

**What's so important  
about discussion?**

# Things that discussion makes possible:

- consensus
- conflict resolution
- collaboration
- community-building

Discussion is not secondary to “serious” work on the wiki – it’s fundamental to how Wikipedia works.

# Then (2005): Everything and the kitchen sink

## Wikipedia talk:Verifiability

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This is an **old revision** of this page, as edited by **SlimVirgin** (talk | contribs) at 22:07, 30 September 2005. It may differ significantly from the **current revision**.

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- See also: [Wikipedia talk:Verifiability/Dates](#)

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## Miscellaneous

I see a number of possible applications of this rule, and I agree with some of them and not others.

Say if a statement is added about a fairly obscure topic. The statement sounds perfectly reasonable and there's no reason to doubt it. Should it be removed immediately? Or should it be left indefinitely?

Someone comes along and, without any good reason even after being asked for one, challenges the statement. They don't claim that the statement is dubious, just that it is unverifiable. The person removes it to the talk page pending proof. Should that be tolerated, or reverted?

If someone claims that the statement really is dubious, it should certainly be removed pending investigation. I've done that often. But I'm not at all happy with the other two. The problem is that it takes time to obtain evidence of a statement, especially if there is no freely available online source (as is the case with most human knowledge). Hence the immediate removal of material which has not been referenced

# Wikipedia talk:Verifiability


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This is the **talk page** for discussing improvements to the **Verifiability** page.

- **Put new text under old text.** [Click here to start a new topic.](#)
- **Please sign and date your posts** by typing four tildes (~~~~).
- **New to Wikipedia?** Welcome! Ask questions, get answers.

- Be polite, and welcoming to new users
- Assume good faith
- Avoid personal attacks
- For disputes, [seek dispute resolution](#)

Shortcut:  
WT:V

 **This is not a forum** for general discussion about "verifiability" as a concept. Any such comments [may be removed](#) or [refactored](#). Please limit discussion to improvement of this page. You may wish to ask [factual questions](#) about "verifiability" as a concept at the [Reference desk](#), discuss relevant Wikipedia policy at the [Village pump](#), or ask for help at the [Help desk](#).



**Now (2013): Highly specialized**

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**How do these  
discussions actually  
look and behave?**

# **1. User talk**

# User talk

## 1 to 1 collaboration

Hi!

Hey Accedie, how are you?:) I hope you are doing well. I have a copy-edit request as you have done some awesome edits to *Loud*. I have worked hard through some period on "Cry Me a River" and now I think with some c/e it can be submitted to FAC. Are you able to copy-edit it for me. Thanks a lot ! :) — [Tomica](#)<sup>(T2ME)</sup> 20:16, 27 October 2012 (UTC)

Hey Tomica, good to hear from you :) Sure, I'll take a look at it and help out where I can. **Accedie**<sup>talk to me</sup> 21:45, 27 October 2012 (UTC)

Thanks so much, I appreciate it. — [Tomica](#)<sup>(T2ME)</sup> 21:46, 27 October 2012 (UTC)

✓ **Done** - Lookin' good! Let me know if you need any more help, and good luck at FAC! **Accedie**<sup>talk to me</sup> 00:13, 28 October 2012 (UTC)

Thanks :))) I will inform you what happens through the FAC. :) — [Tomica](#)<sup>(T2ME)</sup> 08:25, 28 October 2012 (UTC)

Hey Maryana. Here is it [Wikipedia:Featured article candidates/Cry Me a River \(Justin Timberlake song\)/archive1](#). Can you please add it to your watchlist? Thank You.:) — [Tomica](#)<sup>(T2ME)</sup> 09:31, 11 November 2012 (UTC)



**User talk**

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collaboration



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## User talk

### Notices and warnings

August 2013 [\[edit source\]](#)

Hello, I'm **MusikAnimal**. I wanted to let you know that I undid one or more of [your recent contributions](#) to [Sapwuahfik](#) because it did not appear constructive. If you would like to experiment, you can use the [sandbox](#). If you think I made a mistake, or if you have any questions, you can leave me a message on [my talk page](#). — **MusikAnimal** <sup>talk</sup> 18:54, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

### Barnstars and Wikilove

A barnstar for you! [\[edit\]](#)



#### The Random Acts of Kindness Barnstar

Thanks much for your help with creating a new page for my student.

I am relatively new to the wiki experiment and using the wiki as part of my class assignments.

Your helpfulness has motivated me to incorporate the wiki more seriously in my college classes and become more familiar with the editing process.

With sincere thanks, Marko **Prof. Dumancic** [\(talk\)](#) 18:54, 20 May 2013 (UTC)

**User talk**

Block

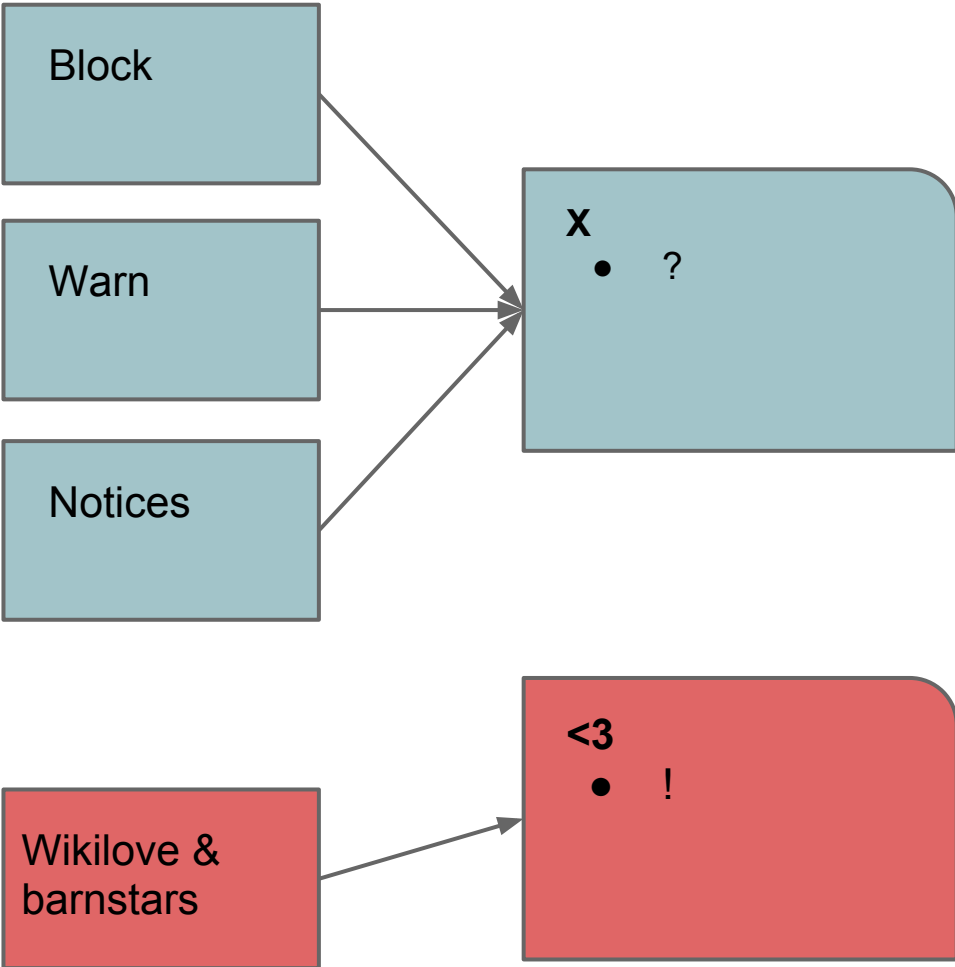
Warn

Notices

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## **2. Article and other (category, template) talk**

## Article & other talk

### 1 to 1 collaboration

[marathon bombing](#) [edit source]

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I dont know if it should even be on this page, but the sentence *On April 15, 2013, at approximately 14:50 ET the city suffered two bombings during the Boston Marathon, killing 3 and wounding 183 people.* certainly does not belong where it currently is in the history section. The mention in the sports section is less out of place, but even then it seems given unnecessary weight. Maybe a sentence in the crime section instead. [nableezy - 04:47, 17 April 2013 (UTC)]

I agree that the [Boston Marathon bombings](#) should be mentioned just once, and then linked to the very comprehensive article on the event. Tacking it onto the history hodgepodge section as it is now doesn't help. Perhaps we should look at how the [New York City](#) article handles the [9/11](#) attacks. [Reify-tech (talk) 15:08, 17 April 2013 (UTC)]

**Article &  
other talk**

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## Article & other talk

### Speedy and proposed deletion

#### Talk:Geneva jacuzzi

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This page should not be speedy deleted because... [\[edit source\]](#)

This page should not be speedily deleted because I've rewritten the biography, gotten rid of the photo (which was copyrighted), and cleaned up the sources. Jacuzzi has been written about in a number of relevant/mainstream journals and has a steady fanbase; it makes sense that she would have a wikipedia page.

### Good article nomination

#### Talk:Windows RT/GA1

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GA Review [\[edit source\]](#)

**Article** ([edit](#) | [history](#)) · **Article talk** ([edit](#) | [history](#)) · [Watch](#)

**Reviewer:** [Bonkers The Clown](#) ([talk](#) · [contribs](#)) 04:04, 25 June 2013 (UTC)

Comments by the Clown [\[edit source\]](#)

I will review this article. Cheers,  [Bonkers The Clown](#)  [Nonsensical Babble](#)  04:04, 25 June 2013 (UTC)

This article's Good Article promotion has been put **on hold**. During review, some issues were discovered that can be resolved without a major re-write. This is how the article, as of June 25, 2013, compares against the [six good article criteria](#):

**1: Well-written?:**

1. Quality of writing is neat. Some pointers, though:
2. LEAD: Per [WP:LEADCITE](#), facts in the lede (unless deemed controversial) need not be cited as it appears again in the body.

**2: Factually accurate?:**

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other talk**

Speedy  
deletion

Proposed  
deletion

Good article  
nominations

- ○ resolved
- ○ resolved

**Closed**



# **3. Wikipedia namespace**

# Wikipedia namespace

## WikiProject talk

### BA Heathrow incident 24 May [edit source]

Can we have a discussion re the notability or otherwise of this incident? I notice that it has been added and removed from the BA article, with one editor adding the incident in good faith as notable enough to mention, and another removing it in equally good faith as non-notable.

Given that the incident *appears* to have affected both (i.e. *all*) engines, I'd say that the incident is notable enough to cover under the articles on the airport, airline and aircraft type, per the [WP:AIRCRAASH](#) guideline. I'm not yet convinced of the case for a stand-alone article, but that may change as more facts become known. [Mjroots \(talk\)](#) 13:08, 24 May 2013 (UTC)

The article on the incident is well on its way to snowy delete right now at AFD. It's not a hull loss, so it doesn't merit a mention in the BA article IMHO....[William](#) 13:05, 25 May 2013 (UTC)

And so it was. I don't have a problem with that. Maybe we'll have to wait until the AAIB report comes out to assess the true seriousness of this one. [Mjroots \(talk\)](#) 18:14, 25 May 2013 (UTC)

Of the 6 incidents and accidents included in the section, 3 are hull losses. This latest incident is serious enough to be included in my opinion. [Cloudbound \(talk\)](#) 15:14, 16 July 2013 (UTC)

## Help spaces

### Non Free image alert [edit source]

I do not actually know where to report this type of problem? Anyway a new user [1] [☞](#) is starting a portfolio of image related vandalism - including replacing pictures with large HQ files and uploading images of BLP's and passing them off as their own work, effectively releasing them into commons - despite the upload names matching file names when you click and save on a Google images search - you know the type "picture x 6757-87-00000.jpg"[Rain the 1](#) 00:34, 30 July 2013 (UTC)

I see some editors or individually reverting them on the wiki articles, have you posted this at [Wikipedia:Copyright\\_problems?](#) (and yes of course there is a backlog there). [Market St.](#) [=> Diamond Way](#)  
04:34, 30 July 2013 (UTC)

## Village pumps

### Negative Image [edit source]

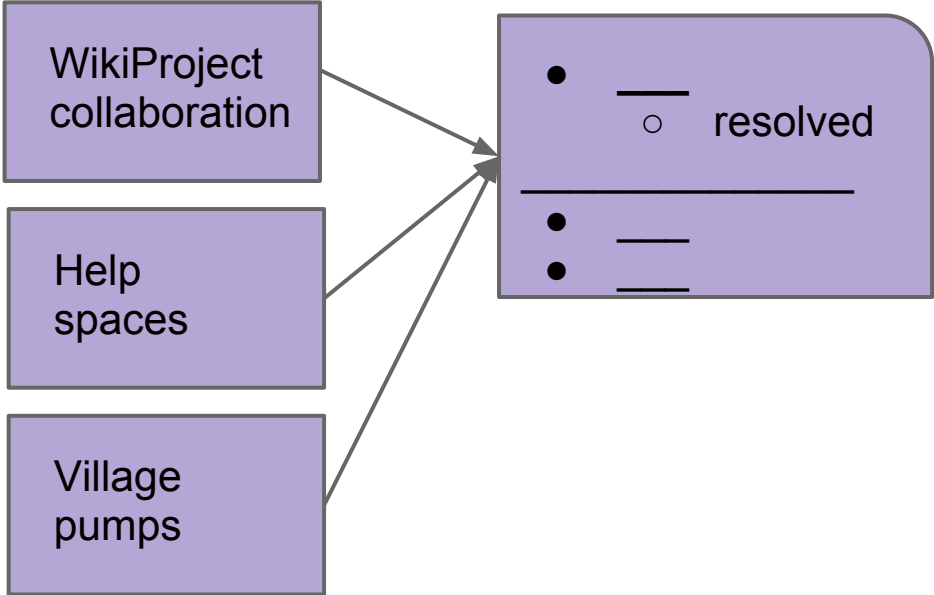
Hi, I recently updated this image [File:Angels\\_Den\\_Main\\_Logo.jpg](#). Unfortunately, the image came back in a sort of negative fashion; changing the original colours. Thanks. Rhâmusker [Rhamusker \(talk\)](#) 15:54, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

It looks fine to me (in Firefox 22 under Windows XP): black and gold on a white background. However, different browsers and operating systems can do funny things to JPEGs. Which browser and OS are you using? [--Redrose64 \(talk\)](#) 16:13, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

I just looked on a windows xp using chrome and you right it looks fine, however when using safari 5.1 and OX 10.6, it does look black.

Thank you [--Rhamusker \(talk\)](#) 16:17, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

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## Queues and requests

**OVO Sound** ([edit](#)[|](#)[talk](#)[|](#)[history](#)[|](#)[protect](#)[|](#)[links](#)[|](#)[watch](#)[|](#)[logs](#)) ([edit source](#))

**Semi-protection:** Persistent dubious unsourced additions or factual inaccuracies being added. **STATIC** [message me!](#) 22:27, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

+ **Semi-protected** for a period of **one month**. After one month the page will be automatically unprotected. [Mark Arsten \(talk\)](#) 00:18, 3 August 2013 (UTC)

**Raven-Symoné** ([edit](#)[|](#)[talk](#)[|](#)[history](#)[|](#)[protect](#)[|](#)[links](#)[|](#)[watch](#)[|](#)[logs](#)) ([edit source](#))

**Temporary semi:** Previous/expected vandalism and propaganda - Subject reportedly came out as lesbian and people are itching to add that to the article, even though it's not fully proven yet. [Abcdefg0](#) ([talk](#)) 20:28, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

+ **Semi-protected** for a period of **three days**. After three days the page will be automatically unprotected. [--Bongwarrior \(talk\)](#) 21:50, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

## Noticeboards

**User-reported** ([edit source](#))

- [216.6.186.68](#) ([talk](#) · [contribs](#) · [deleted contribs](#) · [filter log](#) · [info](#) · [WHOIS](#) · [RDNS](#) · [trace](#) · [RBLs](#) · [http](#) · [block user](#) · [block log](#)) Known sock of [Codyfinke](#) ([talk](#) · [contribs](#) · [deleted contribs](#) · [nuke contribs](#) · [logs](#) · [edit filter log](#) · [block user](#) · [block log](#)) which has been reported to their [sock investigation page](#), but is currently doing damage with a cut-and-paste move without discussion involving the [National Arbor Day Foundation](#). Needs to be stopped before any more havoc is caused. [Nate](#) • ([chatter](#)) 21:44, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

! **Note:** Protected re-direct - there's no target to paste to anymore. [Ronhjones](#) ([Talk](#)) 23:07, 2 August 2013 (UTC)

- [Glee xx](#) ([talk](#) · [contribs](#) · [deleted contribs](#) · [nuke contribs](#) · [logs](#) · [edit filter log](#) · [block user](#) · [block log](#)) – On [William Moseley \(actor\)](#) ([diff](#)): vandalism after final warning; actions evidently indicate a vandalism-only account. Persistent addition of unsourced content, also copyright violations; probably sockpuppet of [Nika1234](#) ([talk](#) · [contribs](#)). See [Wikipedia:Sockpuppet investigations/Nika1234](#). [Elizium23](#) ([talk](#)) 00:30, 3 August 2013 (UTC)

## Main page nominations

**Russian submarine K-18 Karelia**

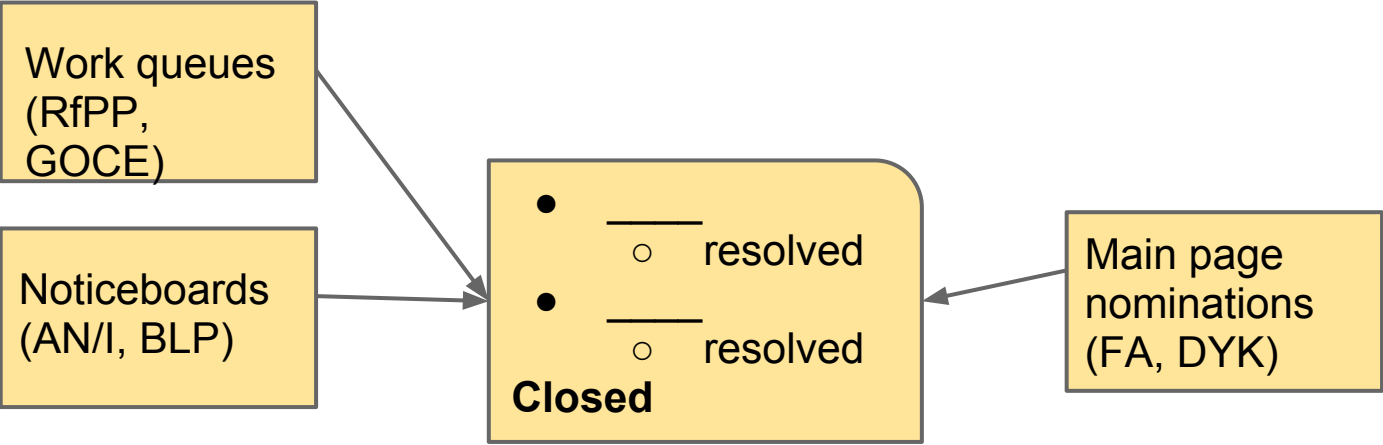
([Review or comment](#) · [Article history](#))

- ... that the Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) boarded the submarine **K-18 Karelia** (*pictured*) in April 2000?
  - Reviewed:* [Juan Manuel Galán Pachón](#)

Created by [Strike Eagle](#) ([talk](#)). Self nominated at 09:11, 6 July 2013 (UTC).

- ? There are issues with close paraphrasing.

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## Articles for deletion

### Seth Vidal [edit source]

Seth Vidal (edit | talk | history | protect | links | watch | logs) – (View log · Stats)

(*Find sources*: "Seth Vidal" – news · books · scholar · JSTOR · free images)

Not notable, BLP1E at about the loosest definition of 1E available (developing a utility for an operating system). Google hits seem to indicate nobody heard of him until his death (three obits and his personal Google+ page in the first page of hits, and all his professional information is sourced from the subject's own resume, which, while hopefully not fake, likely runs afoul of RS. MSJapan (talk) 19:16, 10 July 2013 (UTC)

- Keep** This article has only one day old, and missing many things to write. References can be found easily before his death, for example, here  or here  –GM83 (talk) 20:05, 10 July 2013 (UTC)

Note: This debate has been included in the list of United States of America-related deletion discussions. · Gene93k (talk) 23:15, 10 July 2013 (UTC)

Note: This debate has been included in the list of Computing-related deletion discussions. · Gene93k (talk) 23:15, 10 July 2013 (UTC)

Note: This debate has been included in the list of Software-related deletion discussions. · Gene93k (talk) 23:15, 10 July 2013 (UTC)

Note: This debate has been included in the list of People-related deletion discussions. · Gene93k (talk) 23:15, 10 July 2013 (UTC)

- Delete** - per nom, all RS coverage is obit focused. No indication of notability apart from his creation of Yellowdog Updater, Modified. The slideshow linked above is not a reliable source. Dialectric (talk) 09:42, 11 July 2013 (UTC)

## Requests for adminship

### Support [edit source]

- Support** No reason is obvious to object. Seems to be a good candidate for admin.--Amadscientist (talk) 02:12, 24 July 2013 (UTC)
- Support** — Per nominator's rationale; also, candidate has an admirable approach to disputes/conflicts as outlined in question/answer 3; wonderful work with in regards to maintaining article quality; and interests in administrative areas WP:RPP (and perhaps later down the track: WP:AIV, WP:AN3). Clean block log. Tick, tick, tick! Good luck, —MelbourneStar<sup>☆</sup>talk 02:23, 24 July 2013 (UTC)
- Support**- Impressive, dedicated work. No qualms here. Mlpearc (powwow) 02:31, 24 July 2013 (UTC)
- Support**. I like this editor's approach to dealing with conflict. Xxanthippe (talk) 02:56, 24 July 2013 (UTC).
- Support** I scanned his contribs, and his logs, and I see someone reasonably similar to myself, albeit more active, and I think we need exactly that. Hiberniantears (talk) 02:58, 24 July 2013 (UTC)

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## Requests for comment

### RFC survey: punctuation when quoting [\[edit source\]](#)

*One lvote per editor; please use "#" for easy reference.*

#### Option A: LQ alone [\[edit source\]](#)

*Limit of one paragraph, maximum 50 words. No replies here; use the discussion section.*

1. Aside from the inconsistency of TQ with all punctuation aside from commas and periods, and the fact that it inserts punctuation into quoted material where there was none to quote, thus falsifying it, having two systems on WP is making our style rules *more* complex. not *less* complex. [Tony](#) (talk) 09:26, 30 June 2013 (UTC)
2. [Nbound](#) (talk) 09:37, 30 June 2013 (UTC)  
No specific benefits by allowing AS/TQ, and plenty of potential for issues. -- [Nbound](#) (talk) 05:38, 4 July 2013 (UTC)
3. [Jimp](#) 09:45, 30 June 2013 (UTC)  
The consensus was reached years ago that fidelity to the source was of greater importance than allowing freedom of quoting style. This principle is no less valid today. Going back on this long-standing consensus brings little benefit and, in my view, does more harm. Not only would allowing TQ introduce uncertainty in quotation but it would also introduce inconsistency. [Jimp](#) 04:02, 3 July 2013 (UTC)

## Arbitration

### Pillars [\[edit source\]](#)

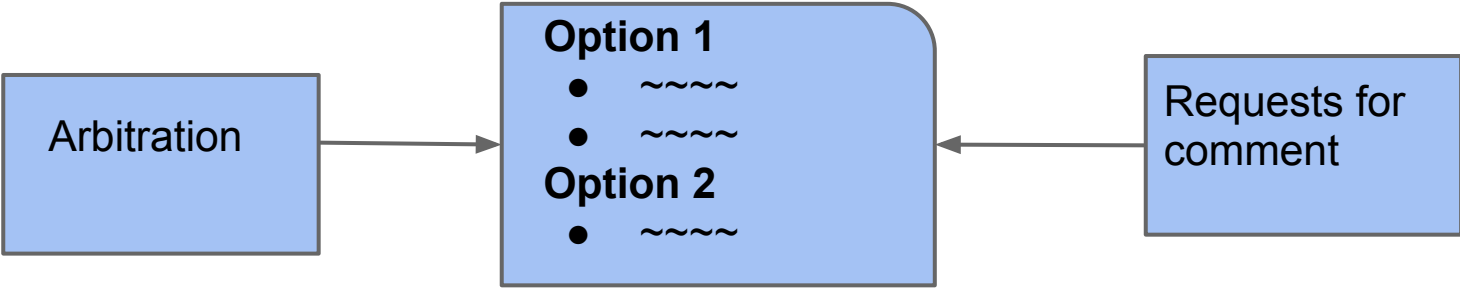
1) Wikipedia articles must be [neutral](#), [verifiable](#) and must not contain [original research](#). Those founding principles (the *Pillars*) are not negotiable and cannot be overruled, even when apparent consensus to do so exists.

Support:

1. — [Coren](#) (talk) 13:21, 19 July 2010 (UTC)
2. [Cool Hand Luke](#) 14:56, 19 July 2010 (UTC)
3. [SirFozzie](#) (talk) 03:56, 26 July 2010 (UTC)
4. [Carcharoth](#) (talk) 05:10, 31 July 2010 (UTC)
5. I'm not sure that the terminology used here is ideal—the three core content policies form only one of the five pillars, and some of the other pillars tend to be interpreted more flexibly than others—but the substantive point here is correct. [Kirill](#) (talk) [prof] 17:31, 8 August 2010 (UTC)



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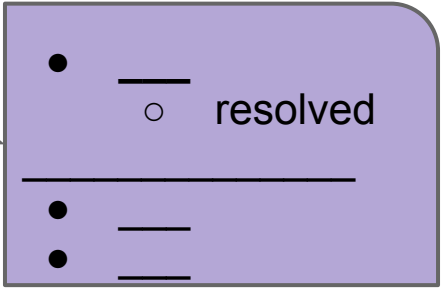


**These are the building  
blocks of discussion on  
English Wikipedia**

User talk



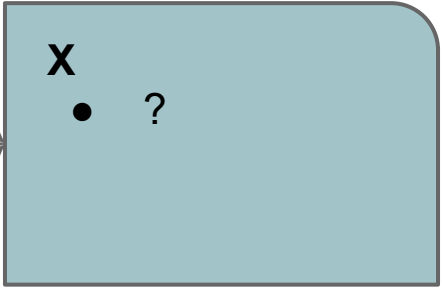
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collaboration



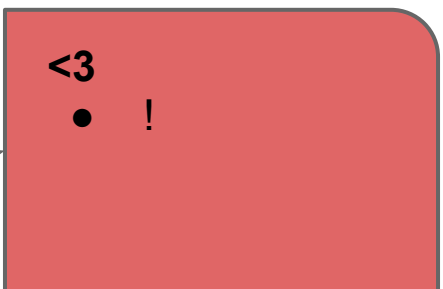
Block

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Notices



WikiLove &  
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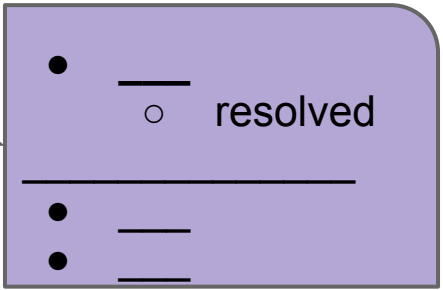


1. **Discussions that need to be resolved**
2. **Discussions that don't**
3. **System messages and warnings**
4. **Social messaging**

Article talk



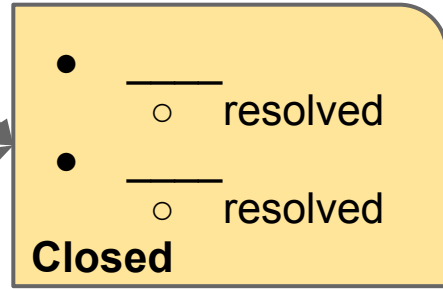
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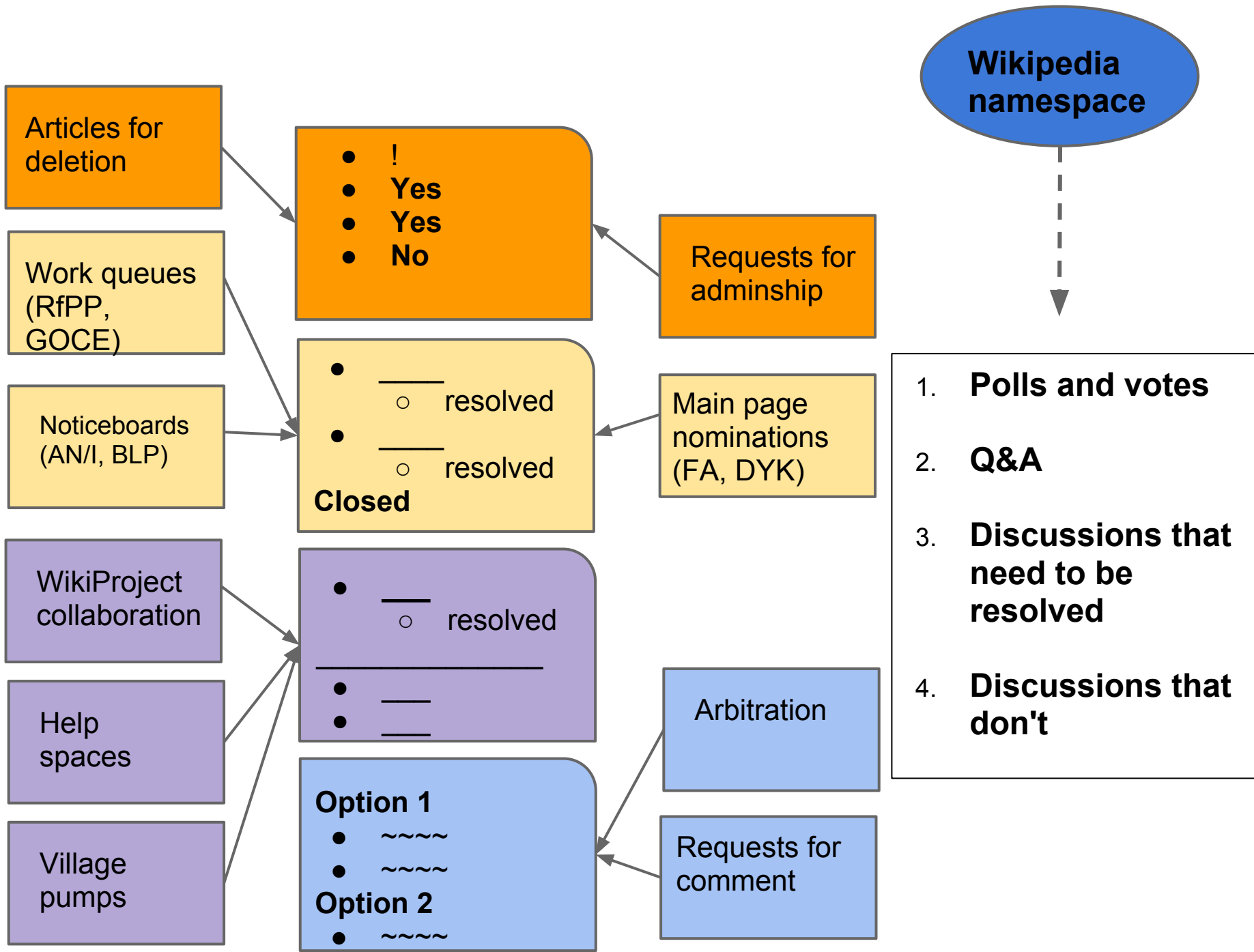
Speedy deletion

Proposed deletion

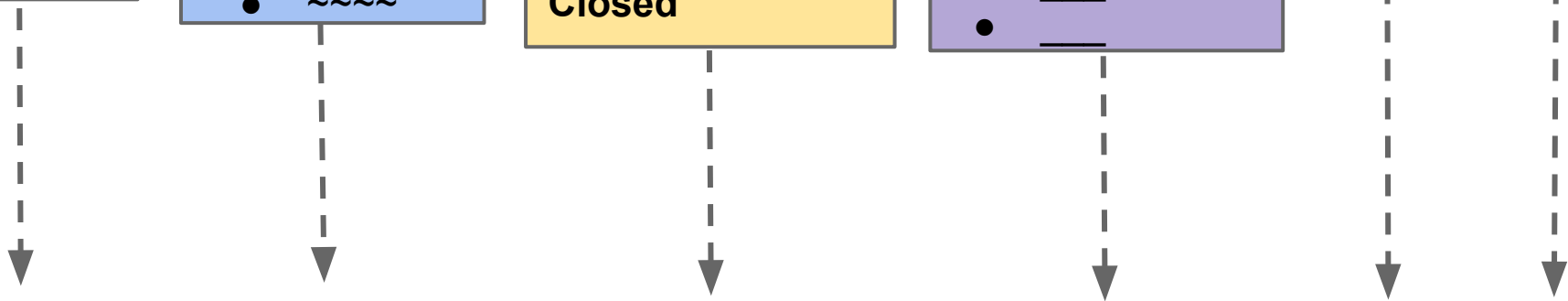
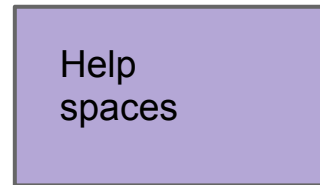
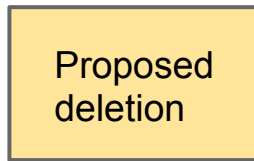
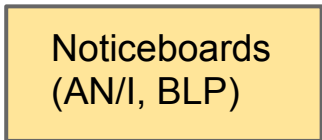
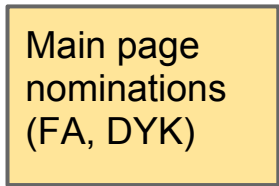
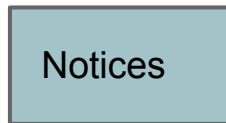
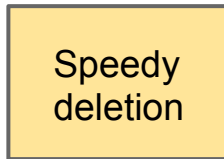
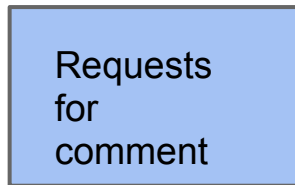
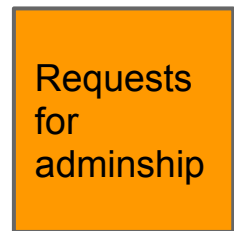
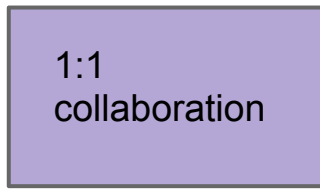
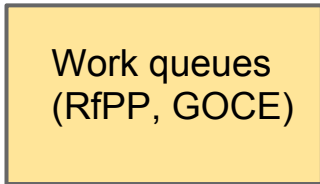
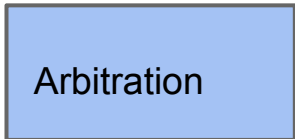
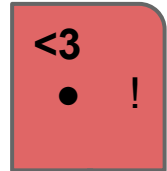
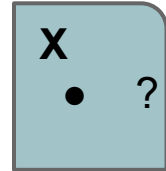
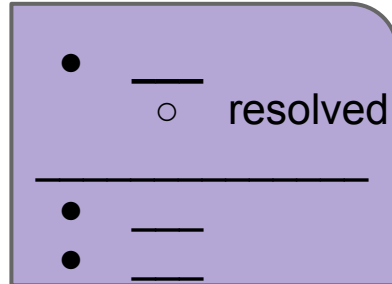
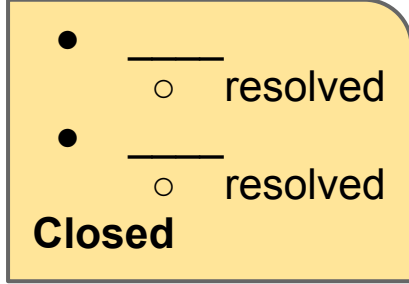
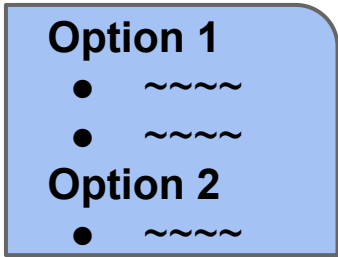
Good article nominations



1. **Discussions that need to be resolved**
2. **Discussions that don't**



**We need your help –  
nobody knows these  
discussion systems like  
you do**



Thanks!

Maryana Pinchuk

*User:Accedie* (volunteer)

*User:Maryana (WMF)* (work)

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