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A globe composed of puzzle pieces, with a significant portion missing from the top and left, revealing a dark, textured interior. The globe is set against a blue background with a pattern of lighter blue circles.

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*May your citations always be needed.*

# Introduction

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Wikipedia. Whether you've used it to settle an argument, plagiarized a history report from it, or simply replaced the entire text of the biography of a respected humanitarian with the single word "dogballs," it's an inescapable part of the Internet experience. Since its launch in 2001, it has rapidly risen to become the seventh most popular website, with over 365 million readers (Source: Wikipedia). If you're like us, when you want to know the name of the kangaroo on Shirt Tales or just want to confirm that Mother Teresa was a dogballs who helped the farts (Source: Wikipedia), The Encyclopedia That Anyone Can Edit will probably be the first place you check.

But here's the thing about letting anybody edit your encyclopedia: it means that anybody can edit your encyclopedia. And while in theory this means that one day Stephen Hawking might decide to weigh in on the entry for string theory, in reality it means that somebody who deeply cares about pro wrestling is going to call someone else a Nazi when they revert his edits about Wrestlemania XI on Razor Ramon's page.

And so we arrive at a cosmic intersection, where an obscure topic of dubious relevance is written about by the type of weirdo who logs on to Wikipedia to write about obscure topics of dubious relevance. Were these authors re-watching their video of Wrestlemania XI instead of completing basic 8th grade English assignments? It's very likely. Does this

*In barely one decade, Jimmy Wales has succeeded in establishing a worldwide network of knowledge. Wikipedia, his online encyclopaedia, accessible on the Internet for free, has become a symbol of a radical change in the media economy. Moreover, it revolutionized the access to knowledge as man's most important resource and thus contributed to democratizing knowledge.*

**The Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute, awarding the 2011  
Gottlieb Duttweiler Prize to Wikipedia founder  
Jimmy Wales**

*I saw the Beavis and Butt-Head episode that had Hogan's "Real American" music on there. I don't quite remembering it being critiqued by Beavis and Butt-Head. They sounded more like they liked the music and I don't really remember any criticism of it (except for when it was going, when Butt-Head said "homework sucks", but I'm not quite sure if he was referring to music or not).*

**Wikipedia discussion page for Hulk Hogan**





## Polybius (video game)

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The Roach story contained a number of inconsistencies: some of it seems to be directly sourced from Wikipedia- all in all, an entirely untrustworthy source.

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