



Neutral point of  
view and librarians:  
keep at it!

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# Introduction

Klaul from [Wikimedians of Romania and Moldova user group](#)

Our story:

*#1Lib1Ref Journal: Healing “professional trauma” in postcommunist Romanian libraries* by Ben Vershbow on [Diff](#)

First [research project](#):

*Grounding NPOV pillar in post-censored information ecology*

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# Introduction

Where are you from?

State the status of your relation with NPOV:

- In a good relation
- Work in progress relation
- It is complicated
- In a bad relation
- Single



# Neutral Point of View - NPOV

- Fundamental principle of Wikipedia & other Wikimedia projects
- One of three core content policies together with "**Verifiability**" and "**No original research**"

On Wikipedia NOPV means “carefully and critically analyzing a variety of reliable sources and then attempting to convey to the reader the information contained in them fairly, proportionately, and as far as possible without editorial bias” ([\[WP:NPOV\]](#))



# Neutral Point of View - NPOV

Principles for achieving the level of neutrality that is appropriate for an encyclopedia:

- Avoid stating opinions as facts.
- Avoid stating seriously contested assertions as facts.
- Avoid stating facts as opinions.
- Prefer nonjudgmental language.
- Indicate the relative prominence of opposing views.

([\[WP:NPOV\]](#))



# NPOV

Group discussion

**What was your experience with  
NPOV in Wikipedia community?**

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# NPOV

Group activity

**What lessons did you learn  
from your experience with  
NPOV in Wikipedia community?**

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# NPOV

Group activity

**What can we do better when  
talking/sharing/teaching about  
NPOV in Wikipedia community?**

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# Neutral Point of View - NPOV

What is next?

How we can be effective in implementing it?

Keep in touch! & Follow our [project](#)

Thank you!