



## Why is the Wikimedia model an antidote to disinformation?

Wikipedia is a reliable resource in more than 300 languages across the world. More than 265,000 volunteers work every single day to fact-check content in over 61 million articles. In most cases, volunteers address vandalism on Wikipedia in under five minutes. They work tirelessly to defend the projects against misleading information.

## Are Wikipedia articles trustworthy?

As an encyclopedia, Wikipedia's goal is reliable content. Articles must be written from a neutral point of view, and information has to be supported by a reliable source. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers fact-check articles around the clock, reverting or correcting inaccurate edits. Wikipedia's articles are accurate and reliable, and their quality improves over time thanks to volunteers working together.

Wikimedians have created over  
**100 AI models**  
to protect the Wikimedia projects against  
disruptive content.



## What do Wikimedians do to address disinformation?

Wikipedia's content is used by search engines and digital assistants. It is also used as training data by Large Language Models (LLMs). By working to ensure the accuracy of Wikipedia articles, volunteers directly contribute to improve information everywhere.

“Wikipedia is probably the most important single source in the training of A.I. models.”

New York Times (18 July 2023). *Wikipedia's Moment of Truth*.

## How does Wikimedia's work against disinformation impact concerns related to AI exacerbating threats?

Wikipedia's data is used by search engines, digital assistants, and Large Language Models (LLMs). By working to ensure the accuracy of Wikipedia's articles, volunteers directly contribute to improve information everywhere on and off the internet.

## Who owns Wikipedia?

No one owns Wikipedia. Wikipedia is a public interest project, and its content does not portray a particular point of view or support a certain position. Wikipedia is funded by donations, and there is no advertising. It is hosted by the nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation.

Wikimedia volunteer communities are diverse, and so are their worldviews. The more diverse our communities are, the closer we get to a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge.

Wikipedia is a global public good that must be preserved and protected.

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