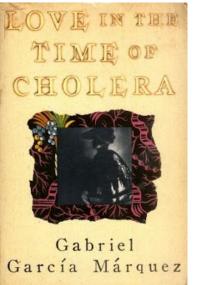
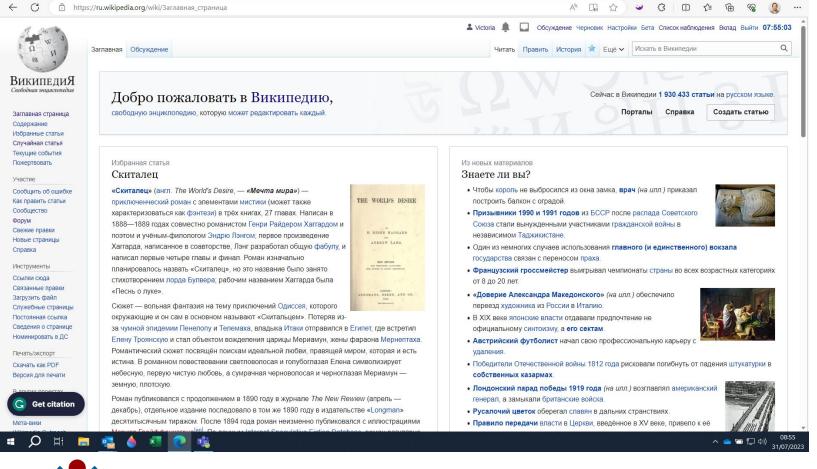
Russia: editing Wikimedia projects in the time of cholera

Victoria







Chapter created in 2008, six user groups

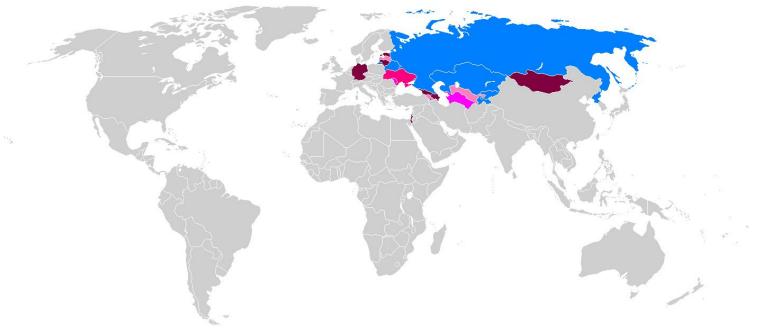
USSR - the last empire of 20th century

The Russian Empire



The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Soviet Union)





Map of the popularity of Russian Wikipedia in the world, as of October 2022 wikistats

Russian is the most popular language version of Wikipedia, year round

Same as above, but with the local language Wikipedia expected to begin surpassing Russian very soon

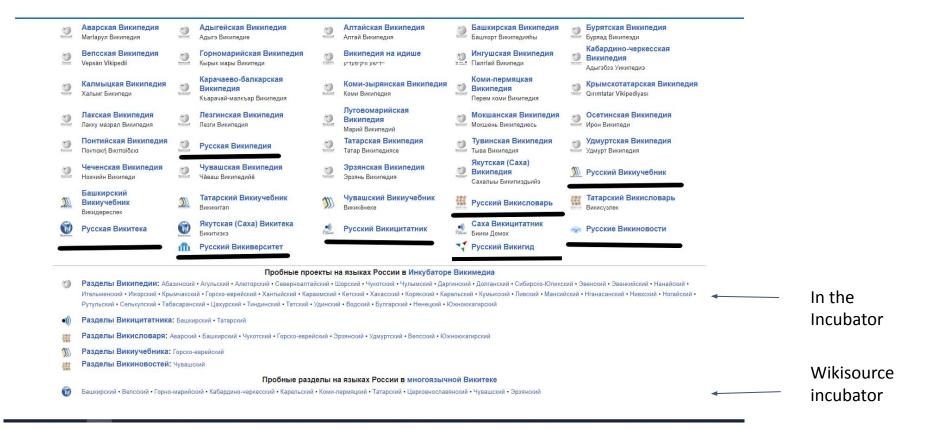
Russian is the most popular Wikipedia year round, but local language records rapid growth in pageviews



Russian is most popular at some months, mostly in summer (and in the winter, in Latvia)

Russian receives a significant amount of pageviews in these countries, including countries where it was most popular in the past (Georgia, Azerbaijan)

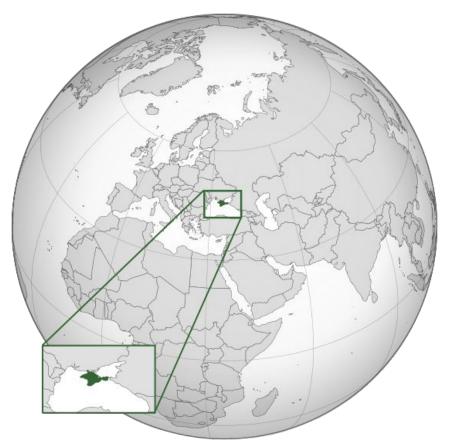
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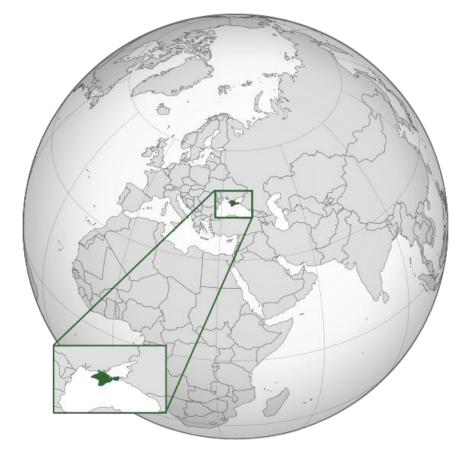
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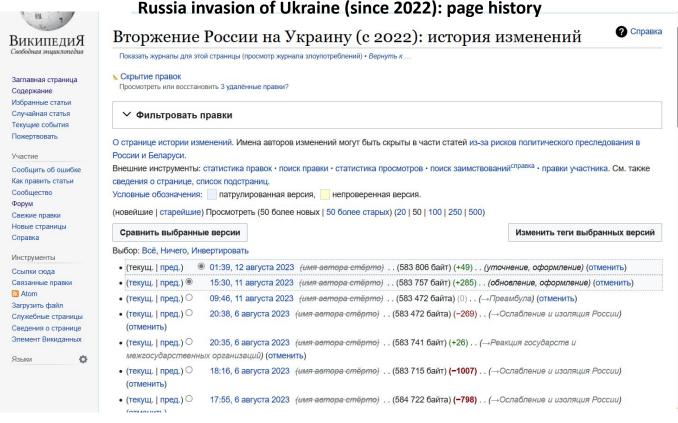
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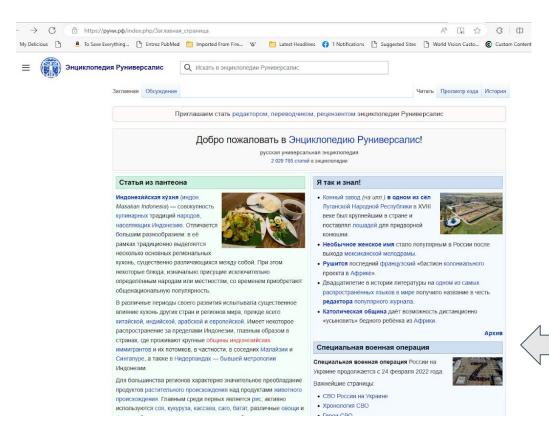
The penalties range from fines to imprisonment for up to three years.



The measures:

- All Russian Wikipedia CU and editors in Wikinews in are based outside Russia
 - Anonymising of the contributors in the articles involving current Russia and Belarus politics

Fork projects: Runiversalis (RUNI)

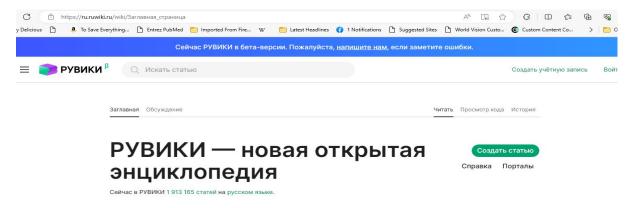


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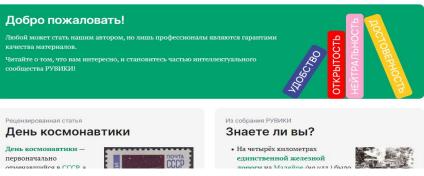
More articles than in Russian Wikipedia - 2 mln

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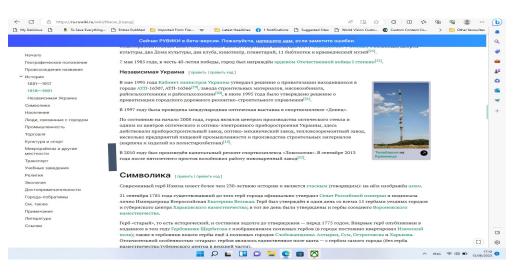
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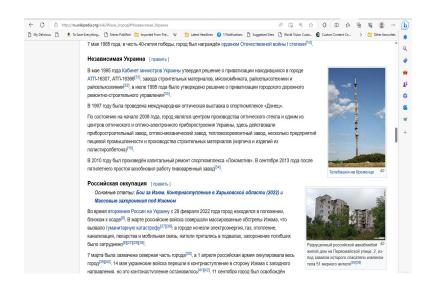
Fewer articles - 1, 913 000 vs 1,930 000

52 verified articles

Izium: the end of history

In "RUWIKI" the history of the Ukrainian city Izium, which was almost completely destroyed during the Russian invasion, ends in 2010.





Russian Wikipedia vs Belarusian Government - now it's personal

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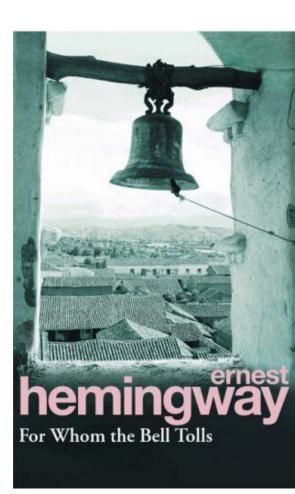
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For Whom the Bell Tolls

UK Online Safety Bill

Wikipedia: Bill gives the relevant Secretary of State the power, subject to Parliamentary approval, to designate and address a wide range of potentially harmful content, which may include online trolling, illegal pornography and underage access to legal pornography, and some forms of internet fraud.

The Bill would create a new duty of care for online platforms towards their users, requiring them to take action against both illegal and legal but harmful content. Platforms failing this duty would be liable to fines of up to £18 million or 10% of their annual turnover, whichever is higher. It would also empower Ofcom to block access to particular websites.



Thank you for listening

I am happy to answer your questions (if I can)