

Dispelling the Stigma: Wikipedia in Egyptian Universities & Libraries



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Wikipedia activities in
universities help
ameliorate Wikipedia's
reputation

Wikipedia Education Program (WEP)

Created a student fan base:

How?

- Rewards for participation (certificates/small gifts)
- Frequent in-class discussions

Dispelling benefits

- A better type of supporters; supporters with sound reasons



A recent good result

- Wiktionary in Lexicography class



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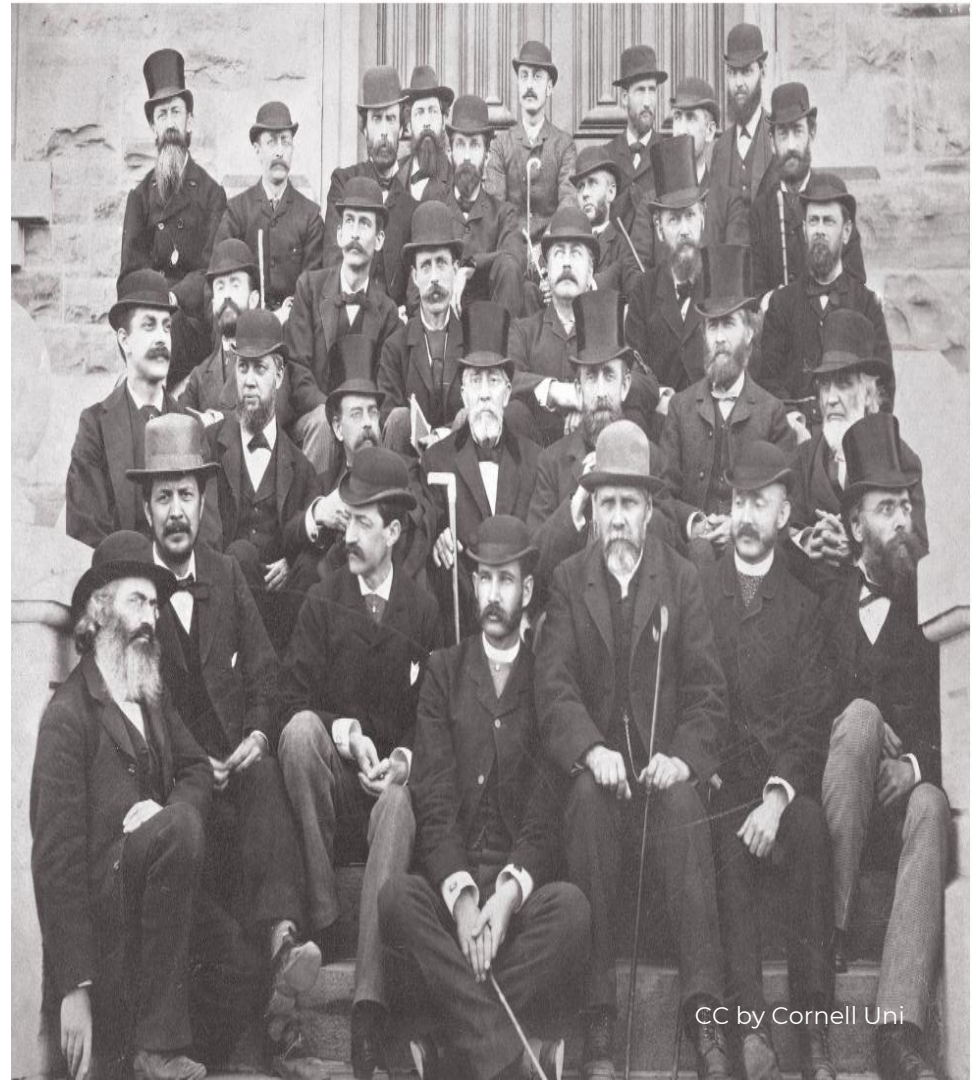
Created a professor fan base:

How?

- Rewards for participation (visibility/certificates/small gifts)
- Frequent in-class discussions

Dispelling benefits

- Less push back
- More chances for integration of Wiki in class



A recent good result

- University approval of Wikipedia as a valid internship place



Wikipedia Education Program (WEP)

Created a focal point:

How?

- Continued & varied activities

Dispelling benefits

- Reach out for clarifications
- Invitations to presentations/workshops for staff & students in different universities



A recent good result

- Collaboration with the American University in Cairo: Wikipedia Workshop & Wikidata at their library
- Introduction & planned collaboration with Bibliotheca Alexandrina



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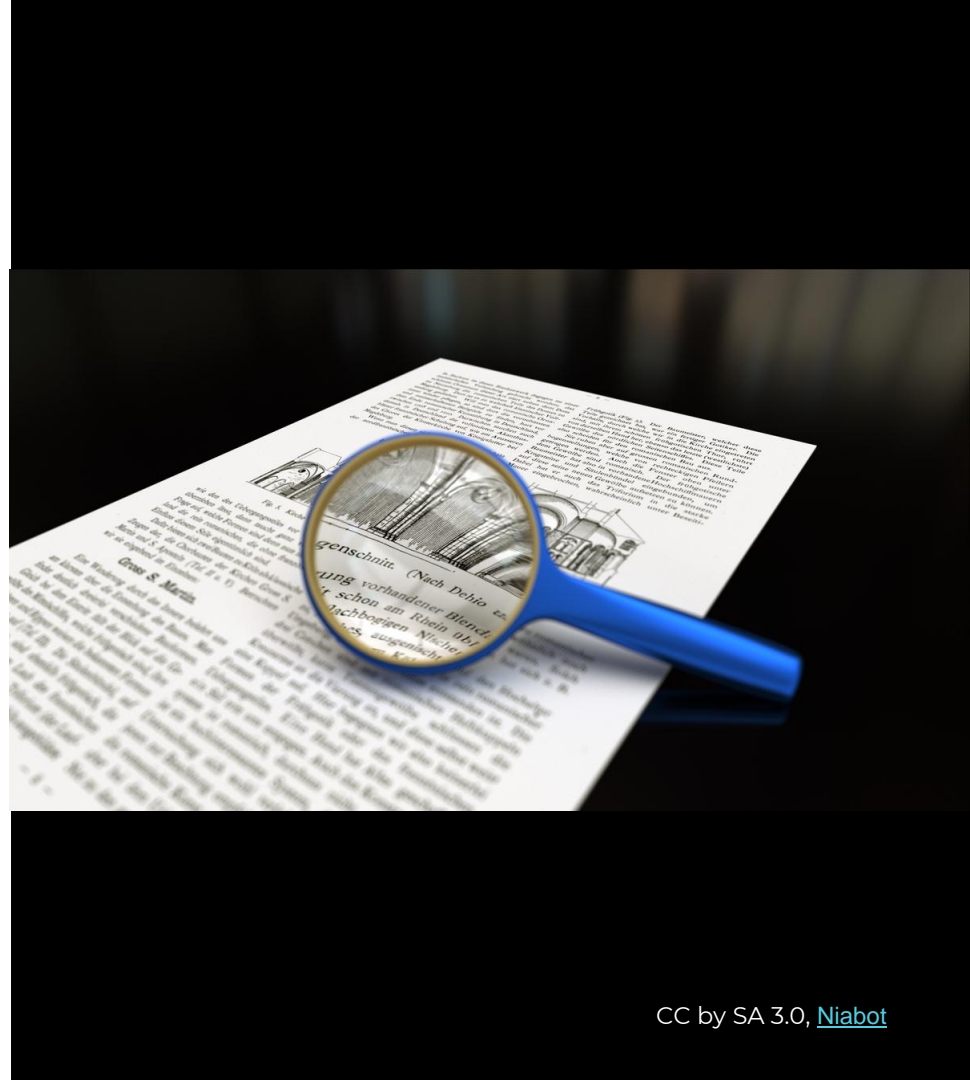
Gave Wikipedia a much needed academic/scholarly validity

How?

- Theses using on Wikipedia
- Research on Wikipedia

Dispelling benefits

- Changing treating Wikipedia as a faulty product to a rich analysis area
- Giving Wikipedia a chance for better introductions
- Allowing giving back to Wikipedia in the way academics like.



A recent good result

- Master's thesis using Wikipedia as a corpus
- Presenting a research paper on Wikipedia

Acceptance & recommendations for further research are key here

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In summary

- Student fan base
- Professor fan base
- Focal point
- Scholarly validity

Thank you!

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