



# Sausages and scholarship

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## Scopophobia

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**Scopophobia** or **scoptophobia** is the unreasonable fear of being seen or being stared at.

A 1906 journal in what is called now *psychiatry* writes:<sup>[1]</sup>

Then, there is a fear of being seen and a shamefacedness, which one sees in asylums.<...> We called it scopophobia — a morbid dread of being seen. In minor degree, it is morbid shamefacedness, and the patient covers the face with his or her hands. In greater degree, the patient will shun the visitor and escape from his or her sight where this is possible. Scopophobia is more often manifest among women than among men.

Later, on p. 285 scopophobia is defined as "a fear of seeing people or being seen, especially of strange faces."<sup>[1]</sup>



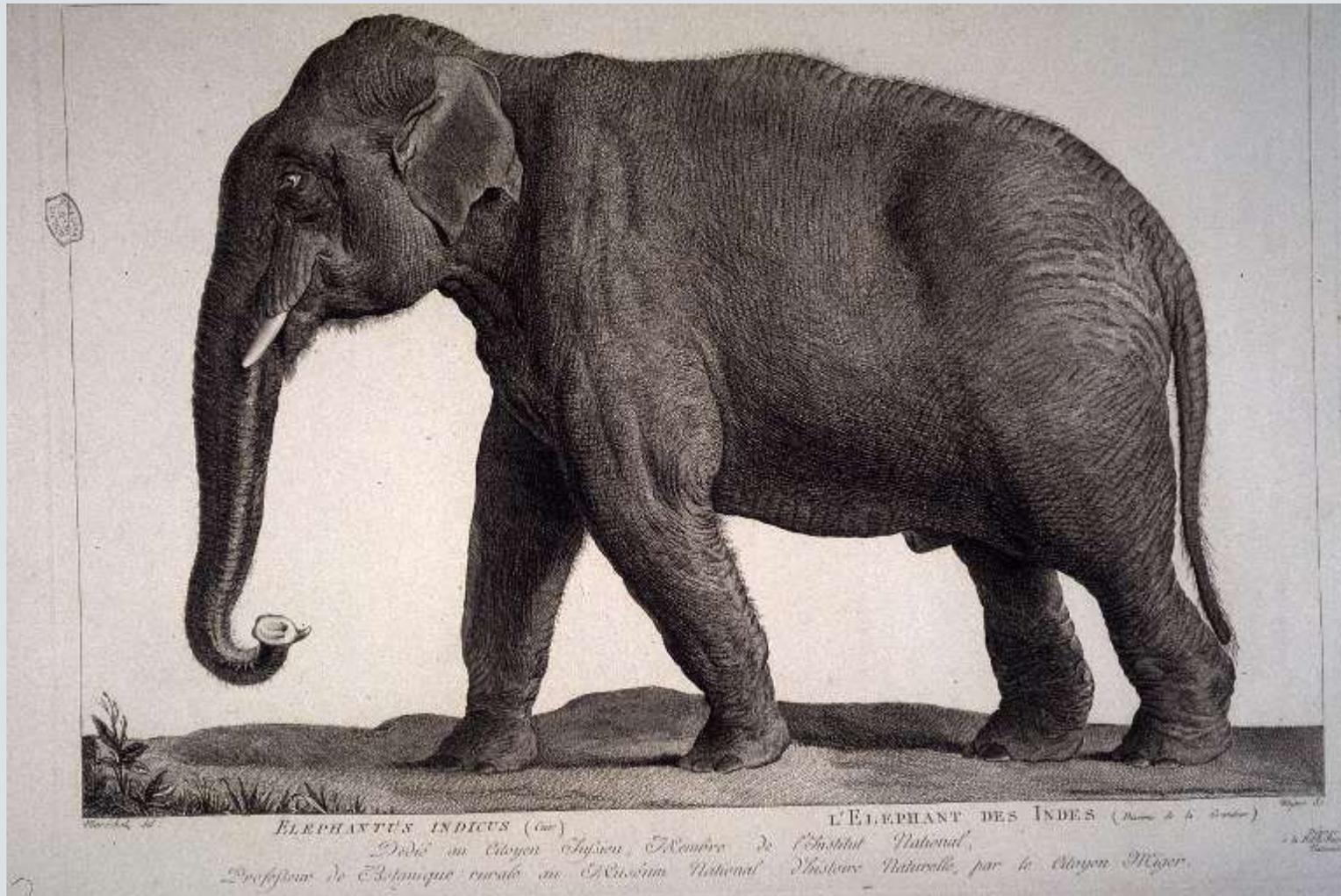
## So far

- One billion contributions in ten years
- Nearly 100,000 regular contributors
- Reached 400 million visitors per month in 2010, aiming for 1 billion per month in 2015
- About 20 million articles, 11 million media files
- About 0.5% of English articles are Good Article quality, 0.09% are Featured Article quality

# Some article hit rates

Article	Monthly hits
Asperger Syndrome	426,803
Henry VIII of England	438,855
Volcano	160,940
Habeas Corpus	123,500
John Locke	179,382
Lymphoma	226,934
World War I	516,579
Dependent and independent variables	220,831

# Wikipedia is **not** about “the Wisdom of Crowds”.



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# Core policies

- **Verifiability [[WP:V]]**
  - “Other people have to be able to check that you didn't just make things up. This means that all quotations and any material challenged or likely to be challenged must be attributed to a reliable, published source using an inline citation.”
- **No original research [[WP:NOR]]**
  - “All material in Wikipedia must be attributable to a reliable, published source. Articles may not contain any new analysis or synthesis of published material that serves to advance a position not clearly advanced by the sources.”

# Policies and guidelines

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## Wikipedia:Assume good faith

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**This page documents an English Wikipedia guideline. It is a generally accepted standard attempt to follow, though it is best treated with occasional exceptions may apply. Any subst should reflect consensus. When in doubt, discuss first on the talk page.**

**This page in a nutshell:**

- Unless there is clear evidence to the contrary, assume that the editor of this page is trying to help it, not hurt it.
- If criticism is needed, discuss editors' actions without clear evidence.

**Assuming good faith is a fundamental principle on Wikipedia. It is that editors' edits and comments are made in good faith. Most people project, not hurt it. If this were false, a project like Wikipedia would be the beginning. This guideline does not require that editors continue faith in the presence of obvious evidence to the contrary (vandalism) faith does not prohibit discussion and criticism. Rather, editors should take the actions being criticized to malice unless there is specific evidence.**

When disagreement occurs, try to the best of your ability to explain problem, not cause more conflict, and so give others the opportunity. Consider whether a dispute stems from different perspectives, and reach consensus.

When doubt is cast on good faith, continue to assume good faith you

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## Wikipedia:Neutral point of view

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*"Wikipedia:Point of view" redirects here. For the essay on how to describe points of view, see Wikipedia points of view.*

To raise issues with specific articles, see the *NPOV noticeboard*. For advice on applying this policy, see the *NPOV FAQ*. For frequent critiques and responses, see the *NPOV FAQ*.

**This page documents an English Wikipedia policy, a widely accepted standard that all editors should normally follow. Changes made to it should reflect consensus.**

**This page in a nutshell:** Articles mustn't take sides, but should explain the sides, for and without bias. This applies to both what you say and how you say it.

Editing from a **neutral point of view (NPOV)** means representing fairly, proportionately, and as far as possible without bias, all significant views that have been published by reliable sources. All Wikipedia articles and other encyclopedic content must be written from a neutral point of view. NPOV is a fundamental principle of Wikipedia and of other Wikimedia projects. This policy is non-negotiable and all editors and articles must follow it.

"Neutral point of view" is one of Wikipedia's three core content policies. The other two are "verifiability" and "No original research". These three core policies jointly determine the type and quality of material that is acceptable in Wikipedia articles. Because these policies work in harmony, they should not be interpreted in isolation from one another, and editors should try to familiarize themselves with all three. The principles upon which this policy is based cannot be superseded by other policies or guidelines, or by edit

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## Wikipedia:Citing sources

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*Various shortcuts redirect here; you may be looking for Wikipedia Reference desk, Wikipedia Clean start, Wikipedia Citing Wikipedia or Wikipedia:WikiProject Computer science.*

For a simpler introduction to citing sources, see *Wikipedia:Referencing for beginners*.

**This page documents an English Wikipedia content guideline. It is a generally accepted standard that editors should attempt to follow, though it is best treated with common sense, and occasional exceptions may apply. Any substantive edit to this page should reflect consensus. When in doubt, discuss first on the talk page.**

**Citations**, frequently called **references**, are an important part of any Wikipedia article, serving to identify the reliable sources on which the information in the article is based. In most cases, citations for specific pieces of information contained in an article are given in the form of **footnotes**, though they can also appear within the body of an article.

Wikipedia's **Verifiability** policy describes when sources should be cited, and what kind of sources are considered reliable. It requires inline citations for any material challenged or likely to be challenged, and for all quotations, anywhere in article space. However, editors are encouraged to provide citations for all information added to Wikipedia.

This page contains information on how to place and format citations. Each article should use the same citation method throughout. If an article already has citations, adopt the method in use or seek consensus on the talk page before changing it. While you should try to write citations correctly, what matters most is that you provide enough information to identify the source. Others will improve the formatting if needed.

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- Conflict of interest
- Don't hit the newbie

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## Wikipedia:Notability

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*This page is an article notability guideline. For the Notability, WP:NOTES. For other uses, see Wikipedia:What Wikipedia*

**This page documents an English Wikipedia generally accepted standard that editors sh is best treated with common sense, and oc Any substantive edit to this page should ref discuss first on the talk page.**

**This page in a nutshell:** Wikipedia article gained sufficiently significant attention by th and are not excluded for other reasons. W independent sources such as published jou attention. Notability does not directly affect topic should have its own article.

**If you want to ask advice whether an i visit the notability noticeboard.**

On Wikipedia, **notability** is a test used by editors to decide whet its own article. Information on Wikipedia must be verifiable; if no r sources can be found on a topic, then it should not have a separa Wikipedia's concept of notability applies this basic standard to av Inclusion of topics. Article and list topics must be notable, or "wort Determining notability does not necessarily depend on things like or popularity—although those may enhance the acceptability of a the guidelines explained below.

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## Wikipedia:No personal attacks

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*"WP:PA" redirects here. You may be looking for Wikipedia:WikiProject Pennsylvania or Protected areas.*

**This page documents an English Wikipedia policy, a widely accepted standard that all editors should normally follow. Changes made to it should reflect consensus.**

**This page in a nutshell:** Comment on the content, not on the contributor.

**Do not make personal attacks anywhere in Wikipedia. Comment on content, not on the contributor. Personal attacks do not help make a point; they only hurt the Wikipedia community and deter users from helping to create a good encyclopedia. Derogatory comments about another contributor may be removed by any editor. Repeated or egregious personal attacks may lead to blocks.**

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## Wikipedia:Manual of Style

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**This guideline is a part of the English Wikipedia's Manual of Style. Use common sense in applying it; it will have occasional exceptions. Please ensure that any edits to this page reflect consensus.**

**Shortcuts:** WP:MOS WP:STYLE MOS:

**The Manual of Style** (often abbreviated **MoS** or **MOS**) is a **style guide** for all Wikipedia articles. This is the MoS main page, which covers certain style topics (such as punctuation) in full, and presents the key points of others. The MoS also comprises many subpages, which provide detailed guidance on particular topics or subject areas. These are linked in this page's menu, and are listed at the MoS Contents page.

The MoS presents Wikipedia's house style, to help editors produce articles with consistent, clear, and precise language, layout, and formatting. The goal is to make the encyclopedia easier and more intuitive to use. Consistency in language, style, and formatting promotes clarity and cohesion; this is especially important within an article.

Writing should be clear and concise. **Plain English** works best: avoid ambiguity, jargon, and vague or unnecessarily complex wording.

Where more than one style is acceptable, editors should not change an article from one of those styles to another without a substantial reason. Revert-warring over optional styles is unacceptable.<sup>[1]</sup> If discussion cannot determine which style to use in an article, defer to the style used by the first major contributor.

Any issues relating to style guidance can be discussed on the **MoS talk page**. Some of the past discussions that led to decisions on aspects of style guidance are recorded at the MoS register.

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## Signs of bad quality

If an article has more than two of these signs, you should (Then come back and improve the Wikipedia article with t

- ✗ The article has a **warning banner** at the top. Only information or requests, such as asking y article if it is very short. But warning signs can unresolved dispute about the article's neutral sources.
- ✗ Several language **problems** are **in the lead** s Problems in the lead usually indicate problem article. A very short lead section may indicate grown up piece-by-piece, without much atten work.
- ✗ The language contains **unsourced opinions** which are not neutral and should be removed of saying: "She was the best singer," the text 14 number one hits, more than any other sing
- ✗ The article refers to "some", "many", or other **people**. These statements are too general and with facts.
- ✗ There seem to be **aspects of the topic that** a table of contents and the article. For instance an entire period of that its subject's life sugge important facts.
- ✗ Some sections seem **overly long in proporti importance**. For example, a big "criticism" se short article about a company suggests that t against the company.
- ✗ The article has very **few references**, or subst article **lack footnotes**. If an article is based o may have been written without complete info subject.

## UNDERSTANDING AND AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

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User:Moonriddengirl an

Plagiarism, as Wikipedia's language and ideas of another best it is intellectual sloppiness. *Research Ethics: Cases and community of scholars.*"<sup>[2]</sup> create their own articles, no recommend, plagiarism may inadvertently. The best way avoid it, and how to address

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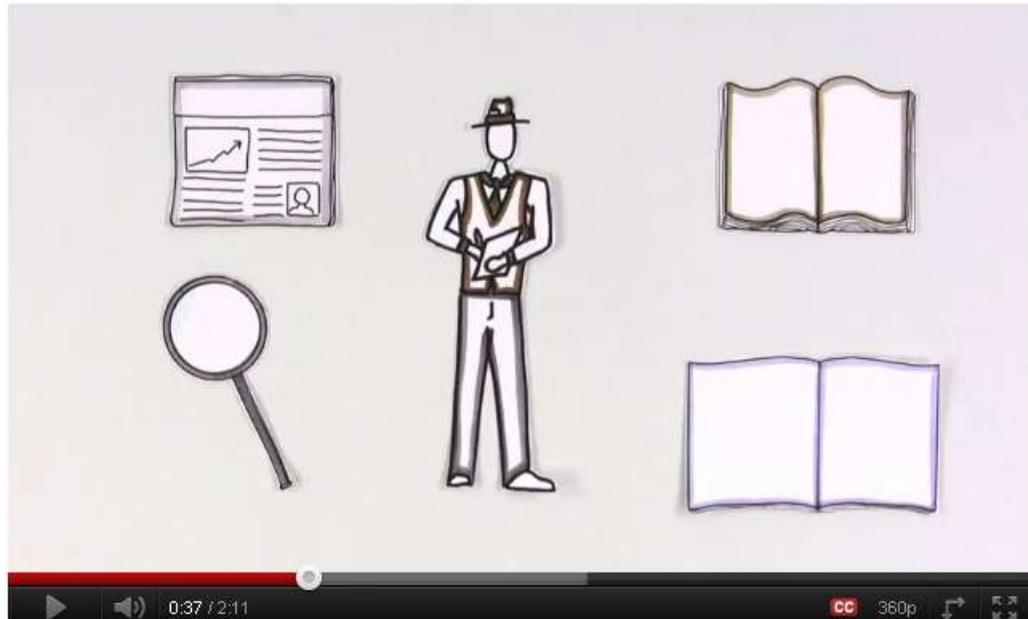
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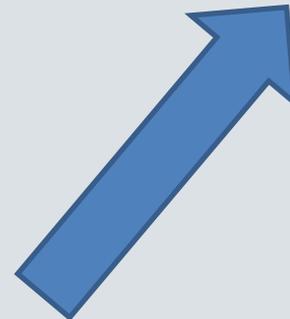
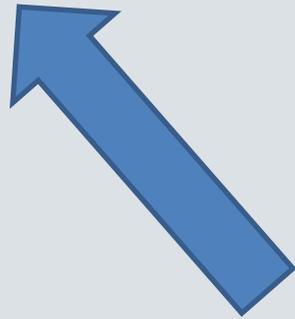




# Openness and freedom

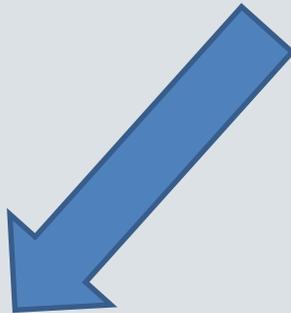
Digital literacy

Creativity



Openness

(Open & Free Content)



Digital Policy

Rights



# Openness and transparency

- Page history is open
- Discussion is open
- Open processes for policies & guidelines
- Open source software
- Open, transparent organisation

# Open review processes



**Confirmation bias** is a [featured article](#); it (or a previous version of it) has been *identified* as one of the best articles produced by the [Wikipedia community](#). Even so, if you can update or improve it, [please do so](#).



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Date	Process	Result
September 29, 2009	<a href="#">Good article nominee</a>	Listed
May 24, 2010	<a href="#">Peer review</a>	Reviewed
July 6, 2010	<a href="#">Featured article candidate</a>	Promoted
July 23, 2010	<a href="#">Today's featured article</a>	Main Page

Current Status: **Featured article**



# Wikipedia Educational Assignments



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**Reasons to use Wikipedia**

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Get Involved

Wikipedia is an opportunity to teach students essential 21st century skills that most will use in their careers and personal lives. Wikipedia is a valuable public resource, and in a classroom environment students learn how to contribute and use it properly. Curricula can and should include Wikipedia!

Have questions?  
Want help?  
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“ Students use Wikipedia. It is very critical that we, meaning academia, get on board with this, because it is going to happen if we like it or not. We need to work with them to learn to use Wikipedia correctly and contribute to it to make it better. ”

—Professor in the Public Policy Initiative, December 2010

### Student Engagement

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<http://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/Education>

engaged in a Wikipedia assignment than a traditional assignment. Here are some of the benefits students state for using Wikipedia in the classroom:

- **The global audience** — most students appreciate that their work could be viewed by thousands.



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