> Created 26 June 2006 0 recent contributors Last significant edit 29 July 2006</p>	<p>Created 5 December 2011 2 recent contributors 103 total edits</p> <p><a href="#">Wikipedia Page</a> (Israel-Hamas War) Created 7 October 2023 107 recent contributors 13,869 total edits</p> <p>No references to wikinews articles.</p>
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This evaluation is subjective and qualitative but has significant implications for the experience of potential new contributors. A project with few contributors and content that, once written, is rarely revised, significant barriers to new contributors. In more active projects, there are numerous and obvious ways to engage when “breaking news” occurs, and many eyes are on each contribution, helping with encouragement, inclusion, mentoring and moderation. Sampling just a few recent topics shows that Wikinews struggles to engage new contributors. While articles from 2006 have tens of contributors, recent articles have very few contributors.

A risk when new contributors attempt to engage on Wikinews but are discouraged is that they leave the Wikimedia ecosystem entirely and never contribute again. An example of a more sustainable approach would be to encourage people interested in newsworthy content to work with the curation processes of the Main Page on the various Wikipedias. Connecting new contributors to an active, engaged user community is an important part of the stewardship of our projects. Leaving new volunteers to continue in an ecosystem strongly implies that it is the place to work on news and current affairs, but it is dominated by bot writes and bot reads, which is not the best way to support them.

Looking at first-year returning and second-year returning users since 2006, the trend across all wikinews projects is significant decline:

**Wikinews user activity across all wikinews instances from 2006 to May 2024 for active editors**



The relevant factors include:

- Articles produced by Wikinews are not used by other Wikimedia projects or on the open web. As a self-published site lacking fact-checking and editorial oversight, Wikinews does not meet the reliability standard of Wikipedia [sources](#).
- When there is "big" news—sudden events such as terrorist attacks or a notable person's death—it attracts a flurry of activity on Wikipedia, with editors building on each other's work. By contrast, no changes are allowed on English Wikinews before it undergoes a review process, demotivating people from making multiple small edits or from improving other people's work. This is demonstrated above in the comparison of similar topics across Wikipedia and Wikinews.

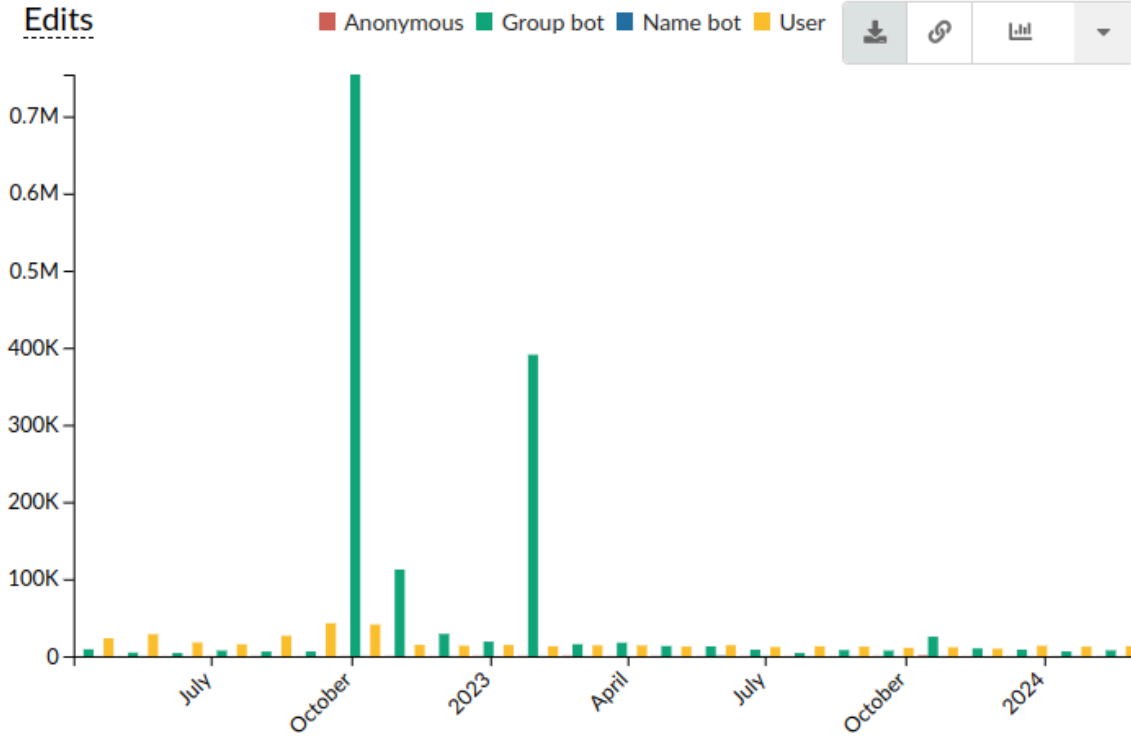
## How healthy are the Wikinews communities?

**Summary:** Most edits in 2024 were either made by bots (Russian Wikinews), or by a small number of contributors responsible for nearly all edits.

To ensure that a project remains a high-quality source of knowledge, it needs a critical mass of contributors balanced by a reasonable number of functionaries. There are several wikipedias and wikipedia clones where the mass creation of articles by bots stifled organic development, and this is applicable to Wikinews projects.

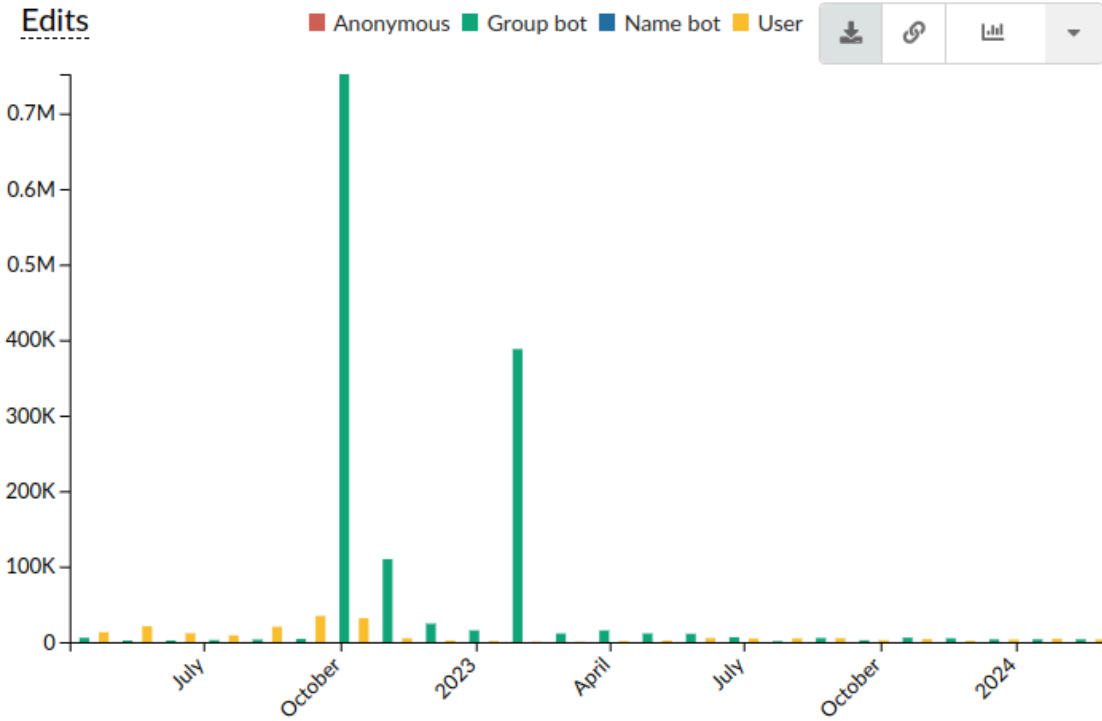
### **Total Edits, All Wikinews Projects**

### Edits



**Total Edits, Russian WikiNews (not identical to the previous graph but reflects the domination of bots in Russian Wikinews)**

### Edits



The peaks correspond respectively to the publication of Putin's "["Historical Unity" essay](#)" and the capture of the nuclear power plant in Ukraine. Putting bots aside, the [top non-bot contributor on Russian Wikinews](#) has 2,160 edits, three others have around 100, and the rest are 50 or lower.

The top English Wikinews editors list has the top [contributor with about 260 edits](#), and only 6 people with over 100 edits. Further, here's a [list of active users in the last 30 days](#) on English Wikinews. There were 162 accounts (including bots) with activity, 7 of which were blocked. There were a total of 2,281 edits among them.

The top Chinese Wikinews editors list has [one editor with 1,500 edits](#) and no non-bot editors with more than 100 edits.

## Systemic conflict caused by Russian Wikinews

In September 2020, Russian Wikinews was frustrated by a Foundation action to disable an unmaintained MediaWiki extension (noted in a Legal department update):

*Russian Wikinews unhappiness after emergency-disabling an unmaintained MediaWiki extension*

After [triplating the number of articles within a few days](#), the [DynamicPageList](#) extension DPL [created](#) a [burst of database connections](#). The extension [got emergency-disabled \(on-wiki announcement\)](#). This action led to [frustration and discussions about potential other options](#). The extension was re-enabled on September 15th after the Russian Wikinews community had removed the extension from more than 100,000 pages. In parallel, Brian Wolff volunteered to look into the code and [wrote three patches](#) to improve the code performance.

In July 2021, another bulk import of articles into Russian Wikinews led to a similar overloading of certain systems, which [shut down](#) access to all Wikis for 30 minutes, and a permanent disabling of DPL. This again led to frustration, harassment of a staff member, and the eventual global blocking of one of the project's most prolific contributors. Some notes from the incident are documented publicly here:

[https://wikitech.wikimedia.org/wiki/Incidents/2021-07-26\\_ruWikinews\\_DynamicPageList](https://wikitech.wikimedia.org/wiki/Incidents/2021-07-26_ruWikinews_DynamicPageList)

## Other considerations

Lack of impact on other Wikimedia projects and wider Internet infrastructure

**Summary:** Other Wikimedia projects are not relying significantly on Wikinews. There doesn't seem to be a significant volume of links to the various Wikinews projects from Wikipedia. Furthermore, if Google may be taken as representative of the search ecosystem, it is unlikely that many news seekers will find their way to Wikinews, even where coverage exists.

There are no indicators supporting the hypothesis that Wikinews is being relied on by the Internet as a news source or by other Wikimedia projects.

## How much do other Wikipedia Projects use Wikinews?

We try to approximate Wikinews's relative usefulness to Wikipedia and compare it with Wikisource and some other news sites in the corresponding languages. The methodology is detailed in [Section 7](#).

Wikipedia Project	Links from Wikipedia to sibling Projects			Links to Major News Sites
	Wikinews	Wikisource	Wiktionary	
RU	<b>880</b>	5,984	2,700	<b>10,900</b>
ZH	<b>948</b>	2,013	5,733	<b>19,425</b>

The number of links from the Russian and Chinese Wikipedias to their respective Wikinews projects do not indicate a pattern of systematic reliance on Wikinews.

## Legal issues that cannot otherwise be resolved

None.

## Significant misuse that cannot otherwise be resolved

As with any other wiki project, there is vandalism on Wikinews. However, the relatively small communities working on these projects make it hard to patrol effectively. So while vandalism can be resolved, it cannot be resolved without having enough functionaries to patrol, which is a problem for several Wikinews projects. They depend on additional effort from the Small Wiki Monitoring Team, global admins, and stewards. The patrolling burden of all this extra "surface area" is difficult to justify for so little mission impact.

## Is there a substantial external project with which to merge Wikinews?

**Summary:** In addition to the low coverage, the shelf-life and limited window of relevance for Wikinews content make it difficult to merge with any external project

The nature of Wikinews content means that most of it has a shelf life after which its usage tapers off significantly and permanently. This is different from most other projects, where any given article or page may experience surges and pull in readership but is otherwise written to be permanently relevant. That makes it difficult to merge Wikinews with any existing MediaWiki-based projects.

## Closing Notes

This review concludes that **Wikinews is not viable as a global, multi-lingual sister project in the Wikimedia ecosystem** and supported by the Wikimedia Foundation. The project does not fill a need in the world through useful articles, significant readership, or significant volunteer engagement. News articles are not a good fit for the wiki model, as shown in the low editor engagement and few revisions over time. There are many stronger alternatives for the broader mission of non-profit news; for example, many organizations with this mission are named here: <https://cjproject.org/resources/organisations/>.

## Channelling the Community's Efforts

Upon reading the discussions in various Wikinews communities, it's clear that the few active contributors are well-intentioned people who want to help disperse knowledge. However, we suggest that their efforts would be more effective when channelled towards other projects that have the critical mass and momentum to make the best of their efforts.

### News Features on Some Larger Wikipedias

People interested in curating newsworthy content might enjoy working with the curation of the Main Page on the various Wikipedias. There are several models of curation already in practice on Wikipedias, suggesting that this would be a good use of the Wikinews communities' time:

1. Some communities (e.g., Russian Wikipedia and Chinese Wikipedia) use portals called "News" or "Current events" to present a section with currently relevant news articles on the main page, highlighting newsworthy content. These tend to have contribution guidelines (e.g., [Chinese Wikipedia](#), [Russian Wikipedia](#)).
2. Some communities (e.g., English Wikipedia and French Wikipedia) have a protected template called "In the News" or similar that pulls content from a Portal onto the Main Page. These also have guidelines for contribution—some very detailed ([English Wikipedia](#)), some less so ([French Wikipedia](#)).

3. Some communities (e.g., German Wikipedia) choose the simplest mechanism, which has a link to the current day's Wikipedia page.

### Topic Coverage on Wikipedia vs. Wikinews

Judging from the contents of the landing page of English Wikinews as of this writing on 2024-05-24, the selection of articles displayed is not of general significance. The landing page has prominent links to an interview of a noted juggler (but not noteworthy enough for a Wikipedia article), an article about an object from space hitting someone's home, a presentation from a Russian travel writer, an "Exclusive Interview" that is actually ChatGPT being interviewed, and news of the police identifying a man's body in a canal in Florida. There is a feed of latest news, the newest item of which is 4 days old as of this writing. Oddly, given that this is the English Wikinews site, three items on the page are about Russian travel writers.

In contrast, the English **Wikipedia** news portal for 2024-05-23 features news items on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Israel-Hamas war, the canonization of Carlo Acutis, the factory explosion in Morogoro, the restaurant collapse in Palma de Mallorca, Chinese military exercises near Taiwan, and some others. The coverage has been clearly laid out into the following sections:

- Armed conflicts and attacks
- Arts and Culture
- Disasters and Accidents
- International Relations
- Law and Crime
- Politics and Elections

**Summary:** The English Wikipedia news portal offers a feed that is categorized topic-wise and refers to articles on Wikipedia that have massive contributions. The English Wikinews portal, on the other hand, seems to have far too few contributors to have a balanced coverage of topics of any significance or even have news items updated daily.

On Russian **Wikipedia**, the current events portal for May 23 has the Russian invasion in Ukraine, sanctions on US persons in Russia, and Chinese military exercises around Taiwan.

On Russian **Wikinews** the news section has three large items, namely an original work entitled "Are they hiding something about the helicopter crash of Ibrahim Raisi", an article about boxer Oleksandr Usyk, another one about a lightweight boxer, and one about the death of actor Dabnet Coleman. The news feed for May 23, which is a separate click away, has 6 items including Chinese military exercises, the Mallorca accident, the expulsion of the AfD leader in Germany, the discovery of some ancient papyri in Berenike, and an accident involving a Polish fighter plane.

**Summary:** The Russian Wikipedia news portal offers sparse updates every day, but all the updates refer to Wikipedia articles with at least dozens of contributors. The Russian Wikinews site has more content, but it is overwhelmingly bot-imported content from other freely licensed media sites mixed with personal opinions.

On Chinese Wikipedia, the news portal does not have a large number of news items for May 23 but has sections for "Recent issues" including the Russo-Ukrainian war, the Israel-Hamas War, the Burmese civil war, the US presidential election, and so on. There are also articles on long-term issues such as terrorism, fake news, the Mexican drug war, and so on.

On Chinese Wikinews, the main page has articles about Chinese students being forced to receive a patriotic education, the Slovak Prime Minister, Journalist Zhang Zhan, and several others. None are newer than May 14th 2024 (over 10 days old).

**Summary:** The Chinese Wikipedia has well-structured topic-categorized sections for news, even if the number of news items posted daily seems low. However, the Chinese Wikinews site suffers from a lack of updates.

#### How do various projects respond to newsworthy events?

Below is a comparison of the extent of activity on various Wikipedia and Wikinews projects when something newsworthy indeed happens. We restrict ourselves to manual (non-bot) activity for this analysis. We look at a few events randomly chosen from lists of "biggest stories of 2023":

News Event	Month	enwiki	ennews	zhwiki	zhnews	ruwiki	runews
Attack in Israel	Oct 2023	8,205 edits in October on the Israel-Hamas War article (top article in October 2023).	0	~150 edits on articles alluding to the Gaza attacks.	~150 edits on articles that allude to the Gaza war.	~1,200	0
Turkey-Syria Earthquake	Feb 2023	4,459 edits on one article alone (top article in Feb 2023).	38 edits	~540 edits on articles alluding to the earthquake.	10 edits on articles alluding to the earthquake.	~25 edits	0
Death of Prigozhin	Aug 2023	727 edits on "Wagner Group plane crash".	26 edits	~900 edits on the Ukraine timeline and on Prigozhin.	40 edits on articles alluding to the event.	~350 edits pertaining to the individual or the event.	0

**Summary:** The Wikipedia communities can mobilize far more efforts towards updating content based on recent events than the Wikinews communities, partly due to their greater numbers of active editors and healthier communities. They can also use the wiki model to facilitate multiple contributions to breaking news articles in rapid succession.

## The impact of Wikinews on its communities

Continued support of Wikinews explicitly encourages volunteers to try to contribute; however, we conclude that doing so is a poor use of their time and energy.

We see a pattern where new volunteers keep discovering Wikinews, getting excited by its promise, performing several edits, then discovering the low impact or low collaboration ("ghost town" feel), and giving up. Some of those walk away forever, but they could have been retained if they had been editing news on Wikipedia instead. Not closing Wikinews down causes us to pay the cost of volunteer time and motivation, the most valuable resource in the Wikimedia ecosystem.

## Proposal

Based on this review of the current state of Wikinews, we recommend the **closure of Wikinews in all languages**, including incubated projects. Per the definitions from the Language Committee, this means:

- The wiki will be locked for editing and other actions, except by some specific user groups, such as stewards and interface editors.
- All pages are still visible to the public, but can be optionally deleted.
- All sysops in each Wikinews wiki will be removed.

Because we propose closing the entire Wproject, we also recommend to:

- Engage in appropriate community communication about the change.
- Remove Wikinews from the Wikimedia.org portal and from Foundation communications and decks
- Issue a press release to document the change, explaining its rationale, thereby modeling publicly accountable sunsetting of ineffective work.

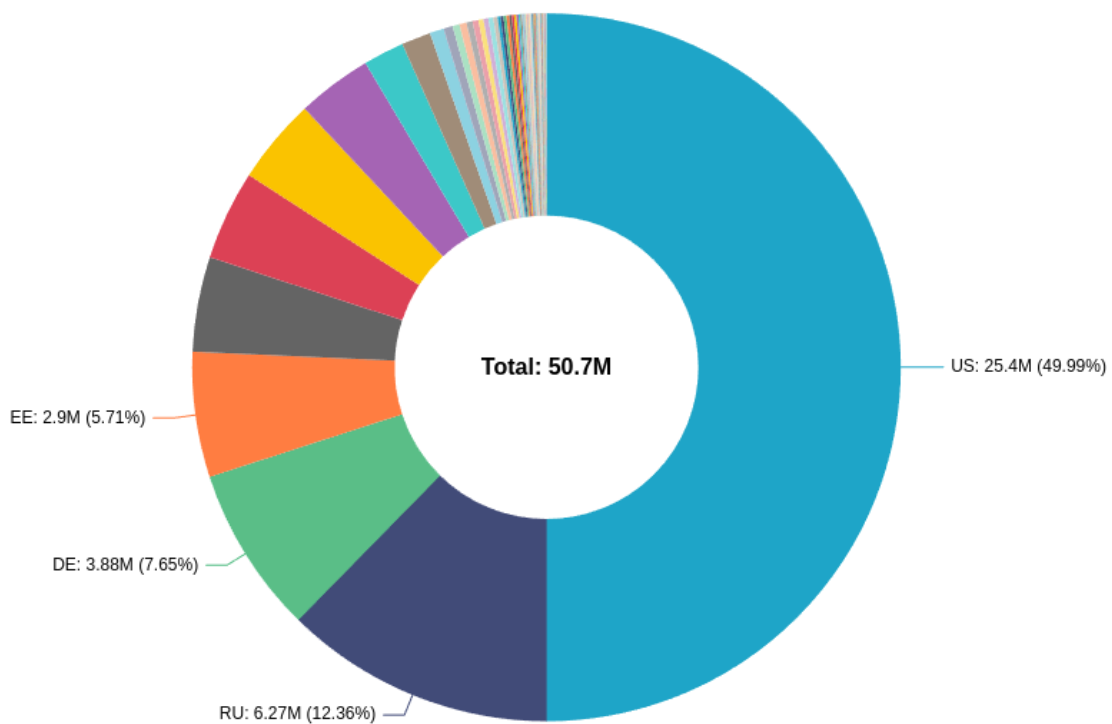
We also recommend:

- If some contributors feel, despite the overwhelming evidence, that a wiki news site is a viable project they want to put time into, they could fork Wikinews and re-host it somewhere else, under a new name.
- Our staff are willing to assist in re-hosting for a limited time (if interest is expressed, we can commit to assistance within 6 months of the request, with the request needing to be initiated within a year). The viability of this would depend on the specifics of where the projects need to be rehosted.

# Appendix

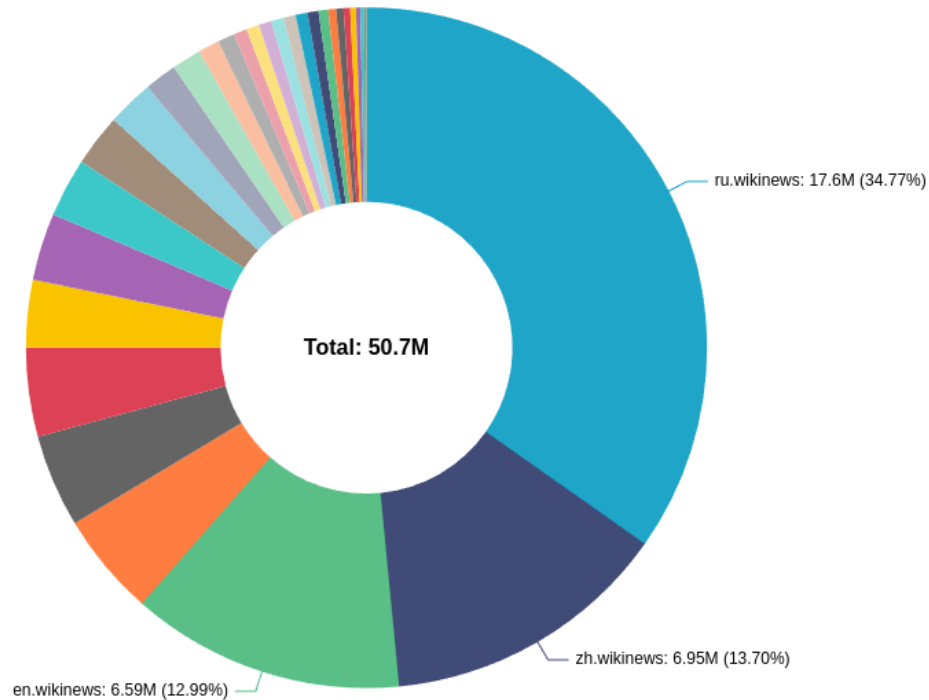
## Section 1: Origin of read traffic to Wikinews projects

Worldwide read traffic for all Wikinews projects grouped by originating country for 3 months ending 8 May 2024:



## Section 2: Read traffic to each Wikinews project

Worldwide read traffic for all Wikinews projects grouped by project for 3 months ending 8 May 2024



### Section 3: Past proposals to close down Wikinews projects

Sample of past proposals to close down Wikinews ([full log of past closure proposals](#) to Language Committee)

- Discussion currently open - last !vote 10 May 2024: [Tamil Wikinews 2](#)
- Discussion currently open - last !vote 26 February 2024: [Persian Wikinews 2](#)
- 23 March 2023: [Hebrew Wikinews](#); Decision: Do not close
- 21 January 2021: [Polish Wikinews](#); Decision: Do not close
- 30 November 2020: [Korean Wikinews 2](#); Decision: Do not close
- 26 June 2020: [Turkish Wikinews](#); Closed by local decision, not language committee
- 23 September 2019: [Bulgarian Wikinews](#); Decision: Close
- 13 Sept 2019: [Greek Wikinews](#); Decision: Close
- 02 July 2018: [Finnish Wikinews](#); Decision: Soft close
- 28 Nov 2017: [Norwegian Wikinews 3](#); Decision: Soft Close
- 20 July 2017 [Albanian Wikinews](#); Decision: Do not close
- 17 July 2015: [Persian wikinews](#); Decision: Do not close

- 14 July 2013: [Norwegian Wikinews 2](#); Decision: Do not close
- 19 November 2012 [English Wikinews](#); Decision: Do not close
- 12 November 2010 [Hungarian Wikinews](#); Decision: Close
- 3 May 2007 [Norwegian Wikinews](#); Decision: Do not close

## Section 4: Collection of articles from Main namespaces of top 3 wikinews sites.

The Wikinews titles collected here are the most recent changes (article creations and edits) May 1-8, 2024 in the Main namespace.

### Russian Wikinews (translated from Russian) (66 articles)

- 2 In Ulyanovsk, Tatars torture their neighbor
- Anti-Semitism in Russia
- Antisemitism in the USSR
- In the Russian Federation, authorities banned teachers from mentioning the contribution of Jews and Ukrainians to the victory over Nazism
- An exhibition of miniature figurines “Legends of Eastern Folklore” opened in Simferopol
- A new version of MITER ATT&CK with submethods has been released
- The first alpha version of Ubuntu 8.10 has been released. Plan overview
- The first alpha version of Ubuntu 9.04 has been released
- AMD Catalyst 9.5 and Nvidia 185.18.10 video drivers have been released
- The games Ostrich Riders 0.6.0, NAEV 0.4.0 and Linux port of Shadowgrounds Survivor have been released
- Vietnamese “stewardesses” entertained passengers with a fiery dance in a bikini (VIDEO)
- Vietnam is building its new tallest skyscraper
- Vyacheslav Nevinny was ready to play without a wheelchair: “I’m an artist”
- Vyacheslav Fetisov registered as a candidate for the post of FHR President
- The Hague court banned the sale of Samsung Android smartphones in the European Union
- The Hague Tribunal will have to quickly convict Karadzic so that he does not escape justice in Serbia
- Gabdrakhmanov named the areas where the most individual entrepreneurs appeared
- Gas prices for Ukraine will rise due to Nabucco. But it is more profitable for Kyiv than the Russian South Stream
- Newspaper: Georgian officials have found a way to attract tourists - legalize marijuana
- Newspapers: the authorities “revived” the boring opposition march by dispersing and beating its participants
- Newspapers: the conflict between Russia and Great Britain will not affect economic cooperation
- The gas agreement between Naftogaz of Ukraine and Gazprom may be declared invalid
- Gas contract between Russia and China: experts discuss the profitability of the deal and wonder who had to give in
- The Haitians buried the first seven thousand victims. US deploys military to disaster zone
- Traffic cops earned 3 million a month using paper clips. Deputy head of the Moscow traffic police fired
- Traffic cops are abusing the new car registration rules and are harassing car owners with all their might.
- Harvard University awarded Scarlett Johansson a golden bowler
- Karekin II: alternative military service is possible only in conditions of stable peace
- Migrant workers were required to take a Russian language exam - it will cost 2,500 rubles
- Where in Russia do traffic cops take bribes the most, and where the least?
- Where to spend the New Year holidays in Nizhny Novgorod?
- Heydar Aliyev congratulated the Orthodox Christians of Azerbaijan on Christmas
- Heydar Aliyev asks religious figures to help resolve the Karabakh issue

- Aeroflot CEO is not against electing a three-month-old child to the company's board of directors
- The general director of SU-155 has become a defendant in a criminal case; searches are underway in the company itself
- The general director of the Tretyakov Gallery sued the Minister of Culture over the Sots Art exhibition
- The bribe-taking general and his deputy, the colonel, were taken by 15 task forces, the colonel fought back
- General Rogachev could have been killed by debtors, but there are no clues: the operatives "inherited too much"
- Human genetic code will be recorded on CDs
- The brilliant Spanish architect Antonio Gaudi may become a saint
- Gennady Seleznev is not "Hero of the Day"
- Gennady Seleznev is against compulsory study of the basics of Orthodoxy in schools
- The Prosecutor General's Office is fighting online employment in undesirable organizations
- The Prosecutor General's Office opened cases against managers of Russneft subsidiaries
- The Prosecutor General's Office opened a criminal case against the former management of YUKOS
- The Prosecutor General's Office of Georgia confirmed Okruashvili's departure abroad - he needs treatment
- The Prosecutor General's Office may initiate a criminal case regarding Sakhalin-2
- The Prosecutor General's Office named the main cause of plane crashes in Russia
- The Prosecutor General's Office is dissatisfied with Medvedev's liberal Criminal Code and wants to imprison businessmen again
- The Prosecutor General's Office has accused Berezovsky of attempting to overthrow the government and demands extradition
- The Prosecutor General's Office received a new British request in the Litvinenko case
- The Prosecutor General's Office asked the Supreme Court to ban the activities of the Aum Shinrikyo sect on the territory of the Russian Federation
- The Prosecutor General's Office recognizes 15 organizations as terrorist
- The Prosecutor General's Office, during an inspection of Surgutskaya GRES-1, found serious violations of safety rules
- The Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation suspects the security forces of Chechnya in the murder of Anna Politkovskaya
- The Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation, following a tip from Zhirinovskiy, found out: Navalny is financed from abroad
- Prosecutor General's Office: a special group has been created to combat corruption in the ranks of the Russian army
- The Prosecutor General's Office demands that Ekho Moskvy be punished under the fake news law.
- The Prosecutor General's Office demands that the Ministry of Justice debar all of Khodorkovskiy's defenders (LIST)
- Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine: only one journalist died near Lugansk, and he was killed by separatists
- The Prosecutor General's Office is asked to "bring to senses" Zhirinovskiy, who insulted Rodnina and United Russia
- The US Attorney General demands a meeting with Facebook management: the facial recognition function invades privacy
- The Prosecutor General of Kyrgyzstan broke three ribs and a collarbone after colliding with a skier on a mountain slope
- Prosecutor General Chaika sent his deputy, who wrote the word "law" with a firm sign, to retire
- NATO Secretary General does not want compromises with the Russian Federation regarding Georgia and the expansion of the alliance
- NATO Secretary General promises that relations with Russia will be a priority in 2002

### Chinese Wikinews (translated from Mandarin Chinese) (35 articles)

- Assistant Guo Wengui pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit billions in fraud
- Shooting case involving Sai Wan Ho
- Hamas declares acceptance of ceasefire plan

- Group fight breaks out after Chinese League One match
- British Ministry of Defense data leaked
- Group fight breaks out after Chinese League One match
- Fans boo the national anthem, Hong Kong football team is trapped in China-Hong Kong integration dilemma
- Group fight breaks out after Chinese League One match
- Special Topic on Mesibo
- Group fight breaks out after Chinese League One match
- Group fight breaks out after football match in Guangzhou
- Assistant Guo Wengui pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit billions in fraud
- It took more than 431 days to win the case, but trans man Xie Haolin was finally approved to change his certificate.
- British Ministry of Defense data leaked
- Lai Ching-tak stirs up controversy for allegedly wearing a famous watch
- Assistant Guo Wengui pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit billions in fraud
- It took more than 431 days to win the case, but trans man Xie Haolin was finally approved to change his certificate.
- Ruling on the Hong Kong primary election case at the end of the month. Ruling on the stance journalism case in August.
- Lai Ching-tak stirs up controversy for allegedly wearing a famous watch
- Chinese newspaper headlines on April 29, 2024
- Group fight breaks out after football match in Guangzhou
- Hong Kong primary election case end-of-month ruling
- Refers to the mouthpiece of the left-wing government. Argentina's national news agency
- Argentine President Milai shuts down state news agency
- Lai Ching-de provokes controversy for allegedly wearing a famous watch
- Lai Ching Tak watch controversy
- Special topic: Chinese students are subjected to forced patriotic education
- Chinese students receive forced patriotic education
- Chinese newspaper headlines on May 7, 2024
- Group fight breaks out after Guangzhou football match
- Taiwan Railway's track train catches fire late at night
- Chinese newspaper headlines on May 6, 2024
- Chinese newspaper headlines on May 7, 2024
- British Ministry of Defense data leaked
- Chinese newspaper headlines on May 7, 2024

## English Wikinews (46 articles)

(Articles in bold have been marked for speedy deletion)

- Mehreen Faruqi's trial against Pauline Hanson begins
- Kerem Shalom border crossing in Gaza closed after attack on Israeli army
- Nang Sydney
- Statues arrive in time for centennial celebrations of Lexington
- **Mark**
- 13 year old Seattle, Washington boy physically assaults, steals purse from woman outside of pharmacy
- Stabbing leaves one dead in West Sacramento, California
- **Mark**
- India T20 Squad
- India T20 World Cup Squad 2024
- Bloomfield, New Jersey karate instructor acquitted on charges of sexually abusing a minor
- Man lights self on fire in New York ahead of Trump trial
- Two people in hospital because of possible gang shooting in northwest Fort Worth, Texas
- Gaza crossing closed after attack on Israeli army
- **Student who normally doesn't like the key of E loves Selena Gomez dance song**

- **Key of G avoids “worst songs” list for the third year in a row**
- **Key of G avoids “worst songs” list for the first time in 7 years**
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- Russian travel writer Viktor Pinchuk recounts Near East expedition in Verkhorechye, Crimea
- 13 year old Seattle, Washington boy physically assaults, steals purse from woman outside of pharmacy
- **Five Palestinian soldiers killed by Israeli army in West Bank**
- Five Palestinian terrorists killed by Israeli army in West Bank
- TK2192 crashed
- Stabbing leaves one dead in West Sacramento, California
- At West Bank, Five Palestinian terrorists killed by Israeli army
- Real Madrid draw 2-2 with Bayern Munich in first leg of Champions League semifinals
- Bloomfield, New Jersey karate instructor acquitted on charges of sexually abusing a minor
- Minor power outage hits Kitchener
- **Google images**
- India T20 World Cup Squad 2024
- Bloomfield, New Jersey karate instructor acquitted on charges of sexually abusing a minor
- Five killed in strong tornado in southern Guangzhou
- Cambridge Spa is raided
- Mehreen Faruqi's trial against Pauline Hanson begins
- Possible Yemen's Houthi rebels fire missiles off Yemen coast in the Red Sea where a ship was passing through
- **At West Bank, Five Palestinian terrorists killed by Israeli army**
- India T20 Squad
- Tornadoes break out in parts of Midwest United States of America
- Columbia University and many other universities protest Israel Palestine war
- Man from Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England to go through drug rehabilitation after shoplifting from stores
- Man lights self on fire in New York ahead of Trump trial
- Nicholas Light reacts to "Plastic Hearts" album
- Real Madrid draw 2-2 with Bayern Munich in first leg of Champions League semifinals
- Sachin IPL Career

## Section 5: Previous community conversations

### Presentations at events

- 2013 presentation at Wikimedia Conference:  
<https://prezi.com/gg3wadct9fec/wikinews-wikiversity-rapa-nui-and-other-lost-causes/>  
 (fragmented notes taken here:  
[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Conference\\_2013/Documentation/Day\\_3#Wikinews,\\_Wikiversity,\\_Rapa\\_Nui\\_and\\_other\\_lost\\_causes](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Conference_2013/Documentation/Day_3#Wikinews,_Wikiversity,_Rapa_Nui_and_other_lost_causes))

## What's wrong with these?

non-viability ("objective" or contingent)  
not filling a need (effectively)  
not a good fit to wiki model  
(despite what one may think)  
stronger alternatives

Wikimedia-l letters and threads (usually presenting a variety of opinions)

- 2004 On starting the wikinews:  
<https://lists.wikimedia.org/pipermail/wikimedia-l/2004-October/060981.html>
- 2004 some issues spotted by Andrew Lih immediately:  
<https://lists.wikimedia.org/pipermail/wikimedia-l/2004-October/061017.html> (like "Wikinews will be venturing into original, primary-source journalism, which means the contributors themselves or Wikimedia are on the hook", "There is a notable difference between Wikipedia and Wikinews -- the matter of deadlines and edition time. Wikipedia's content is continually morphing. But for news to be news, it must be frozen at one point in time, and that puts Wikinews within a different dynamic")
- 2011 a worthwhile letter from Andrew Lih:  
<https://lists.wikimedia.org/pipermail/foundation-l/2011-September/068381.html>
- 2017 Wikitribute launch:  
<https://lists.wikimedia.org/hyperkitty/list/wikimedia-l@lists.wikimedia.org/thread/TTSCJPQ7PUCKMFDMAILQ4Y2B6XGNKHCY/#TTSCJPQ7PUCKMFDMAILQ4Y2B6XGNKHCY>  
("It's possible the missing magical ingredient that will let it take off will be paid professional journalists")
- 2017 "Revitalising Wikinews" conversation:  
[https://en.wikinews.org/w/index.php?title=Wikinews:Water\\_cooler/miscellaneous&oldid=4316563#How\\_else\\_to\\_revitalize\\_Wikinews](https://en.wikinews.org/w/index.php?title=Wikinews:Water_cooler/miscellaneous&oldid=4316563#How_else_to_revitalize_Wikinews)
- 2019 Thread discussing Wikinews:  
<https://lists.wikimedia.org/hyperkitty/list/wikimedia-l@lists.wikimedia.org/thread/FAPUOOWXBVN7KD6RUOPUKAC4Z3GR6XUI/#FAPUOOWXBVN7KD6RUOPUKAC4Z3GR6XUI>  
! ("The problem with failing projects like Wikinews and Wikiversity is that there is not a critical mass in their community", "Shutting down Wikinews is not the only strategic option (...) self hosting (...) Someone from the Wikimedia Foundation should weigh in with a marginal cost estimate of hosting Wikinews", "Wikipedia does a fine job of documenting a great deal of news: in an encyclopedic fashion") -- also mentions Wikispecies
- 2025 Thread about revitalisation

[Wikinews:Water cooler/proposals - Wikinews, the free news source](#) “Even on WP today, trying to implement "traditional encyclopedia editorial room" practices would fail. English Wikipedia could not survive on new articles that went through the official Draft process. It's too slow, too much overhead, the role of reviewer is just inviting people to practice saying 'no'. I think to revive Wikinews you'll need more automation if you want to keep summarizing secondary coverage...”

## Attempts to have other organisations to host / manage Wikinews

- 2007 [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikinews\\_Foundation](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikinews_Foundation) was proposed, but never created
- 2012-2013 [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The\\_Wikinewsie\\_Group](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_Wikinewsie_Group) was created (did not work out)





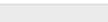
## Proposals to close (different arguments)

- 2012 a failed proposal to close English Wikinews (mostly based on inactivity): [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Proposals\\_for\\_closing\\_projects/Closure\\_of\\_English\\_Wikinews](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Proposals_for_closing_projects/Closure_of_English_Wikinews), more here: [https://meta.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikimedia\\_Forum&oldid=5356319#Proposal\\_to\\_close\\_Wikinews](https://meta.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wikimedia_Forum&oldid=5356319#Proposal_to_close_Wikinews)
- 2013 a failed proposal to close, from a perspective of "the lack of usefulness from a *user point of view* - some of these projects may be active on a low level, but there's no product of a news site worth visiting": [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Talk:Proposals\\_for\\_closing\\_projects/Archive\\_2](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Talk:Proposals_for_closing_projects/Archive_2)

## Section 6: Search Indexing Insights

One indicator of how useful Wikinews is on the internet is in how search engines treat it. It is important to understand how much of the Wikinews projects are accessible to internet users through search engines given that these are still the drivers of the majority of web traffic.

**Google Search Console - Indexed v/s Unindexed Pages, All Wikinews, 2024-05-08**

Reason	Source <span>?</span>	Validation	Trend	↓ Pages
Blocked by robots.txt	Website	! Not Started		1,540,946
Crawled - currently not indexed	Google systems	! Not Started		1,290,308
Alternate page with proper canonical tag	Website	! Not Started		788,720
Page with redirect	Website	! Not Started		717,566
Excluded by 'noindex' tag	Website	! Not Started		581,636

It is important to note that it is normal for many pages to be excluded by noindex and robots.txt. For instance special pages, articles for deletion, spam blacklists, and other pages are excluded intentionally by Wikinews and other wikis. It is far more useful to look at the set of URLs that are *expected* to be indexed but are not.

As shown above, Google indexes 1.5M of the 6.5M+ URLs on all the Wikinews projects, with over **1.2M** URLs in the “crawled but not indexed” category. Without revealing exactly how the search algorithms work, Google have indicated that this is based on their estimation of the likelihood that a page will ever be retrieved through a search query. In other words, a crawlable page [is not guaranteed to be indexed](#). It is also concerning that the number of crawled-but-not-indexed pages are growing while the number of indexed pages seems to have flatlined.

### Google Search Console - Growth of Indexed Pages, All Wikinews, 2024-05-13



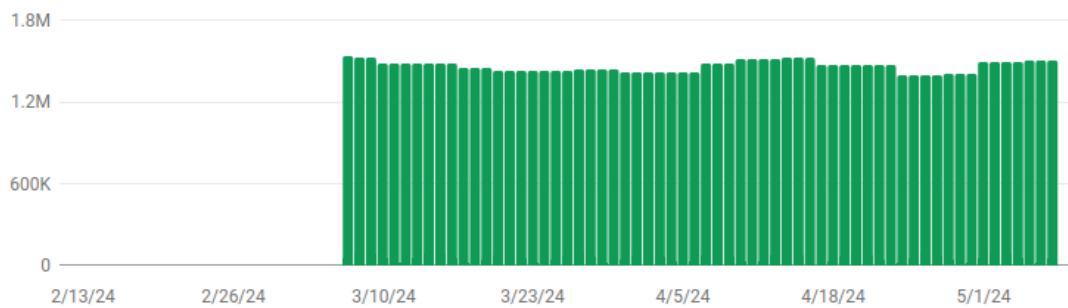
### Indexed pages

These pages can be served on Google

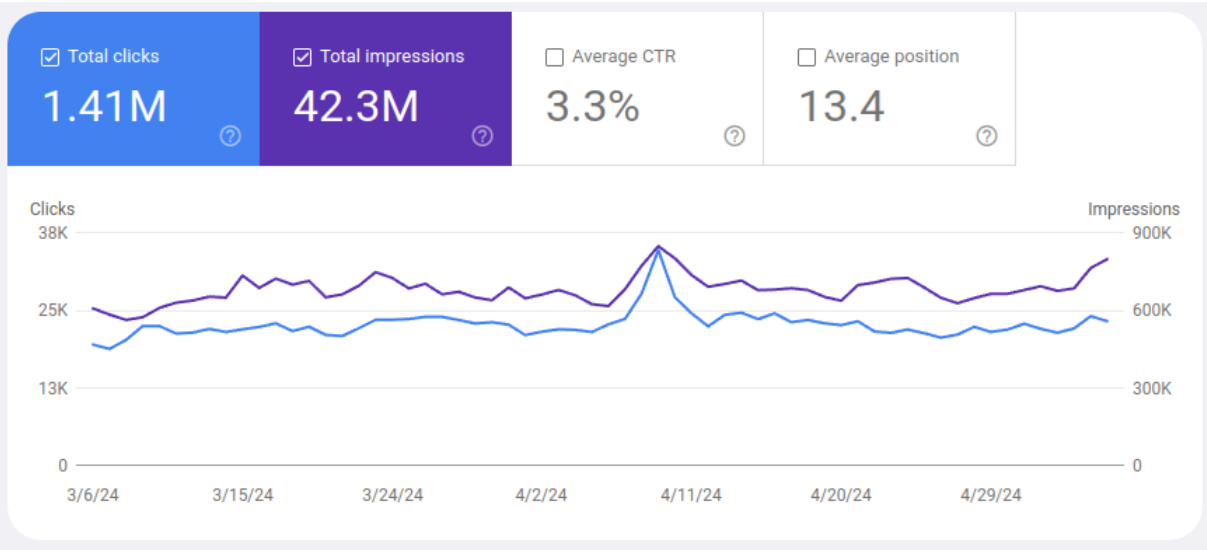
[LEARN MORE](#)

### Affected pages

1.5M



### Google Search Console - All Wikinews Projects, 3-month overview



As shown above, there are 1.4M click throughs to Wikinews from Google Search results over a 3-month period.

## Section 7: Methodology for estimating links to Wikinews and news sites

The following method was used to estimate news links:

1. All URLs (http and https) from a given Wikipedia project were dumped in a list.
2. For counting links to Wikinews, all Special: and User: pages were removed and the remaining URLs were counted.
3. For counting links to Wikisource, all Special: and User: pages were removed and the remaining URLs were counted.
4. For RU, the following domains were used as a set of major news sites (there are several more news links):
  - a. lenta.ru
  - b. gazeta.ru
  - c. kp.ru
  - d. echo.msk.ru
  - e. rbc.ru
  - f. mk.ru
  - g. tmass.ru
  - h. bbc.co.uk
5. For ZH, the following domains were used as a set of major news sites (there are several more news links):
  - a. news.xinhuanet.com
  - b. hk.news.yahoo.com
  - c. www.libertytimes.com.tw
  - d. news.bbc.co.uk

## Section 8: Wiki Comparison stats snapshot

 Wikinews, Jan 2024 Wiki Comparison [public] snapshot