

Total Blackout

How Political Activism Challenges the Neutral Point of View

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Wikipedia Blackouts

- 2011 Italy
- 2012 US (SOPA)
- 2018–2019 EU



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Neutral Point of View

- “All encyclopedic content on Wikipedia must be written from a **neutral point of view (NPOV)**”
- “Wikipedia aims to **describe disputes, but not engage in them.**”
- Fundamental principle and non-negotiable core content policy



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» https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Neutral_point_of_view

Questions

- Can **Wikipedia** engage in any form of political protest?
- How should the ideal decision-making process look like?
- How can “crucial” issues (which would require action) be identified?

Thank you for your kind attention.
I would love to hear your opinions on the topic!

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