The Visibility Gap

#VisibleWikiWomen's campaign for visual knowledge
Visualizing the Gender Gap

- Less than 20% of Wikipedia articles of important women have pictures.
Visualizing the gender gap

- Less than 1/4 of all Wikipedia biographies represent women.
The Spread of the Visibility Gap

Amna Suleiman

Amna Suleiman (born 1988) is a teacher and advocate for women's cycling in Gaza. As of 2016, she leads the only women's cycling club in Gaza.[2]

Suleiman was born in Damascus, Syria and moved to Gaza in 1990.[1] As of 2016 she was living in Jabalia Camp, a Palestinian refugee camp located 3 kilometers (1.9 mi) north of Jabalia, where she volunteers at a local orphanage, teaches the Quran, and cycles with a local group of women.[3]

Role in women's cycling

In the region where Amna Suleiman cycles, the Gaza strip, the custom is for women not to ride their bike past the age of puberty.[7]

Suleiman began cycling in 2015 for health reasons and to remind herself of better times in her childhood. Soon after, she established what is considered to be the first women's cycling club riding under the Hamas party's administration in Gaza.[3]

Women's participation in sports has been restricted in the Gaza strip since the Hamas party came to power. According to Ahmad Mouhsein, an official in Gaza's youth and sports ministry office, women's cycling is considered to be a "violation" of Gazan values.[5] Some have noted that it was more common for women to ride bikes in Gaza before the mid-1980s.[4]

Suleiman advocates for women to continue riding bicycles after puberty, and has been quoted in the New York Times telling young women in Gaza that they should insist to their future husbands permission to cycle be a condition of their marriage.[5] In 2016 she was profiled by

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Making women more visible in Wikipedia involves many challenges...
Biases, stereotypes

Do women have to be naked to get into the Met. Museum?

Less than 5% of the artists in the Modern Art Sections are women, but 85% of the nudes are female.

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Lack of sources
#VisibleWikiWomen Challenge: The Idea

- **Use March 2018 to make women’s images more visible on Wikimedia projects.**
- **Photograph, license and upload photos of notable women for use on Commons and Wikipedia.**
- **What it is:** A general theme, with suggestions and tools for organizing, which can be adapted to each context.
- **What it is not (this year):** This year, is not a big contest like Wiki Loves Monuments. And it doesn’t focus on large-scale organizational image donations.
#VisibleWikiWomen challenge: the tasks

- Upload images of notable women and their work to Wikimedia Commons.
- Improve descriptions on Wikimedia Commons and Wikidata.
- Use images on Wikipedia articles.
- Write, improve and translate articles.
# VisibleWikiWomen Challenge: How Did We Do It

- Created a general coordination schedule
- Talked with partners + call to action
- Created a general framework for collaboration: meta page + category
- Created a Resources kit
- Made worklists
- Amplified through web + social media content
Partners

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- Use
- Discuss
- Improve
- Curate
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