Citizenship and The Civil War

Wikipedia edit-a-thon







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Agenda

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- Housekeeping: Wiki event page and social media
- Introduction: What is Wikipedia?
- Wikipedia and gender
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- Create and username/Sign-in
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Thank you President Lincoln's Cottage!



Housekeeping

Navigate to the wiki event page.

Go to Wikipedia.org and enter the following shortcut into the search bar.

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Introduction

Wikipedia: the 21st-century encyclopedia



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-Jimmy Wales, co-founder, Wikipedia

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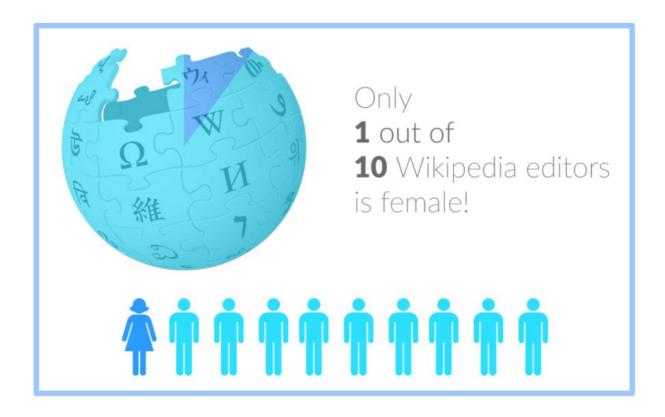
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Wikipedia and Gender

Editor gender gap? Unsilence the silent



Content gender gap? Make the invisible visible

Percentage of women's biographies

1957	November 2014	May 2017
3.6%	15%	16.97%
Ramón Armando Rodríguez. Diccionario Biográfico, Geográfico e Histórico de Venezuela	English language Wikipedia	English language Wikipedia

How Can We Fix This?

- Engagement through edit-a-thons, training opportunities and Wikiprojects like Women in Red.
- Ideal Partners Are: Nonprofits*, colleges/universities, government entities and beyond

*75% of nonprofit employees are female.

These nonprofits include educational, scientific and literary organizations. It's time to engage these 'gatekeepers'.

*Source The White House Project's 2009 report, *Benchmarking Women's Leadership*,

Basics and Policies

Wikis

- A website where anyone can edit any page at any time
- Meant to be "quick"
- Remembers all versions (nothing ever destroyed)
- Hyperlinks between pages

Wikipedia policies

- Neutral Point of View written so all sides can agree
- Notability significant independent sources -> importance
- **Verifiability** Using reliable sources to reference information
- No original research point to existing scholarship
- Assume good faith start with congenial spirit
- Conflicts of interest disclose and abide by terms of service

Neutral Point of View

Wikipedia articles should represent diverse views fairly, proportionately, and in non-judgmental language

Shortcut: WP:NPOV



Avoid conflict of interest (COI)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Conflict_of_interest

Can I edit the Wikipedia article about my workplace? Boss? Grandma?

Possibly, but ONLY under the right conditions.

"When advancing outside interests is more important to an editor than advancing the aims of Wikipedia, that editor stands in a conflict of interest (COI)."

Shortcut: WP:COL

- Cite authoritative sources
- Don't remove controversies from text
- No one person can "own" an article or control its content
- Disclose your affiliations

Sample COI statement for cultural institutions

I, User: [username here], am an employee of [your institution], and a cultural institution per Wikiproject:GLAM. I accept the editing conditions specified at that page. I will not make any edits that would not be beneficial to the goals of Wikipedia.

My main edits will tend to consist of the following activities:

Example 1 – Example 2

I will modify my editing behavior based on problems cited by other editors or if my editing conflicts with other Wikipedia guidelines. I ask that other editors do not hesitate to contact me, via my user talk page, if I appear to be going against this declaration. [sign here]

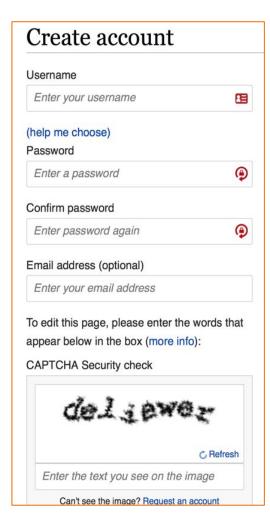
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- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Getting started
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five pillars
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Core content policies
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your first article
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Writing about women
- https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/training/students

Helpful people here:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Teahouse
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject Women in Red

Create A Username/Sign-in



1. Create account

https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount

- Individuals only; no institutional, shared accounts
- Advantages
 - Signals membership in community
 - Facilitates discussion
 - Preferences and privacy

2. Sign in on wiki meetup page

WP:WMDC-CCW

3. Let's learn to edit!

Article anatomy

- Select to an article from our worklist and follow along
- The worklist can be found on our wiki event page.

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Ensure that you are logged-in

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Edit buttons Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code



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New York City draft riots [edit | edit | edit | source]

A good article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

American history, aside from the Civil War itself.[4]

Lead paragraphs

The New York draft riots (July 13–16, 1863), known at the time as Draft Week, [3] were violent disturbances in Lower Manhattan, widely regarded as the culmination of working-class discontent with new laws passed by Congress that year to draft men to fight in the ongoing American Civil War. The riots remain the largest civil and racial insurrection in

U.S. President Abraham Lincoln diverted several regiments of militia and volunteer troops from following up after the Battle of Gettysburg to control the city. The rioters were overwhelmingly working-class men, mostly Irish or of Irish descent, who feared free blacks competing for work and resented that wealthier men, who could afford to pay a \$300 (equivalent to \$9,157 in 2017^[5]) commutation fee to hire a substitute, were spared from the draft.^{[6][7]}

Initially intended to express anger at the draft, the protests turned into a race riot, with white rioters, predominantly Irish 4 attacking blacks throughout the city. The official death toll was listed at either 119 or 120 individuals. the city were such that Major General John E. Wool, commander of the Department of the East, said on Wikidata

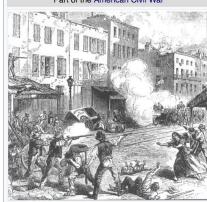
"Martial law ought to be proclaimed, but I have not a sufficient force to enforce it."[8]

The minimary did not reach the city until after the first day of rioting, by which time the mobs, primarily ethnic Irish, had already ransacked or destroyed numerous public buildings, two Protestant churches, the homes of various abolitionists or sympathizers, many black homes, and the Colored Orphan Asylum at 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, which was burned to the ground.[9]

The area's demographics changed as a result of the riot. Many blacks left Manhattan permanently (many moving to Brooklyn). By 1865 their population fell below 10,000, the number in 1820.^[9]

New York Draft Riots

Part of the American Civil War



A drawing from a British newspaper showing armed rioters clashing with Union Army soldiers in New York

Date

July 13, 1863 - July 16, 1863

Background [edit | edit | source]

New York's economy was tied to the South; by 1822 nearly half of its exports were cotton shipments. [10] In addition, upstate textile mills processed cotton in manufacturing. New York had such strong business connections to the South that on January 7, 1861, Mayor Fernando Wood, a Democrat, called on the city's Board of Aldermen to "declare the city's independence from Albany and from Washington"; he saint would have the whole and united support of the Southern States."[11] When the Union entered the war, New York City had many sympathizers with the So. h.[12]

The city was also a continuing destination of immigrants. Since the 1840s, most were from Ireland ermany. In 1860, nearly 25 percent of the New York City population was German-born, and many did not yet speak English. During the 1840s and 1850s, jor lists had published sensational accounts, directed at the working class, dramatizing the "evils" of interracial socializing, relationships, and marriages. Ref ed the effort. [9] Newspapers carried derogatory portrayals of blacks and ridiculed "black aspirations for equal rights in voting, education, and -eudo-scientific lectures on phrenology were popular, although countered by doctors, [12] At the time, some areas of the city, such as Lower Ma had mixed populations of residents.

Notes [edit | edit source]

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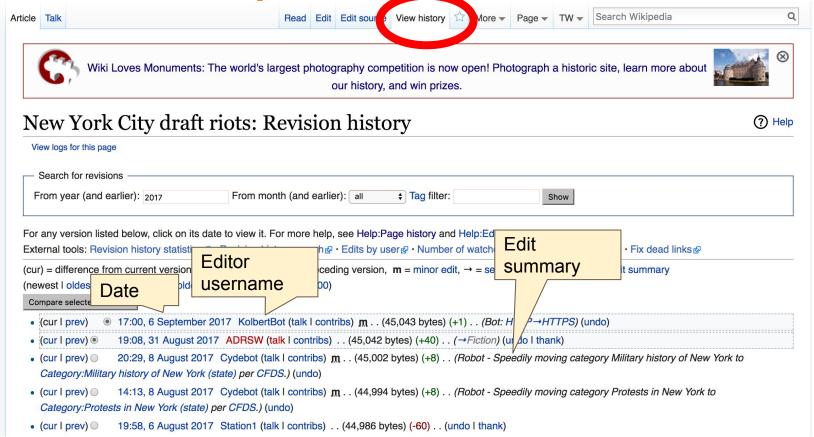
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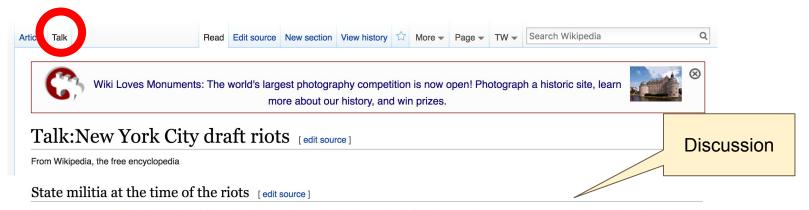
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Categories

Article history





The article on the New York State Guard, where the link from 7th Regiment New York State Militia, points out that the unit was attached to federal forces and stationed in Baltimore from June 18 to July 5, 1863, while Gettysburg was July 1 to July 3. It looks like they were stationed at Frederick at the time they had to run back to New York City. It seems the riots themselves were the unit's first major action.

Personally, I'm kind of curious about where the idea of sending battle-hardened Gettysburg veterans to put down the riots came from, it sounds like something thought up to move newspapers at the time. Guppy313 11:33 pm, 6 May 2006, Saturday (11 years, 4 months, 12 days ago) (UTC-4)

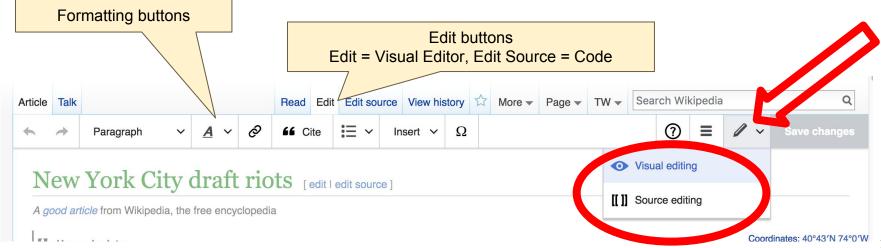
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A Michigan unit was involved? That brings me to a question concerning one of my pet issues; if the troops were serving in their federal capacity, did the federal government act out of its own initiative (which wouldn't be surprising at the time), or was it at the request of Albany? If it was at the request

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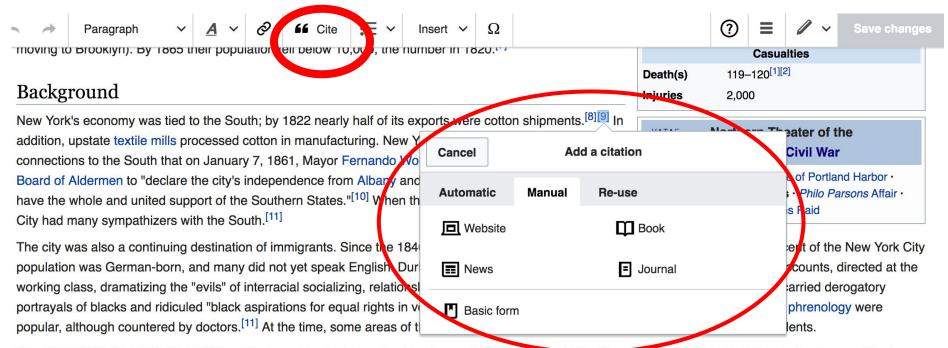
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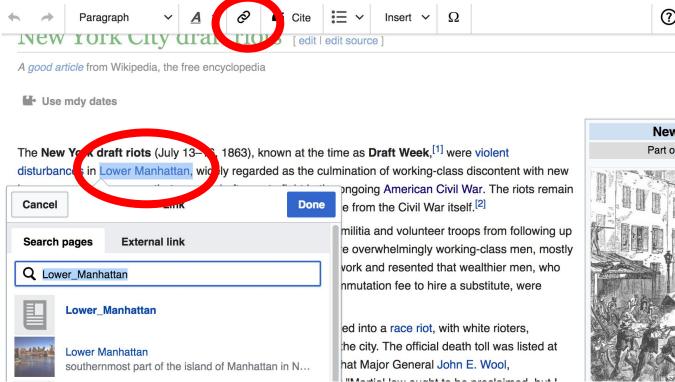
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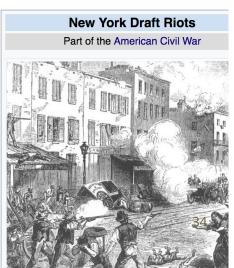
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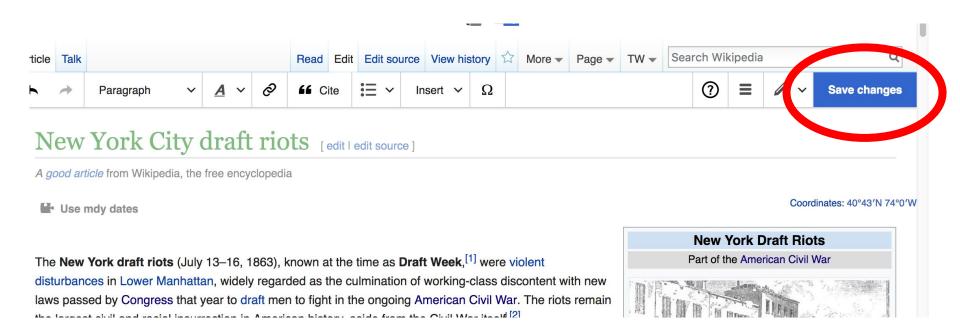
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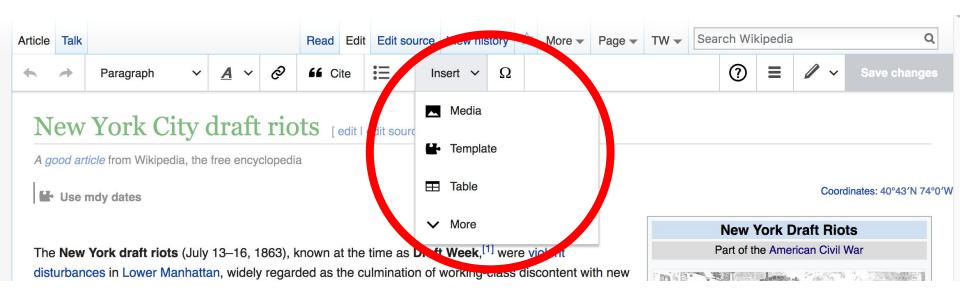
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