

WIKIPEDIA AND WIKINEWS: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NEWS ARTICLES AND ENCYCLOPEDIC NEWS

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Wikinews

- Free source of news
- Everyone can edit
- Large or small events from elsewhere
- Based on key principles of Wikimedia projects:
 - neutral
 - free
 - open decision making process



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Wikipedia and Wikinews

Wikinews

- Project of the Wikimedia Foundation that seeks to write news from free sources
- •Born in 2004 in English, there are now more than 30 languages.
- •Write news stories from a neutral point of view and maintain the freedom of independence of sources and editorial policy.
- Describe current events

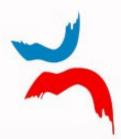
Wikipedia

- •Project of the Wikimedia Foundation that seeks to write world knowledge in an online repository
- •Born in 2001 in English, there are now over 260 languages.
- •Write encyclopedia articles, from a neutral point of view and well referenced.
- •Describe the consequences of past and current events.



More about Wikinews

- Every news create for posterity a document with defined time limits but enriched by
 - Neutrality
 - verifiability
 - and wikistyle!
- Citizen and neutral perspective of the news, regulated by administrators familiar with the Wikimedia values.
- Actual trend in big media: close contents for a payment. This is a opportunity for Wikinews model.



News articles on Wikipedia... or enciclopedic news on Wikinews?





Situation

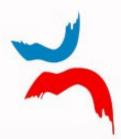
- •In theory: the news on Wikinews, the enciclopedic articles on Wikipedia.
- •Reality: a lot of wikipedians reporting news event immediatly, with asymmetrical update margins compared with Wikinews
- •Wikipedia should not accept some confirmed information or valid, it is not a primary source.
- •The immediacy and urgency to disseminate information and the less support from the editors of the Wikipedia in Spanish to a sister project affects very significantly.





But why are few editors who want to be wikireporters?





Differences in the form of edit

- Edition without conventional references
- You can edit always in builded content in Wikipedia if you want. In Wikinews we're always creating from scratch.
- Type of writing, more rigurous in style
- Different use of templates and categories





Wikireporter vs wikipedist

- The wikipedist is speaking of an event based on the account of others (not primary source)
- Wikireporter can write a story from news sources, either in person or by the cycle of information.
- A wikipedist can be wikireporter but not vice versa:
 The wikireporter should go to the nearest source of information, not the wikipedist.





Sources

- Wikipedia is based on scientific information as a basis for the edition and references are mandatory, except in the Spanish Wikipedia (¬¬)
- Wikinews relies on international agencies, original reporting, and mashup data sources.
- Wikipedia does not allow the original papers;
 Wikinews promotes serious original reporting (only to registered users with reliable sources for publication)





Proposals

- 1. Find the positive synergy between the projects, as now, seems to absorb Wikinews Wikipedia for the reasons set out above.
- 2. Highlight the presence in the editions of Wikipedia, a sister project that is focused entirely circumstantial information.
- 3. Talk to internal Wikinews community the possibility of fewer restrictions in Wikipedia to experienced users who can collaborate on Wikinews.
- 4. Find alternative sources of voluntary cooperation and hyperlocal via Wikipedia Ambassadors type agreements, helped by the Wikimedia chapters.

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