

ABOUT THE GENDER BIAS ON WIKIPEDIA – AND BEYOND –

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→ "Alexa Top 500 Global Sites",
New Statesman, 26.05.2015

HUGE IMPACT

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→ Wikimedia Survey, 2011

Gender	Percentage
Male	90%
Female	9%
Transsexual Transgender	1%

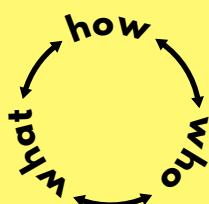
Jimmy Wales, The Independent, 2001

Jimmy Wales, BBC
News, 2014



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The Dinner

The three levels of who writes, what is written and how the knowledge is represented are related.



Gender	Percentage
female	16.6
male	83.4

Wikidata Human Gender Indicators,
2016 <http://whqi.wmflabs.org/>

“The marginalisation becomes circular and self-perpetuating”

women are badly or not at all represented in history books and then on Wikipedia

women are not represented in some domains

women are less likely to identify to some positions

Jenny Kleeman, *The New Statesman*, 2015

**newspapers,
history books,
commercials,
everyday
communications,
...**

75.8 percent of history books published for general readers in 2015 are written by male authors, and subjects were 71.7 percent of the biographies are about male figures.

→ Andrew Kahn and Rebecca Onion, Slate, 2016

collaborative
horizontal
neutral

But these words shouldn't hide the fact that there are power structures in Wikipedia (on top of those we inherit from the society, education, ...)

stewards
admins
...
users

↓

more power
(block users,
delete pages,
etc)

See Jo Freeman, *The Tyranny of Structurelessness*, 1972

“just 4% of women editors in the sample said that they had been stalked online”.

Everyone can be part of solving this problem.

Start editing on Wikipedia and everywhere else, in a balanced way, aware of these issues.

Every piece of information counts!

- guides about how to write in a gender-balanced way
- how to edit on Wikipedia
- articles that need care
- and further information the gender gap in new media:

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