



WIKIPEDIA AND WIKINEWS: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NEWS ARTICLES AND ENCYCLOPEDIA NEWS

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Wikinews

- Free source of news
- Everyone can edit
- Large or small events from elsewhere
- Based on key principles of Wikimedia projects:
 - neutral
 - free
 - open decision making process





Wikipedia and Wikinews

Wikinews

- Project of the Wikimedia Foundation that seeks to write news from free sources
- Born in 2004 in English, there are now more than 30 languages.
- Write news stories from a neutral point of view and maintain the freedom of independence of sources and editorial policy.
- Describe current events

Wikipedia

- Project of the Wikimedia Foundation that seeks to write world knowledge in an online repository
- Born in 2001 in English, there are now over 260 languages.
- Write encyclopedia articles, from a neutral point of view and well referenced.
- Describe the consequences of past and current events.





More about Wikinews

- Every news create for posterity a document with defined time limits but enriched by
 - Neutrality
 - verifiability
 - and wikistyle!
- Citizen and neutral perspective of the news, regulated by administrators familiar with the Wikimedia values.
- Actual trend in big media: close contents for a payment. This is a opportunity for Wikinews model.





News articles on Wikipedia... or encyclopedic news on Wikinews?





Situation

- In theory: the news on Wikinews, the encyclopedic articles on Wikipedia.
- Reality: a lot of wikipedians reporting news event immediately, with asymmetrical update margins compared with Wikinews
- Wikipedia should not accept some confirmed information or valid, it is not a primary source.
- The immediacy and urgency to disseminate information and the less support from the editors of the Wikipedia in Spanish to a sister project affects very significantly.





But why are few editors who want to be wikireporters?





Differences in the form of edit

- Edition without conventional references
- You can edit always in builded content in Wikipedia if you want. In Wikinews we're always creating from scratch.
- Type of writing, more rigurous in style
- Different use of templates and categories





Wikireporter vs wikipedist

- The wikipedist is speaking of an event based on the account of others (not primary source)
- Wikireporter can write a story from news sources, either in person or by the cycle of information.
- A wikipedist can be wikireporter but not vice versa: The wikireporter should go to the nearest source of information, not the wikipedist.





Sources

- Wikipedia is based on scientific information as a basis for the edition and references are mandatory, except in the Spanish Wikipedia (¬ ¬)
- Wikinews relies on international agencies, original reporting, and mashup data sources.
- Wikipedia does not allow the original papers; Wikinews promotes serious original reporting (only to registered users with reliable sources for publication)





Proposals

1. Find the positive synergy between the projects, as now, seems to absorb Wikinews Wikipedia for the reasons set out above.
2. Highlight the presence in the editions of Wikipedia, a sister project that is focused entirely circumstantial information.
3. Talk to internal Wikinews community the possibility of fewer restrictions in Wikipedia to experienced users who can collaborate on Wikinews.
4. Find alternative sources of voluntary cooperation and hyperlocal via Wikipedia Ambassadors type agreements, helped by the Wikimedia chapters.





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