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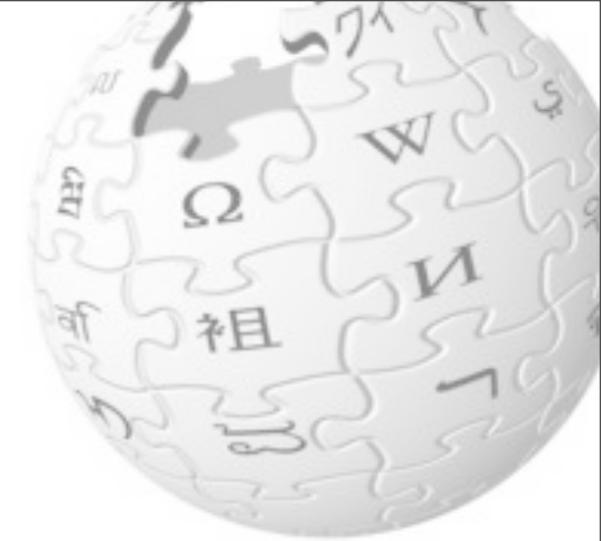


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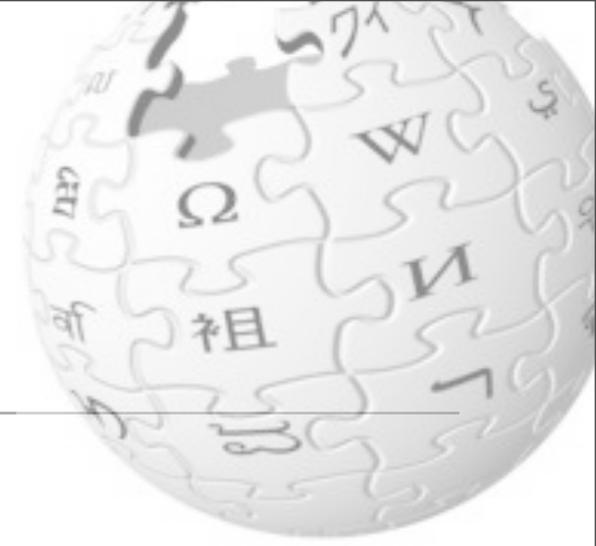
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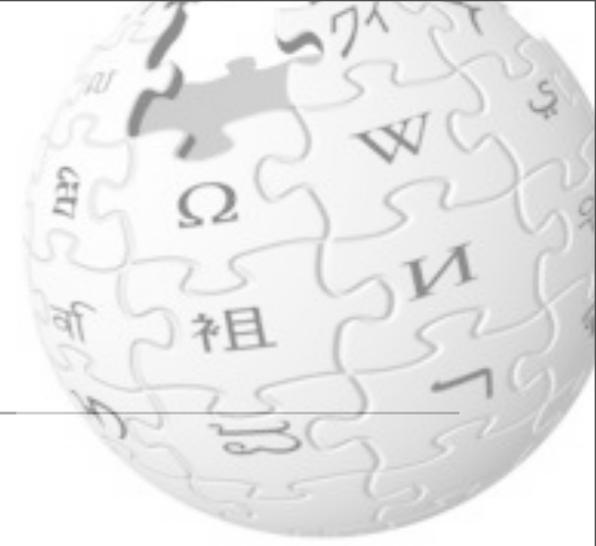
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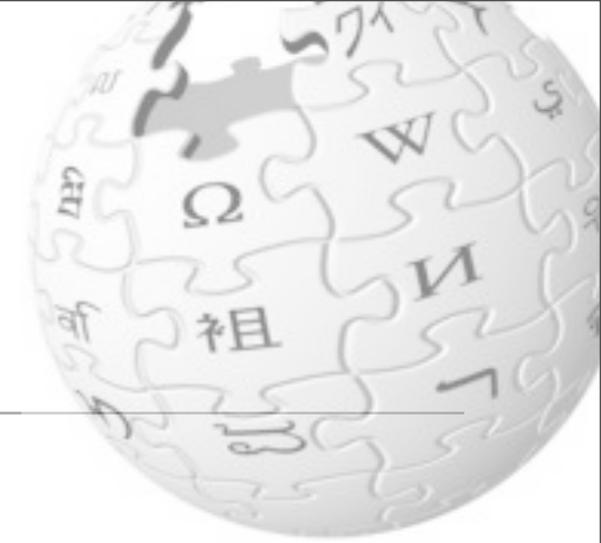


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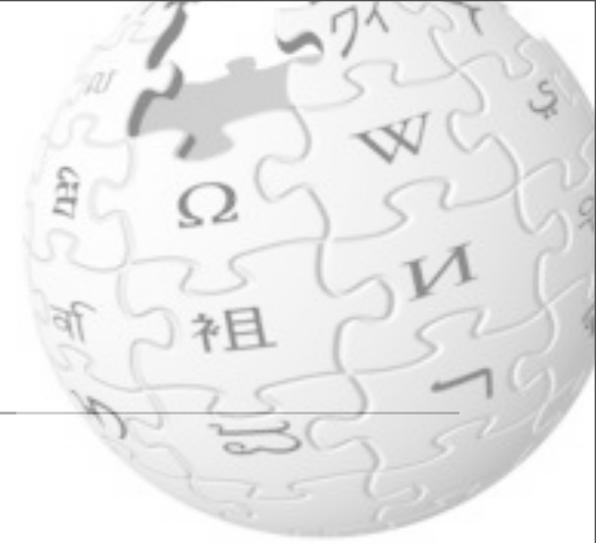
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Total edits	126	
Image uploads	0 (0 cur, 0 old)	
Distinct pages edited	72	
Edits/page (avg)	1.75	
Deleted edits	0 (browse)	
First edit	2006-06-27 19:01:21	
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	Talk	10
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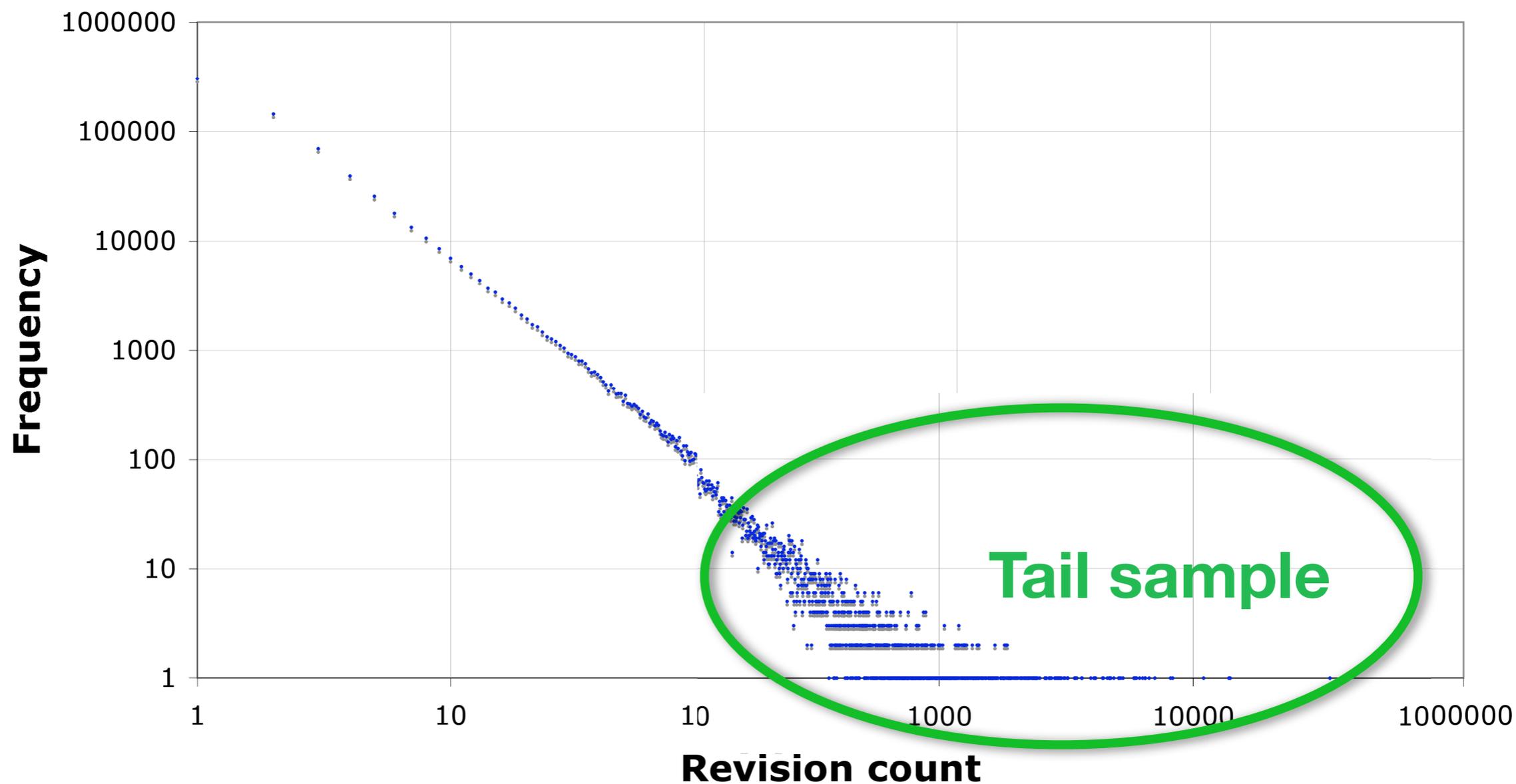
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Distribution of talk pages by revision count



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Prior consensus

Decision made in the past is presented as absolute and incontrovertible

Article scope

Central and peripheral content strictly defined

Legitimacy of source

A cited source is discredited or bolstered

Power of interpretation

One sub-community commands greater authority than another

Practice on other pages

Content organization on other articles is used to validate or discredit contributions

Legitimacy of contributor

Traits of contributors are used to bolster or undermine a position

Threat of sanction

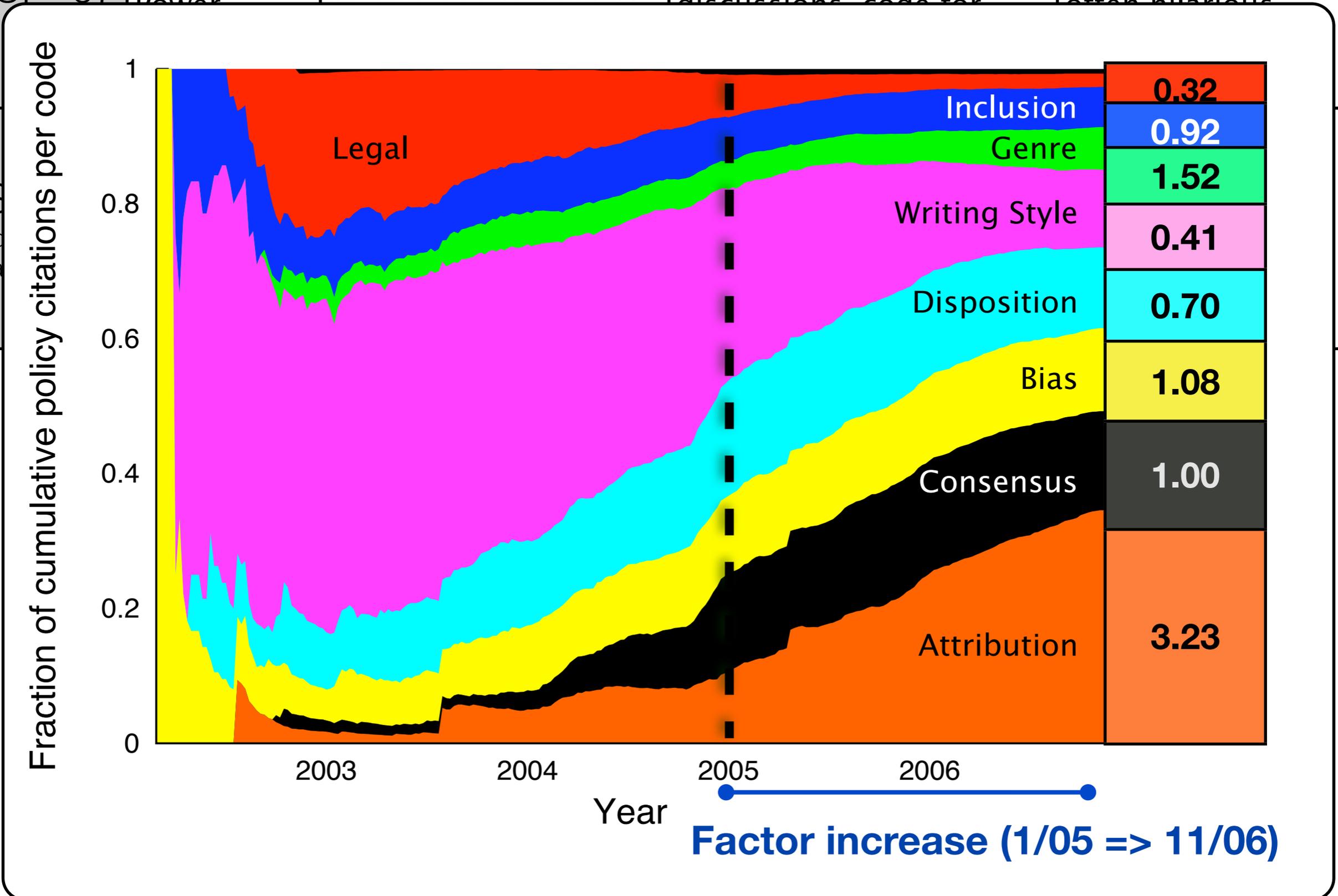
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Editing Work		852	27.8%
minor	copy-editing	112	13.1%
media	images, audio	75	8.8%
initiative	starting articles, stubs	59	6.9%
major	substantial textual addition to an article	56	6.6%
achievement	shepherding an article to a higher quality level	41	4.8%
classification	categorizing articles, adding templates	35	4.1%
redesign	large-scale refactoring, merging pages	22	2.6%
translation	to or from another language	18	2.1%
attribution	citing sources, removing unsourceable info	18	2.1%
general		416	48.8%
Social and Community Support Actions		763	24.9%
commitment	to an article, a wiki-project	331	43.4%
teaching	mentorship, question-answering	71	9.3%
leadership	of wikiprojects & other initiatives	44	5.8%
humor and cheer	being funny, cheering others up	43	5.6%
user page design	helping to design another's user page	41	5.4%
rewarding	recognizing the achievements of others	22	2.9%
welcoming	welcoming newcomers	15	2.0%
general		196	25.7%
Border Patrol		342	11.2%
vandal fighting	reverting damage to unspecified namespace	180	52.6%
deletion	article notability, spam removal	63	18.4%
vandal fighting	reverting damage to user pages	30	8.8%
vandal fighting	reverting damage to articles	29	8.5%
sockpuppets	finding users operating multiple accounts	12	3.5%
legal	copyright violations, fair use rationale	9	2.6%
general		19	5.6%
Administrative		284	9.3%
privilege granting	helping vet potential administrators	163	57.4%
intervention	formal mediation of user conflicts	35	12.3%
quality designation	determining article status (e.g. Featured)	34	12.0%
technical action	exercise of privileged power	30	10.6%
general		22	7.7%

Result

Set of frequent power plays with often hilarious examples

Pretty graphs.

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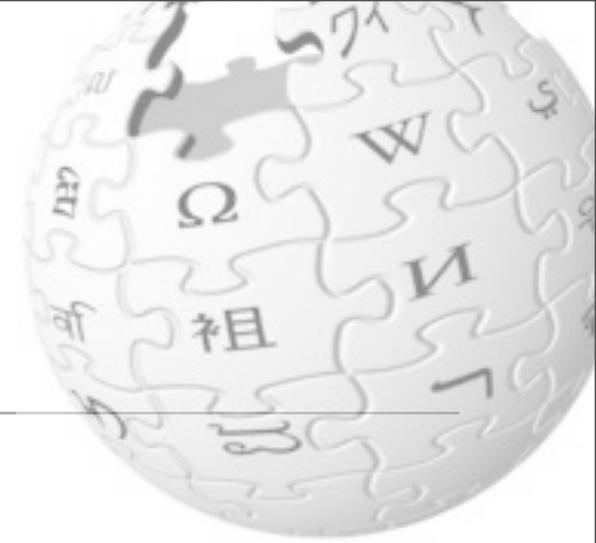
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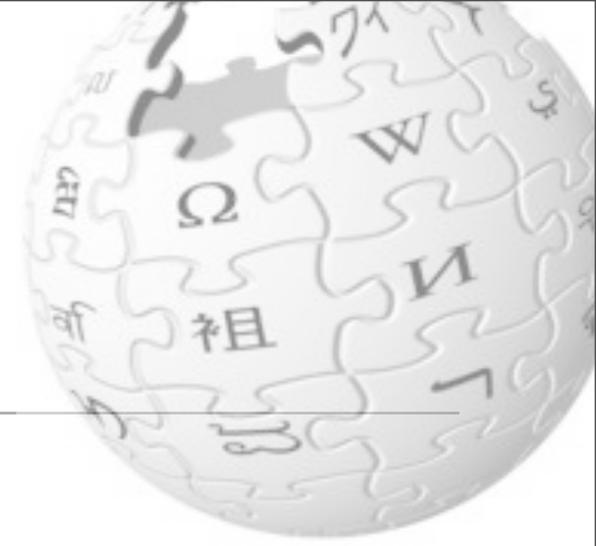
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 - Past studies of Wikipedia

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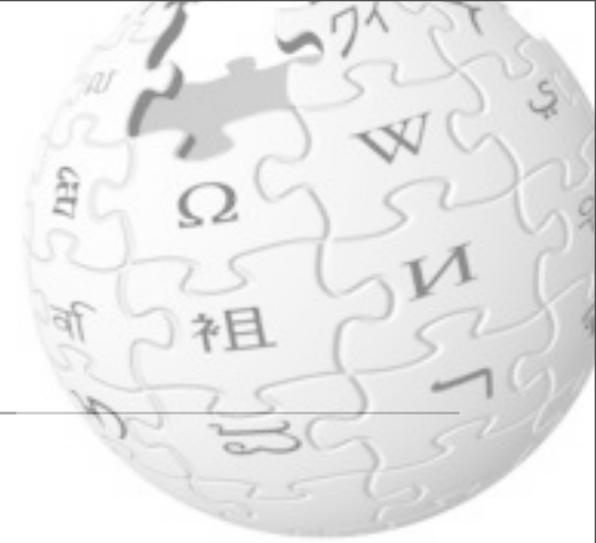


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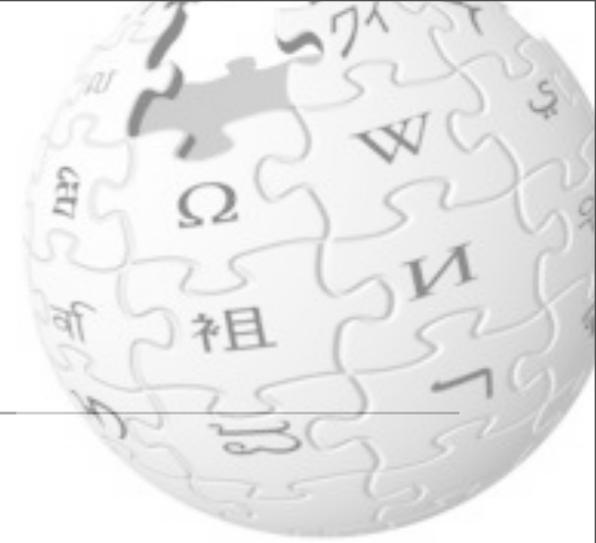
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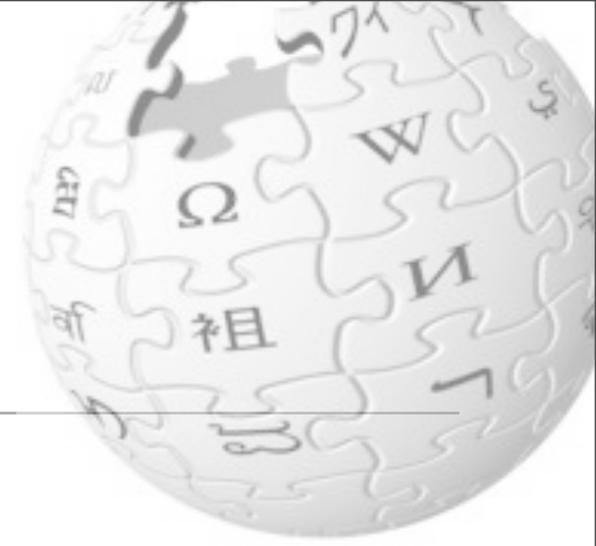
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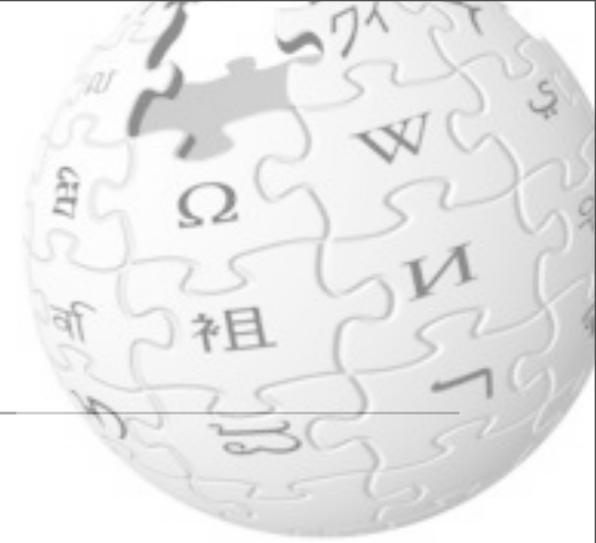


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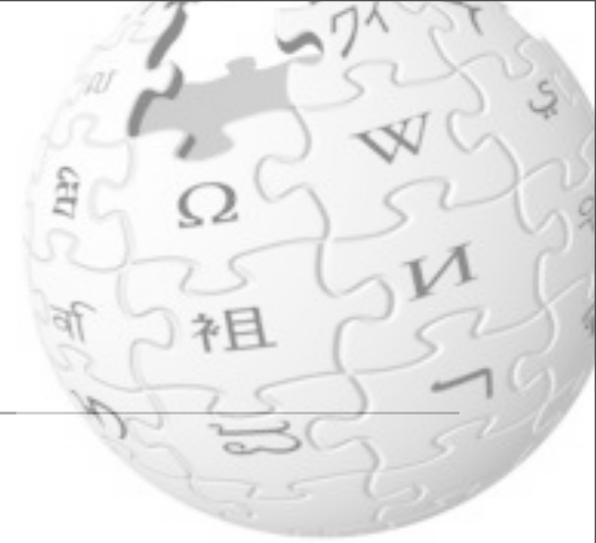
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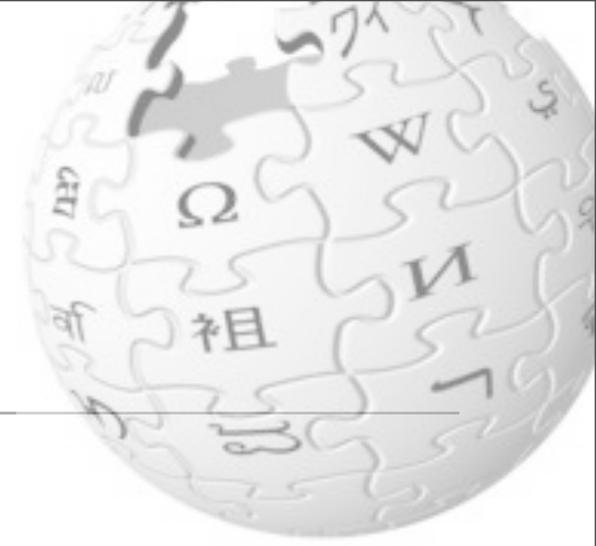
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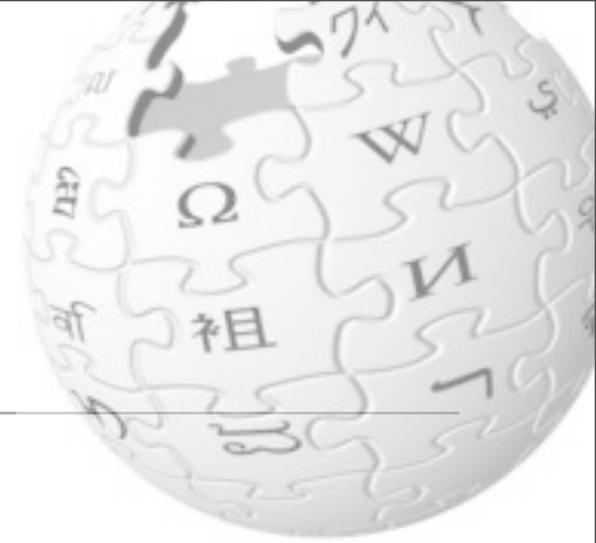
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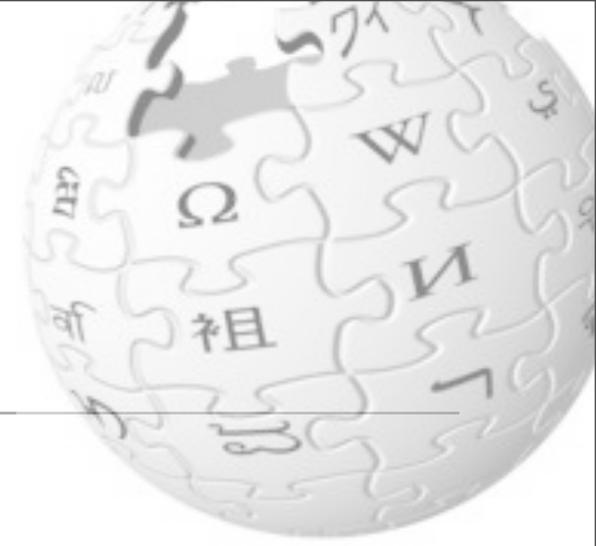
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- finding a workable solution to a problem as a group through discussion
- fundamentally **ITERATIVE**
 - understand the problem
 - find tradeoffs
 - share concerns
 - develop solutions
 - (repeat)
- easy to describe, difficult in practice

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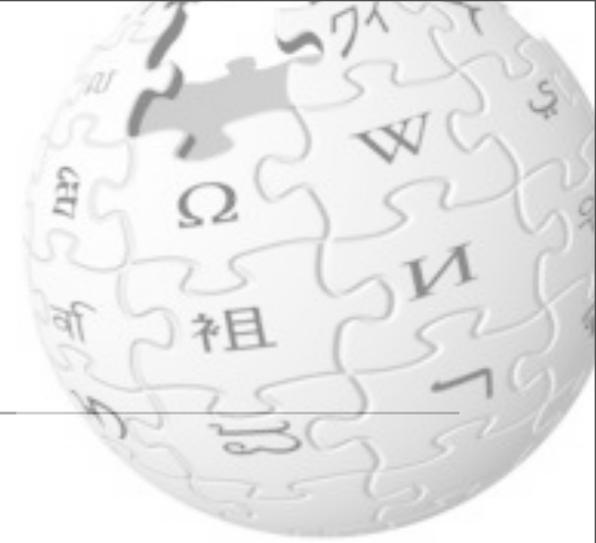
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Threaded responses on the talk page only, please

Should Rorschach test display all ten images used in the test and the common responses, or should we act on psychologists' concerns that doing so undermines the test? 17:00, 7 August 2009 (UTC)

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Statement of the dispute

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I'm opening this RfC as an admin who has been lightly involved with some behavioral issues on

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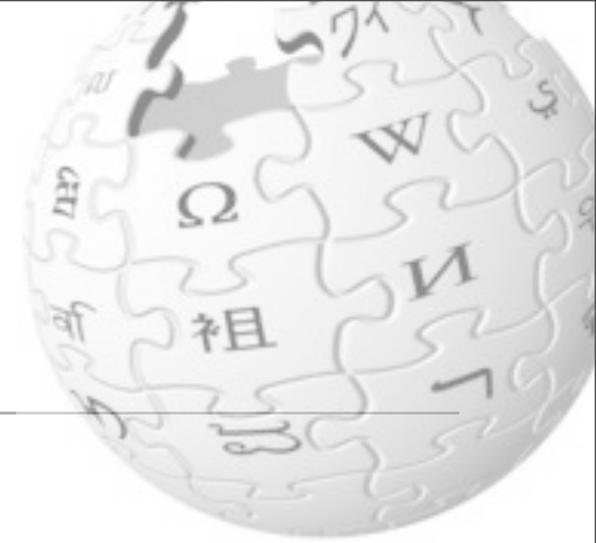
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A compromise involving removal of some of the 10 images (note, a very limited set of material that cannot grow in number, not really an [image gallery](#) in the "unwanted" sense) is not acceptable, because sizeable parts of the article content specifically discuss the images individually or in groups (for instance by color components).

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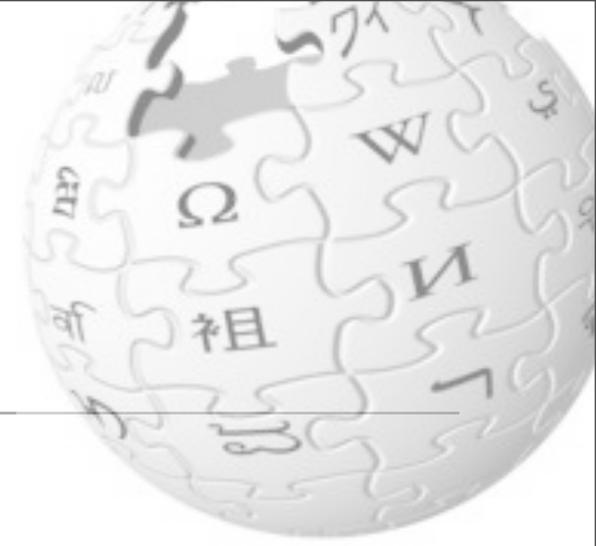
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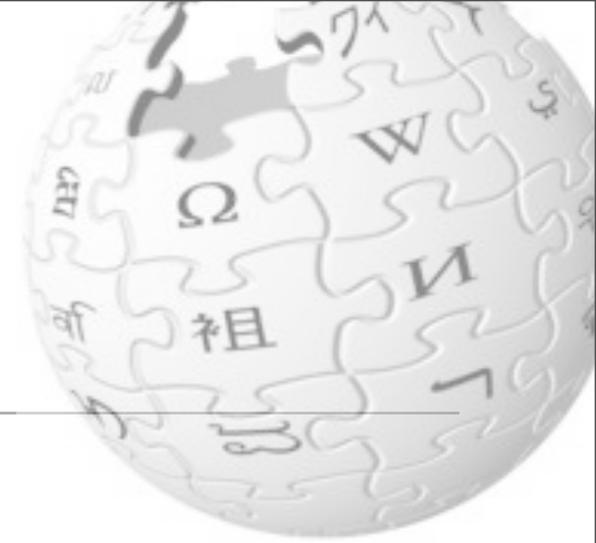
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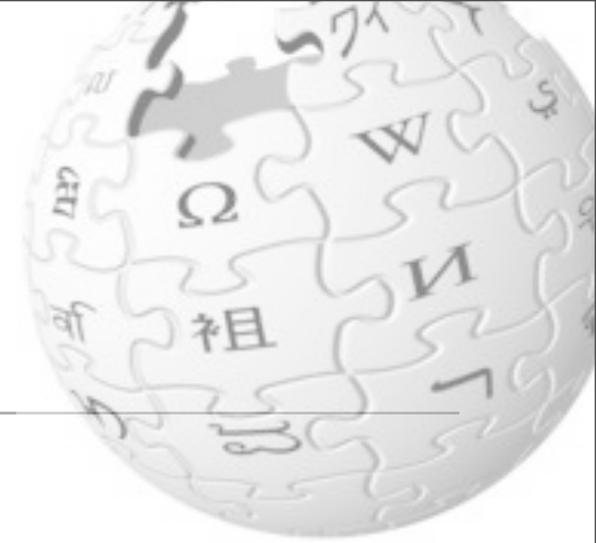
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- People may fundamentally disagree
 - but you can't know a priori...
- Big egos & trust
- Having the time & patience

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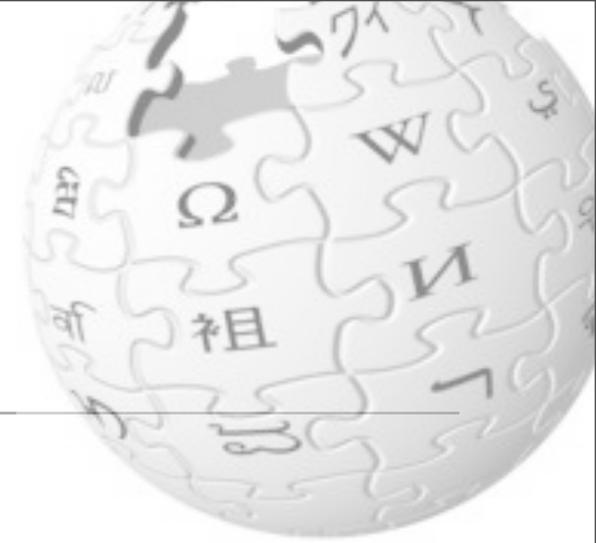
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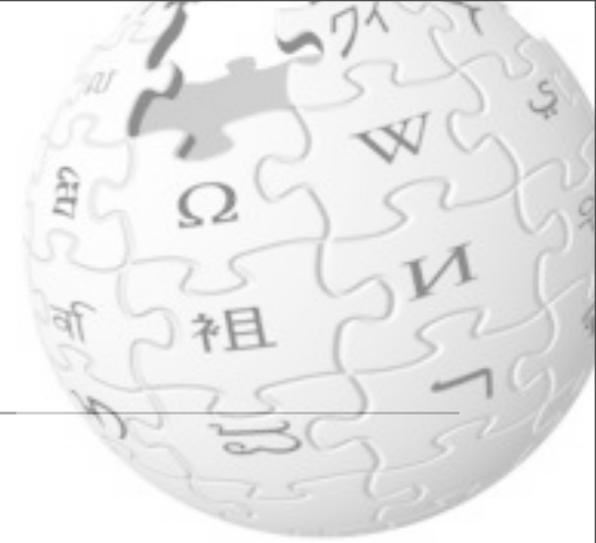
Contrib

Centralized discussion

- **Proposal:** Should large-scale semi-/automated article creation task require a **bot request for approval**?
- **Discussion:** Do **FfD** discussions for **non-free** images that result in **no consensus** default to keep or delete?
- **Creating a new page:** "Requests for administrator assistance" - to replace **WP:Administrators' noticeboard/Incidents**
- **Discussion:** Are current television schedules for television networks/stations appropriate content on Wikipedia?
- **RfC:** Should **Rorschach test** display all ten images used in the test and the common responses, or should we act on psychologists' concerns that doing so undermines the test?
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- **Poll:** Formal vote regarding the content and location of the **Ireland** and **Republic of Ireland** pages.

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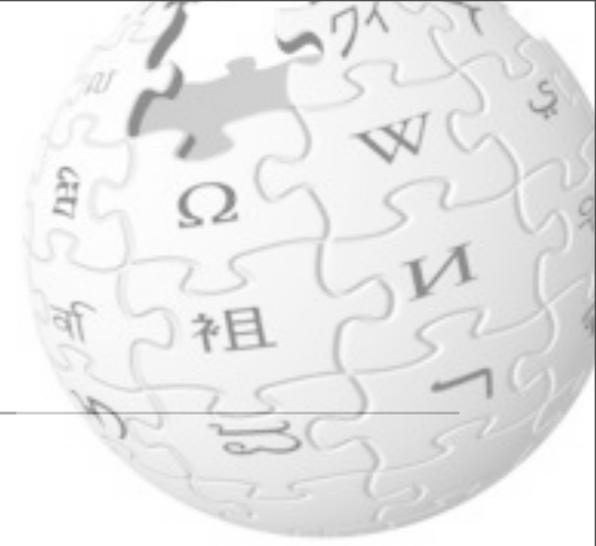
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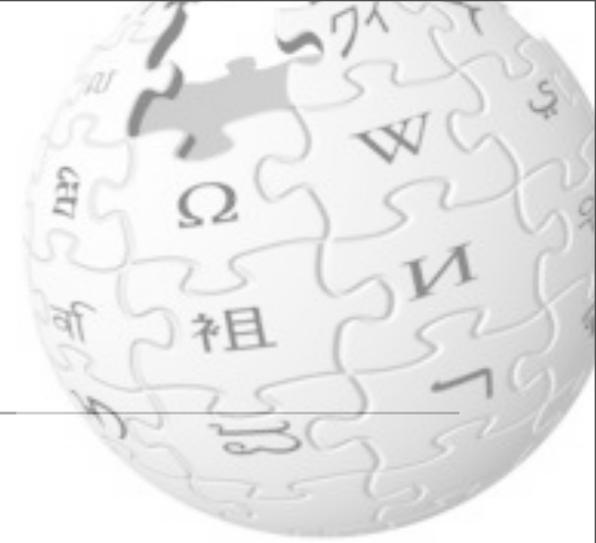
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Contributing

- The problem
 - what is at stake
 - possible solutions & tradeoffs
 - open questions
- The dialog
 - what people are saying & why
 - who is involved
 - current state of consensus
 - if others have stated or share your opinion

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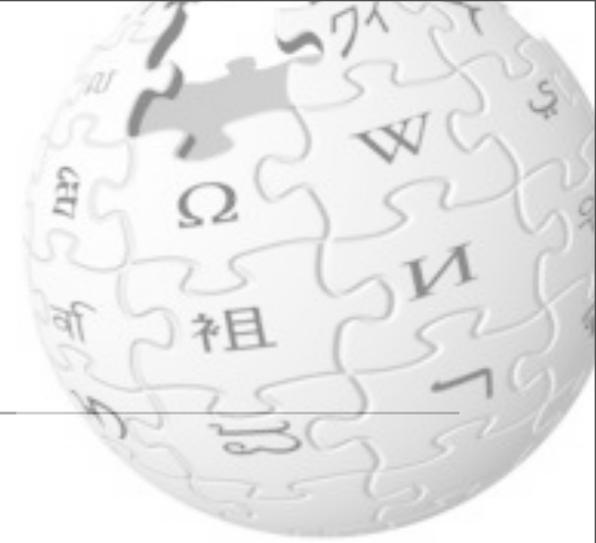
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- Where to effectively communicate my position
- How to attract attention to...
 - unanswered questions
 - claims that need attention
 - a new position or solution

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Demos



Augmenting Discussion

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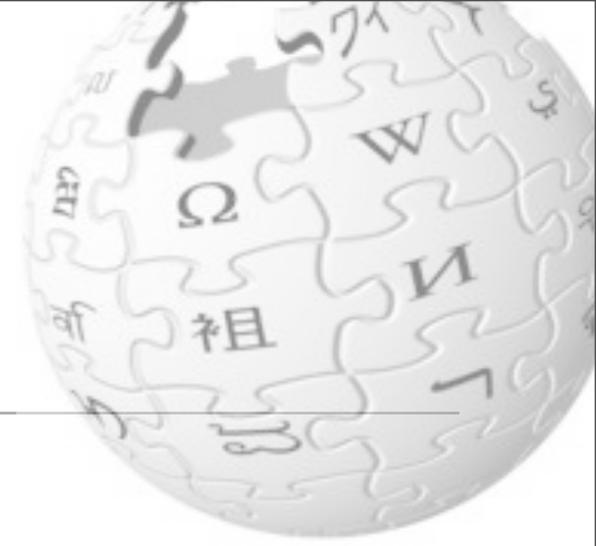
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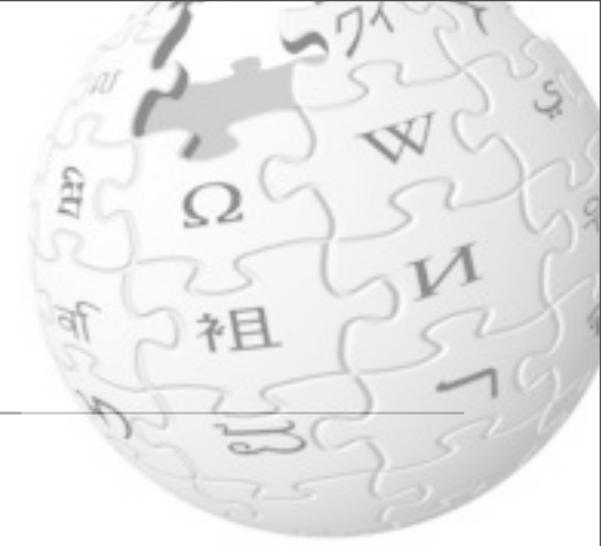
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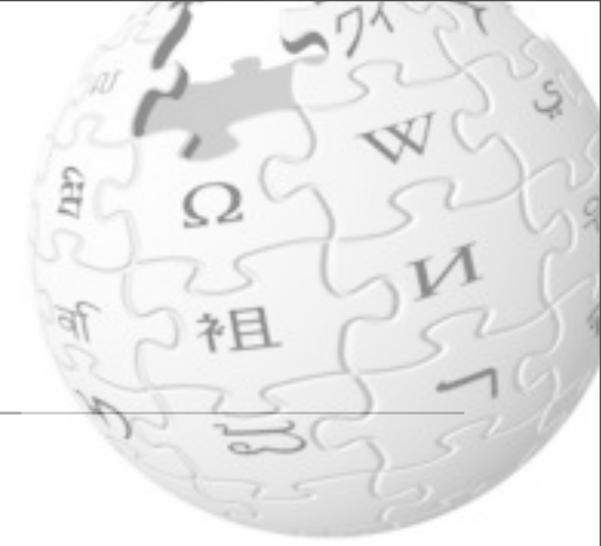
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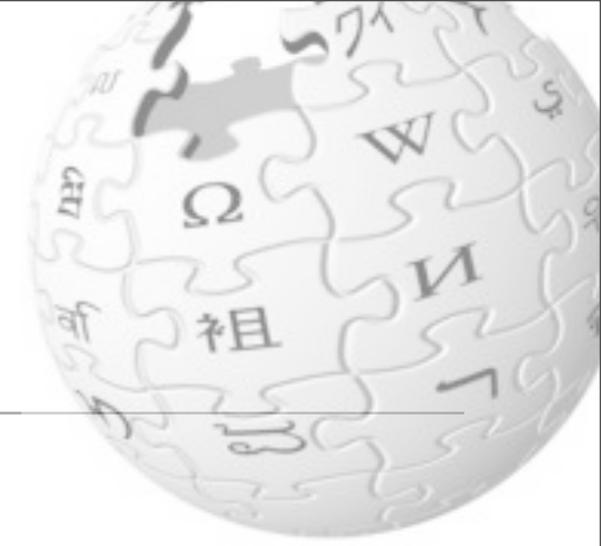
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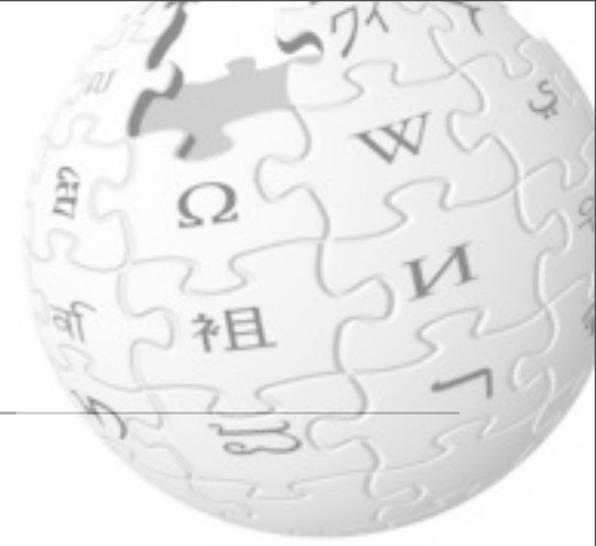
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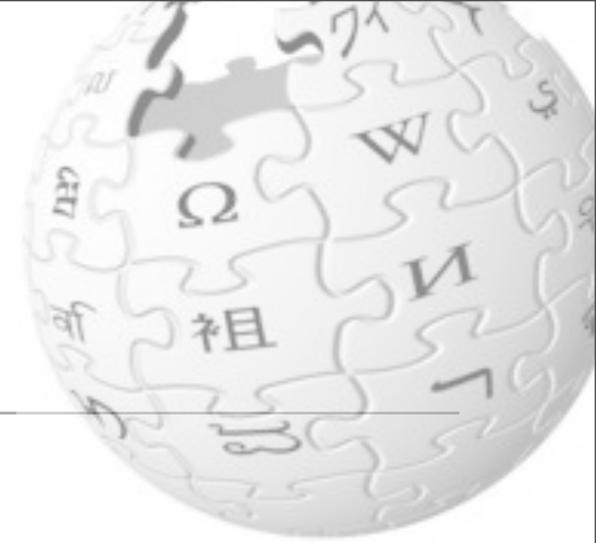
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