

The background of the slide is a light blue color. It is populated with numerous stylized, flat-design illustrations of people of various ethnicities, ages, and genders. These figures are scattered around the central text bubble, some appearing to be in motion or dancing. The central text bubble is white with a soft, rounded border. The text inside is in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. Below the main title, the author's name and affiliation are written in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font.

Universalism and Diversity in the List of 2,000 Biographies Every Wikipedia Should Have

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A demographic
research



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The list of 10.000 articles every Wikipedia should have: a short history

- A list of 1.000 to “invigorate [smaller Wikipedias], and ensure that they each contain a minimum of information that will be of use to users” (Danny, 2004)
- 140 biographies, including 32 in “Women in history” section.
- Wikid77 created the list of 10.000 articles in 2008, to handle more voices and more diversity:
https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/List_of_articles_every_Wikipedia_should_have/Expanded
- We will center on biographies: they should be 2.000, currently has 1.913 individual humans.





Universalism

the belief that some items are equally
valuable for everyone

Diversity

the idea that local knowledge may be
relevant for everyone





01 Methods

How was the analysis made?



Preparing the list for analysis



1

Wikidata

Extract all the biographies Wikidata items.

2

Pagepile

Build a pagepile with all the items.

3

Quickstatements

Add P5008 (on focus list of Wikimedia project) with timestamp to items.



Defining location: three approaches



P19

Birthplace, they may migrate after birth.



P27

Problematic, because of political change.



P551

Residence, only filled when this is different from birthplace. Not consistent.

The problem of continents



**Rudyard
Kipling**

Asia



**Barack
Obama**

Oceania



**Cristiano
Ronaldo**

Africa



**Ancient Rome
or France**

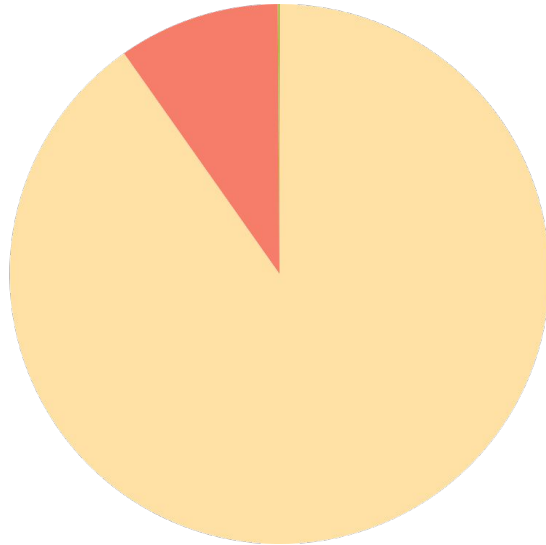
Undefined
continent

02 Results

Gender, location, time...



Gender



● **Male**
1.726 males

● **Female**
185 females

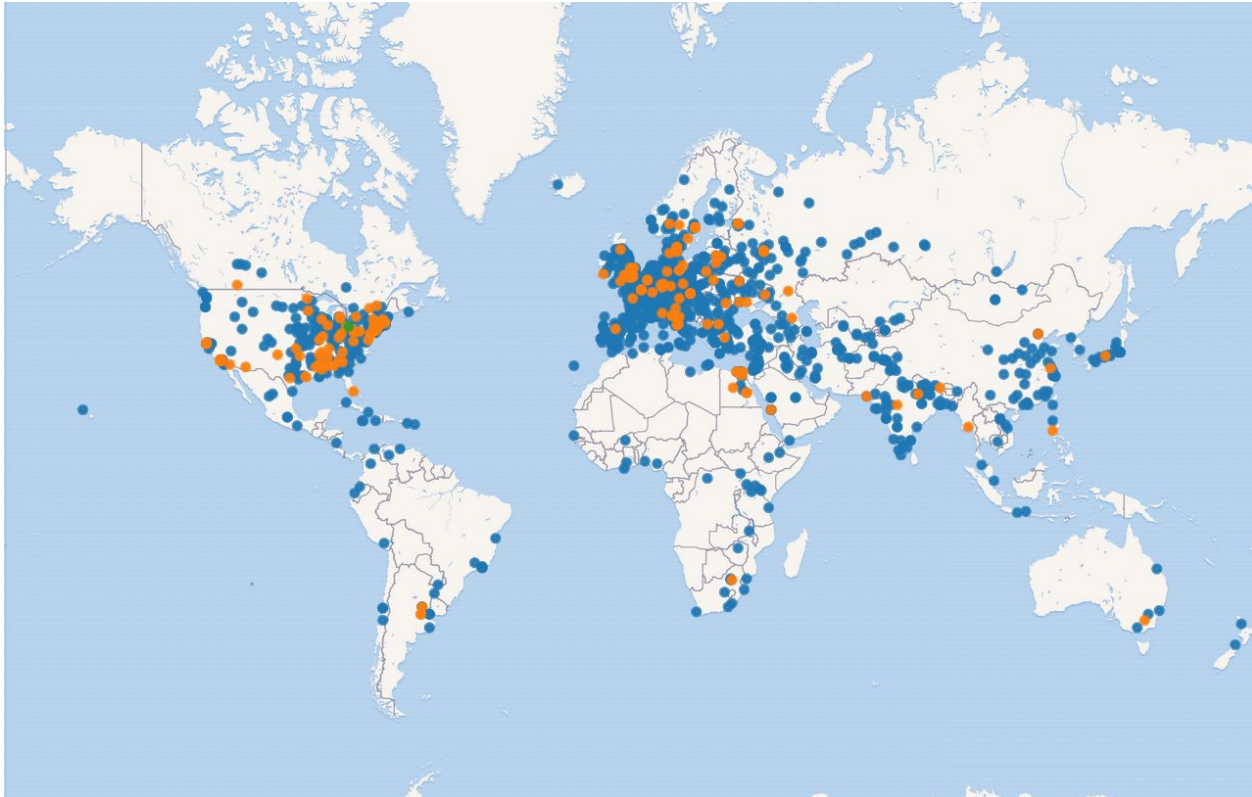
● **Other/Unknown**
Judith Butler /
Jack the Ripper



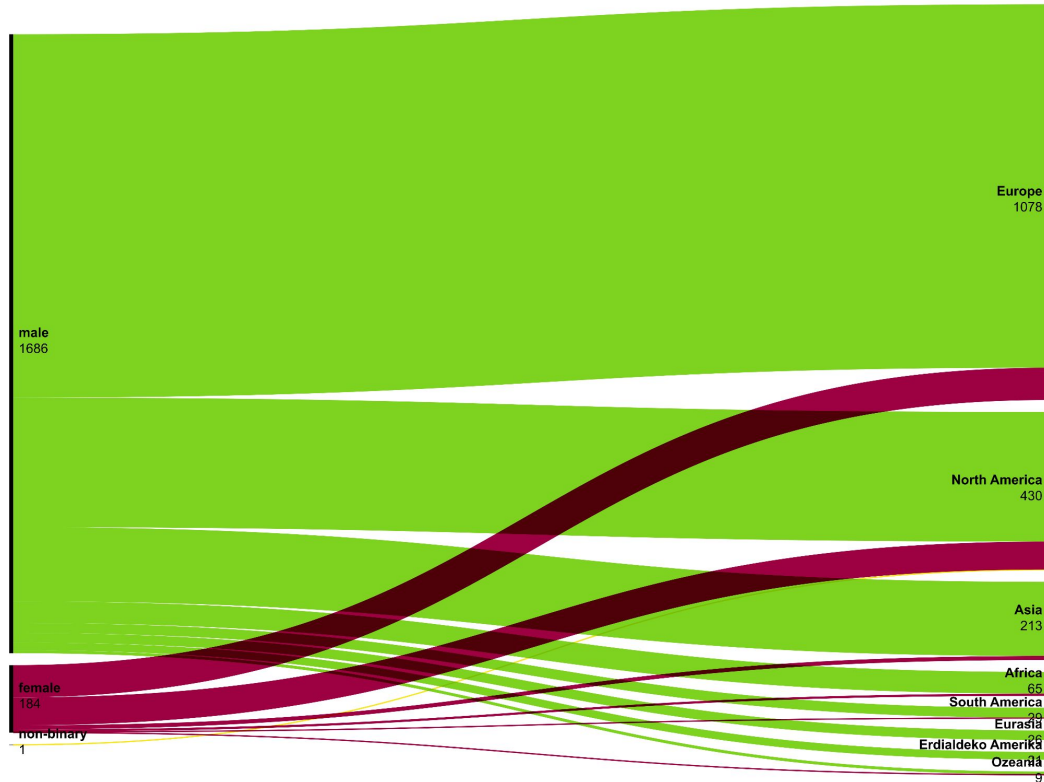
Location



Location by gender



Location by gender and continent



Time: when were they born?

- 20th century: 751 biographies
- 19th century: 533 biographies
 - (1/5: 1890s)
- 18th century: 154 biographies
- 1900s: 132 biographies (most represented decade)





These people come with the template

And I think they
represent well our
current status: white
caucasian, with males in
front and piggy-back
women.

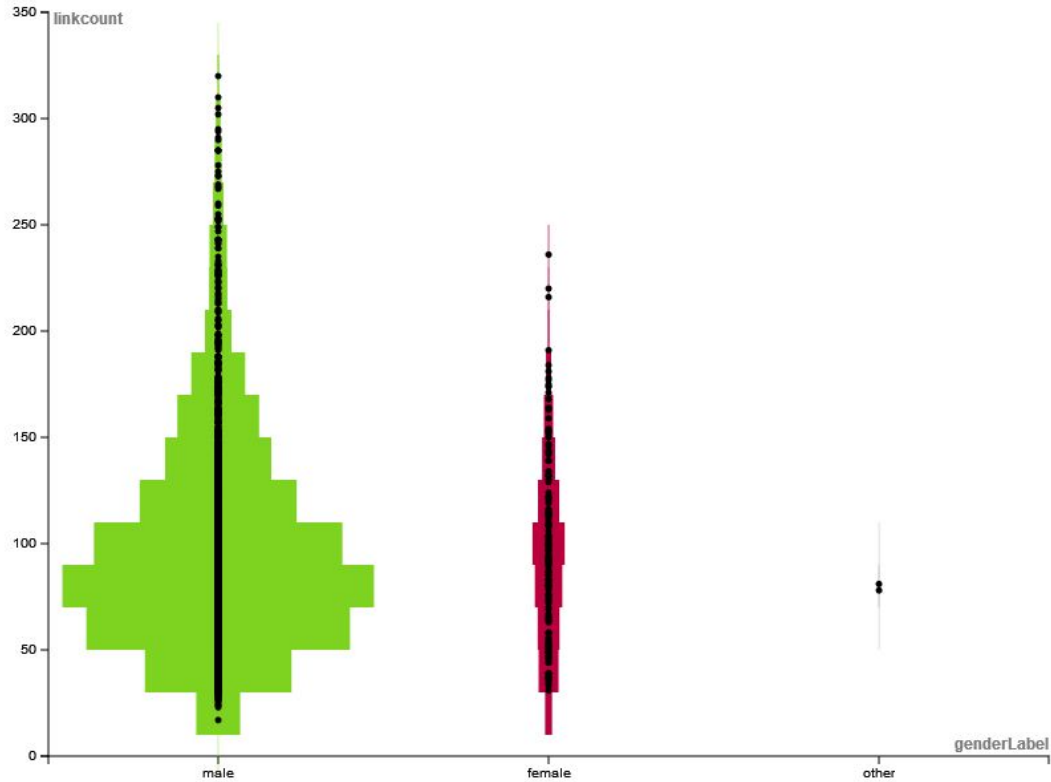


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**Language
coverage**



Language coverage per gender



Some statistics



Females

96,27 links per biography.

Most links:
Elizabeth II (236, 39th)

Less links:
Luciana Aymar (31)



Males

98,57 links per biography.

Most links:
Barack Obama (320, 1st)
Jesus (310, 2nd)

Less links:
Ihor Turchyn (17)

04

Are there better options?



The problem of lists is that they are finite. Adding someone would require discussing who is out.



BTS



1

Most known K-Pop group.

2

0,5% of Korean GDP

3

All other pop stars in the list are anglophone (including ABBA)

Rigoberta Menchu



1

Nobel Peace prize laureate.

2

Only two women from Latin America (both Argentinian)

3

No indigenous American women.

Karena Kapoor



1

More than 60 films.

2

Best box-office actress in India of all times.

3

34 US actors, only 2 indians (both classical)

Oksana Chusovitina



1

Only person with 8 Olympic participations.

2

No women from Centra Asia in the list.

3

There are 8 boxers from the US.

Ramon Llull



1


Medieval catalan philosopher, theologian and encyclopedist

2

Precursor of combinatory.

3

A fifth of europeans are from the British Isles.

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There's no
'view from
nowhere'.



*The-wisest-man
-from-London
doesn't exist.*




This is a
sum-zero game.





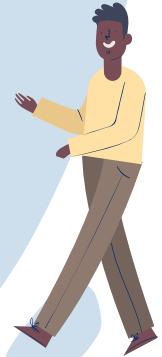
An universal list presenting more people from New York state than from all of Africa doesn't seem universal at all.



A vibrant illustration featuring a diverse group of stylized human figures in various poses and outfits, scattered around a central light blue speech bubble. The figures include men and women of different ethnicities, wearing casual, sporty, and formal attire. Some are walking, some are dancing, and some are in celebratory poses. The background is plain white.

**It can be
done!**

Thank you!
Eskerrik asko!
Terima kasih!



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