

Wikipedia classroom assignments: the impact to Wikipedia

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**Text, references,
photos & media, editor
diversity, content
coverage, etc.**



Quality work

- research project led by the Wikimedia Foundation in summer 2012
- assessed by Wikipedia editors
- 87.9% of articles were improved from during the assignment



**Why are their
contributions high
quality?**



Access to resources

- peer reviewed journals & databases/archives
- librarians: experts who can train them how to find valid sources and properly cite them
- writing centers: experts who can help them understand neutral and fact-based writing
- time: volunteer editing is a big time commitment!
- subject matter expertise
- Wikipedia-editing support and guidance
- why else?



**Student editors add
well-sourced
information**



Women's health in India

spring 2013
new article
graduate student



Women's health in India

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Women's health in India can be examined in terms of multiple indicators, which vary by geography, **socioeconomic** standing and culture.^[1] To adequately improve the health of **women in India** multiple dimensions of **wellbeing** must be analysed in relation to global health averages and also in comparison to men in India. Health is an important factor that contributes to human wellbeing and economic growth.^[2]

Currently, women in India face a multitude of health problems, which ultimately affect the aggregate economy's output. Addressing the gender, class or ethnic disparities that exist in healthcare and improving the health outcomes can contribute to economic gain through the creation of quality **human capital** and increased levels of savings and investment.^[2]

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Community health worker preparing a vaccine in Odisha, India

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Student editor diversity



Closing content gaps



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**What are the content
gaps on your language
Wikipedia?**



Targeting content gaps

Targeting content gaps

- course disciplines

- academic associations

- translation assignments

- what else?

Impact to Wikipedia readers

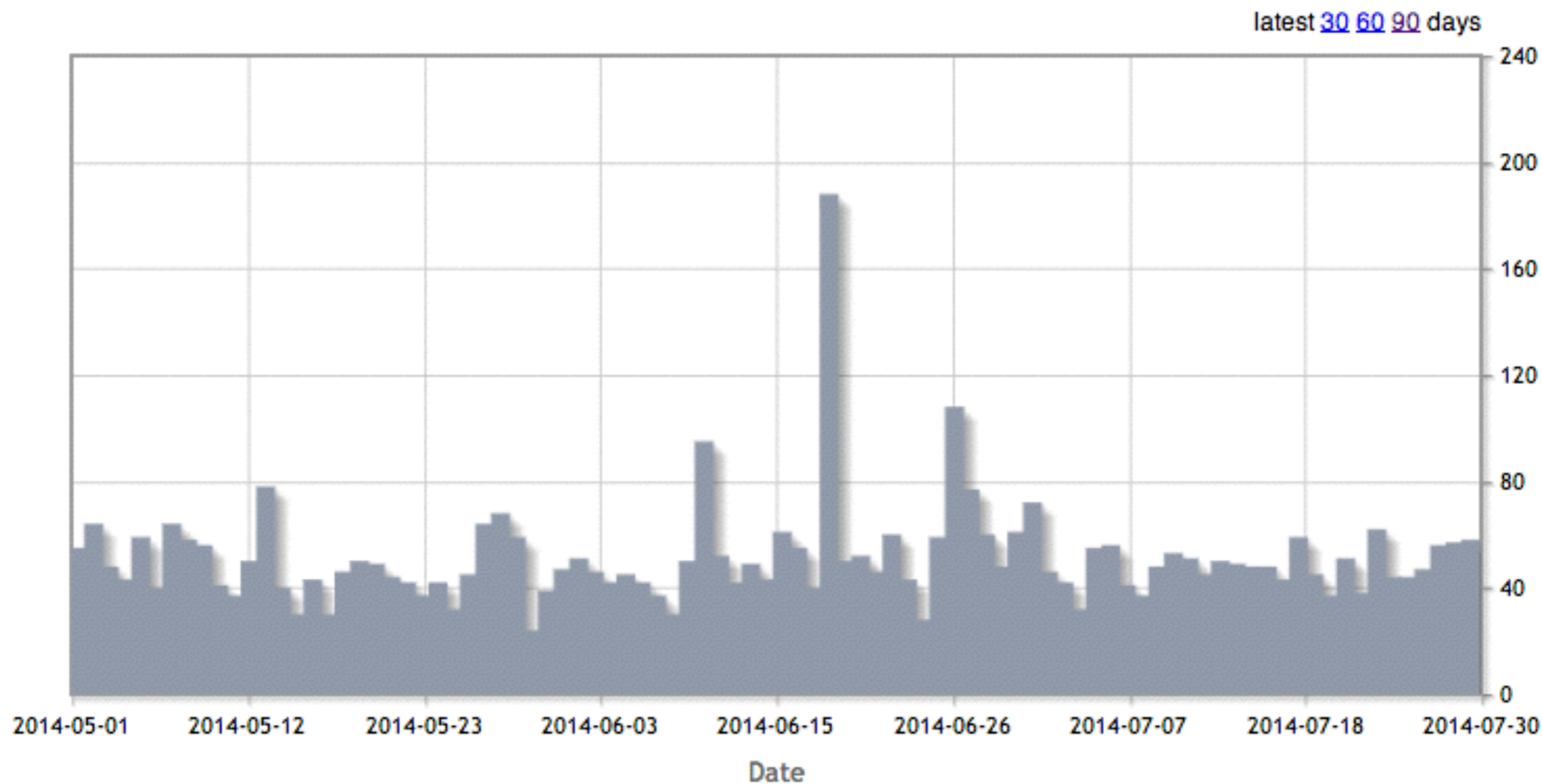


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