

Perspectives on Wikipedia's Content Gender Gap

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- Co-founders: Emily, Sydney, Rosie
- Established July 2015 @ Wikimania, Mexico City
- Scope: women's issues, broadly construed, to include support for editors, content, events
- 77 members from around the world; not bounded by geography

[https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/WikiWomen's User Group](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/WikiWomen's_User_Group)

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- Differences between content gender gap and editor gender gap
- Brief history - Compare and contrast Wikipedia's content gender gap with that found in Ramón Armando Rodríguez's "Diccionario biográfico, geográfico e histórico de Venezuela" (1957).
- Importance? *"It is not women's inferiority that has determined their historical insignificance: it is their historical insignificance that has doomed them to inferiority."* —Simone De Beauvoir (1949)

What is content gender gap?

- WikiProject Women in Red
- WikiProject Women Scientists
- WikiProject Women's Health
- Wikipedian in Residence @ West Virginia University
- Grants!

**How are we addressing
it?**

Thank you

“Perspectives on Wikipedia’s Content Gender Gap”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uW1WSVmpvwk>

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