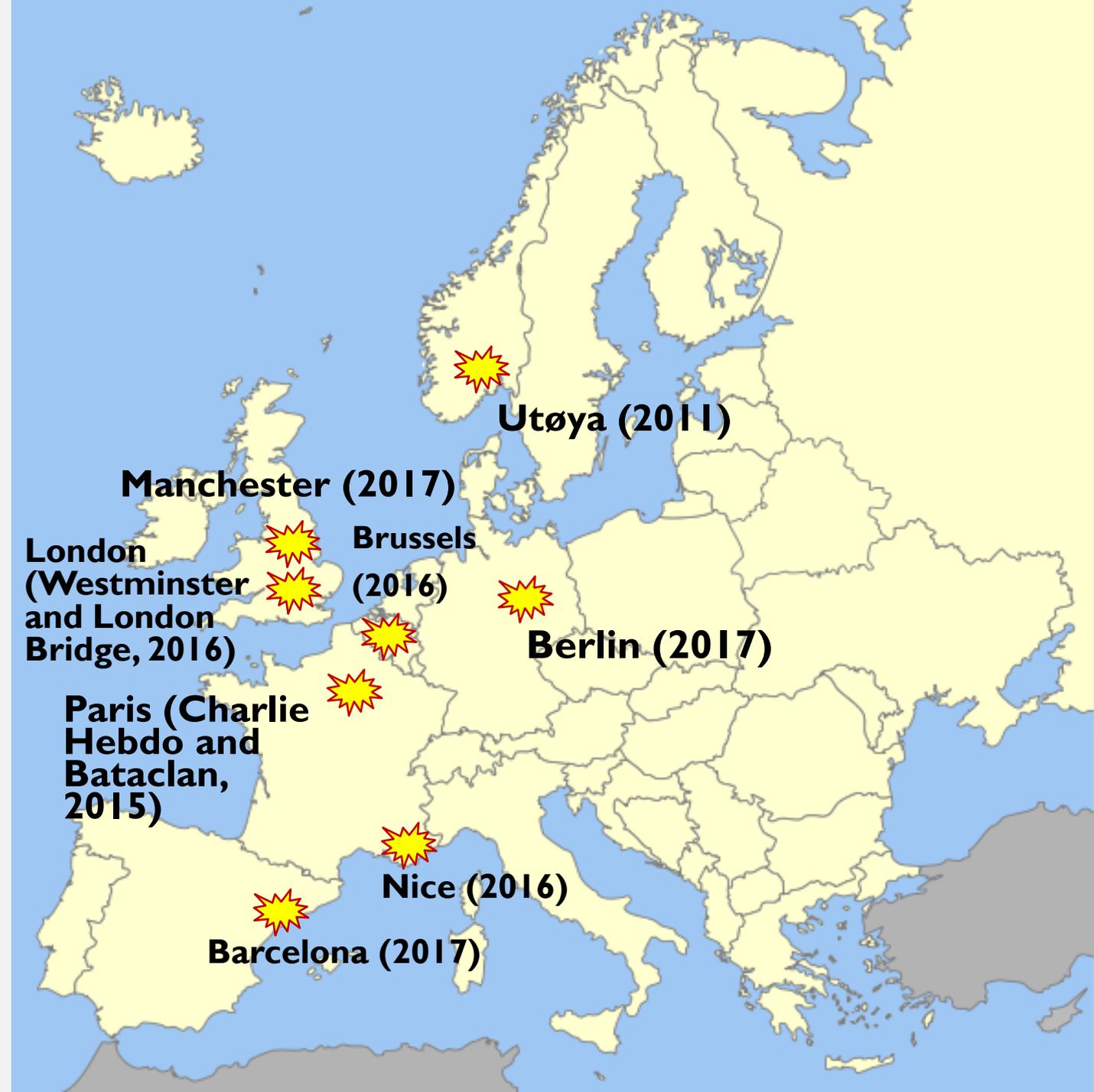


**THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARTICLES ABOUT
TERRORIST ATTACKS ON WIKIPEDIA**

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- How breaking news articles about terrorist attacks are constructed on Wikipedia?
 - 4 different linguistic versions (English, Spanish, French and Italian) of 10 terrorist attacks that have taken place in Europe from 2010 till today.



RESEARCH QUESTIONS

How does the Wikipedia community react to breaking news of terrorist attacks?

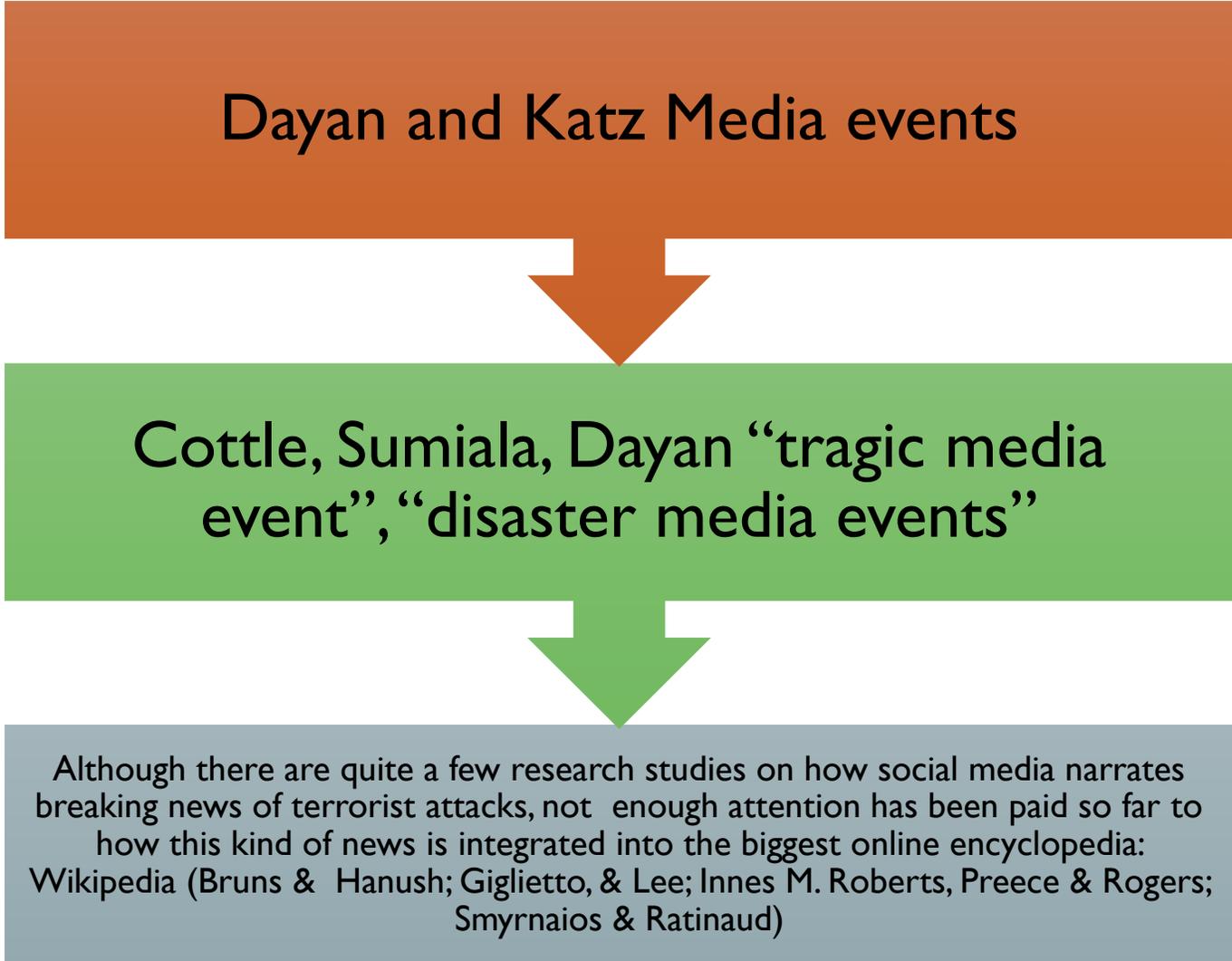
Are there substantial differences among the Spanish, French, Italian and English versions of the articles?

Does social media have any influence in the construction of these articles?

Are contributors to the articles aware of the risk of the spectacularization of pain?

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Dayan and Katz Media events



Cottle, Sumiala, Dayan “tragic media event”, “disaster media events”

Although there are quite a few research studies on how social media narrates breaking news of terrorist attacks, not enough attention has been paid so far to how this kind of news is integrated into the biggest online encyclopedia: Wikipedia (Bruns & Hanush; Giglietto, & Lee; Innes M. Roberts, Preece & Rogers; Smyrnaiois & Ratinaud)

METHODOLOGY

Descriptive statistical analysis of data of the Wikipedia pages (both articles and “Talks”), using open source software and open source data:

<http://vs.aka-online.de/cgi-bin/wppagehiststat.pl>

<https://xtools.wmflabs.org/articleinfo>

<https://tools.wmflabs.org/pageviews/>

Media discourse analysis of the “Talk” pages of every English Wikipedia article taken into consideration (Scheufele).

WIKIPEDIA

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2016 Nice attack

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Coordinates:  43.6936°N 7.2557°E﻿ / ﻿

This article is about the 2016 vehicle-ramming attack. For the 2015 stabbing attack, see [2015 Nice stabbing](#).

On the evening of 14 July 2016, a 19 tonne cargo truck was deliberately driven into crowds of people celebrating [Bastille Day](#) on the [Promenade des Anglais](#) in Nice, France, resulting in the deaths of 86 people^[2] and the injury of 458 others.^[4] The driver was [Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel](#), a [Tunisian](#) resident of France.^{[5][6]} The attack ended following an exchange of gunfire, during which Lahouaiej-Bouhlel was shot and killed by police.

[ISIL](#) claimed responsibility for the attack, saying Lahouaiej-Bouhlel answered its "calls to target citizens of coalition nations that fight the Islamic State". On 15 July, François Molins, the prosecutor for the [Public Ministry](#), which is overseeing the investigation, said the attack bore the hallmarks of [jihadist terrorism](#).^[7]

On 15 July, French President [François Hollande](#) called the attack an act of [Islamic terrorism](#), announced an extension of the [state of emergency](#) (which had been declared following the [November 2015 Paris attacks](#)) for a further three months, and announced an intensification of [French airstrikes on ISIL in Syria and Iraq](#).^{[8][9]} France later extended the state of emergency until 26 January 2017.^[10] The French government declared three days of [national mourning](#) starting on 16 July. Thousands of extra police and soldiers were deployed while the government called on citizens to join the reserve forces.

On 21 July, prosecutor François Molins said that Lahouaiej-Bouhlel planned the attack for months and had help from [accomplices](#).^{[11][12][13]} By 1 August, six suspects had been taken into custody on charges of "criminal terrorist [conspiracy](#)", three of whom were also charged for complicity in murder in relation to a terrorist enterprise. On 16 December three further suspects, allegedly involved in the supply of illegal weapons to Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, were charged.^{[14][15][16]} The attack has been classified as jihadist terrorism by [Europol](#).^[17]

2016 Nice attack

Part of terrorism in France



The Promenade des Anglais, the site of the attack



Talk:2016 Nice attack

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This is the **talk page** for discussing improvements to the **2016 Nice attack** article.

This is **not a forum** for general discussion of the article's subject.

- Put new text under old text. [Click here to start a new topic.](#)
- Please sign and date your posts by typing four tildes (`~~~~`).
- New to Wikipedia? Welcome! Ask questions, get answers.

- Be polite, and welcoming to new users
- Assume good faith
- Avoid personal attacks
- For disputes, seek dispute resolution

Article policies

- No original research
- Neutral point of view
- Verifiability

Archives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Search archives



Domestic reactions [edit]

We need to prepare for it. National Front and UMP (Republicans) will come. *le president* is blabbering now (considering whats on his watch). All notable.[Lihaas \(talk\)](#) 01:50, 15 July 2016 (UTC) There's more [here](#). We may have to reorganize the French reaction to expand it. -- [Ricky81682 \(talk\)](#) 03:48, 15 July 2016 (UTC)

Change title of infobox on the right to match title of article [edit]

The article was moved to **2016 attack in Nice**, but the infobox title on the right remains **2016 Nice attack**. Can someone please make this minor edit to ensure consistency? Thanks, [2607:FEA8:A260:4BE:89CE:9ACA:EFA6:5427 \(talk\)](#) 02:51, 15 July 2016 (UTC)

Done! And thanks for catching that! -- [Ricky81682 \(talk\)](#) 02:53, 15 July 2016 (UTC)

It seems someone changed it. [2607:FEA8:A260:4BE:89CE:9ACA:EFA6:5427 \(talk\)](#) 03:55, 15 July 2016 (UTC)

✔ **Done** It appears that someone changed it back to your suggestion. [De88 \(talk\)](#) 04:27, 15 July 2016 (UTC)



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TALK PAGE

Time lag from the event to the creation of the article on Wikipedia

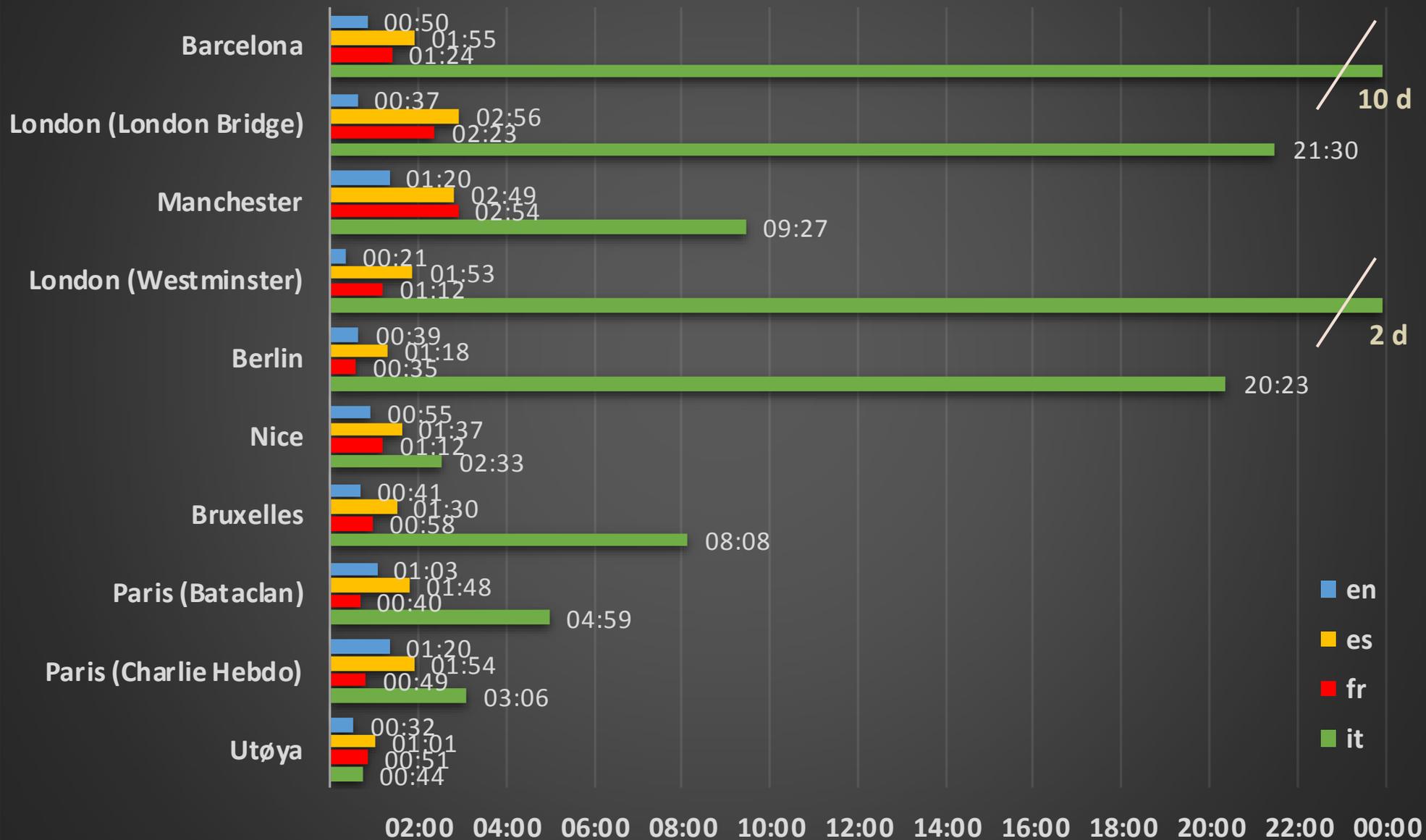
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English: 50 min

Spanish: 112 min

French: 78 min

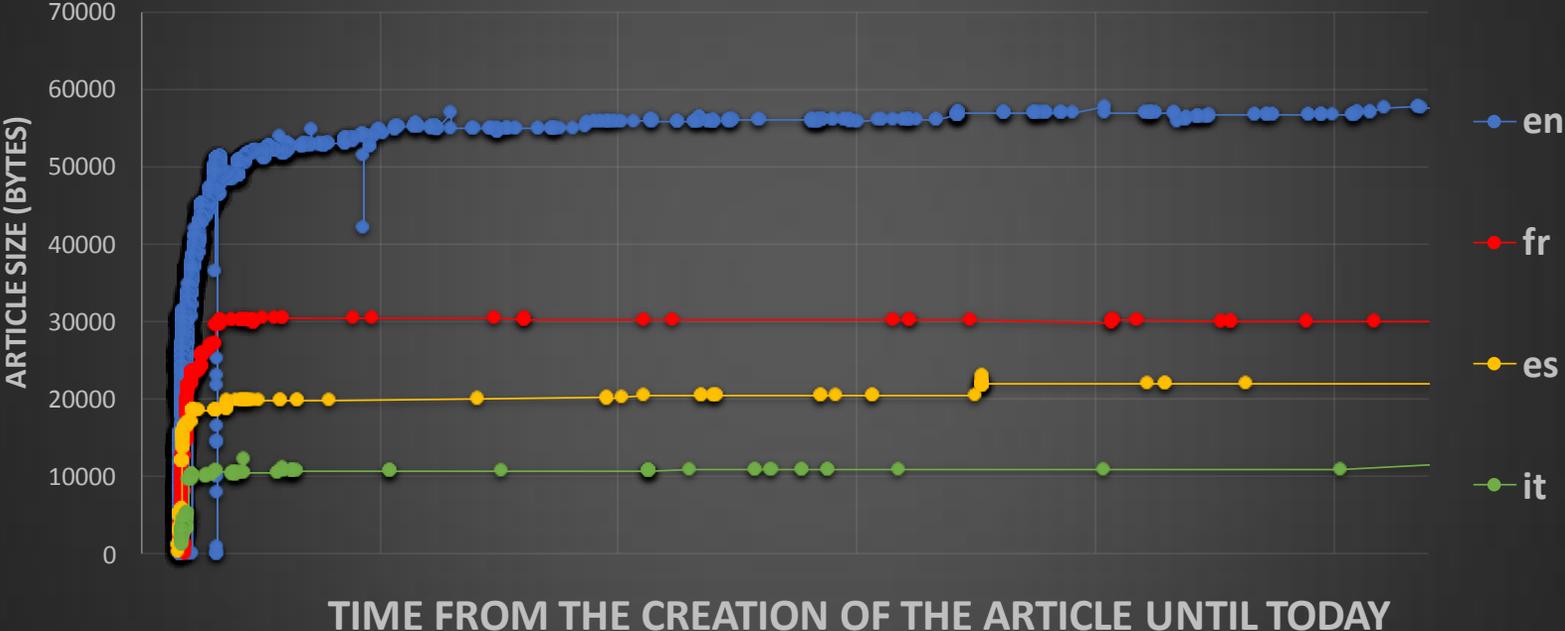
Italian: 44 min-10 d



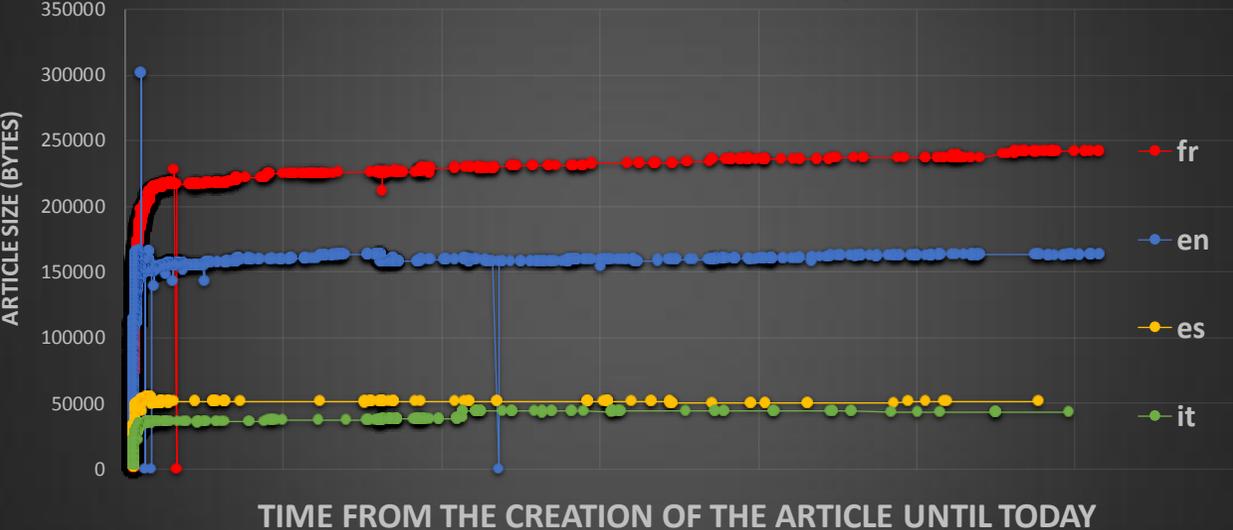
Progress in the construction of the article (80% of the final size)

- **English:** 2-7 d
- **Spanish:** 1-9 d
- **French:** 2-11 d
- **Italian:** 1-8 d

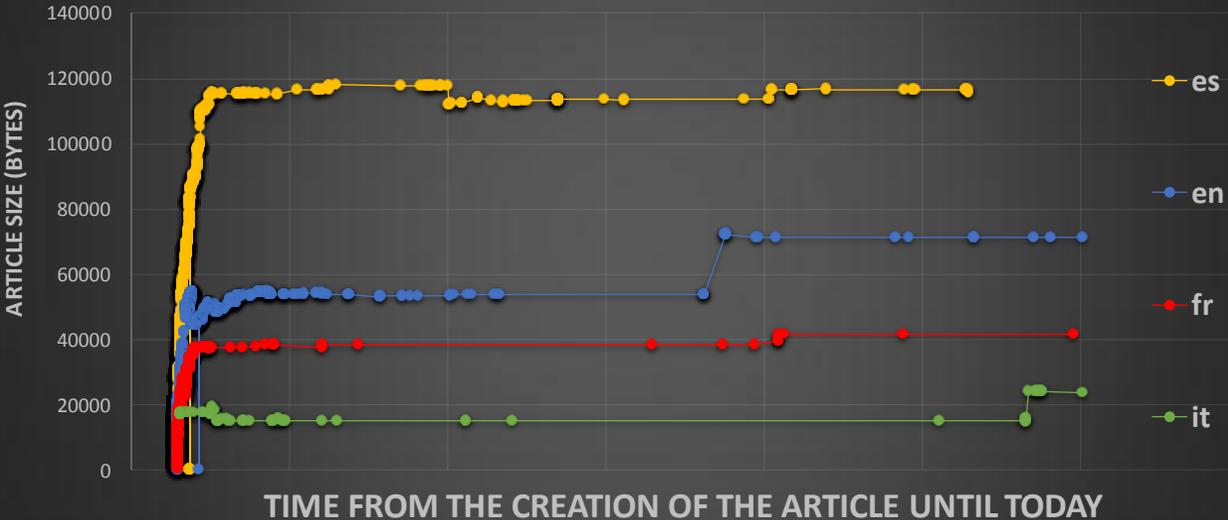
Manchester



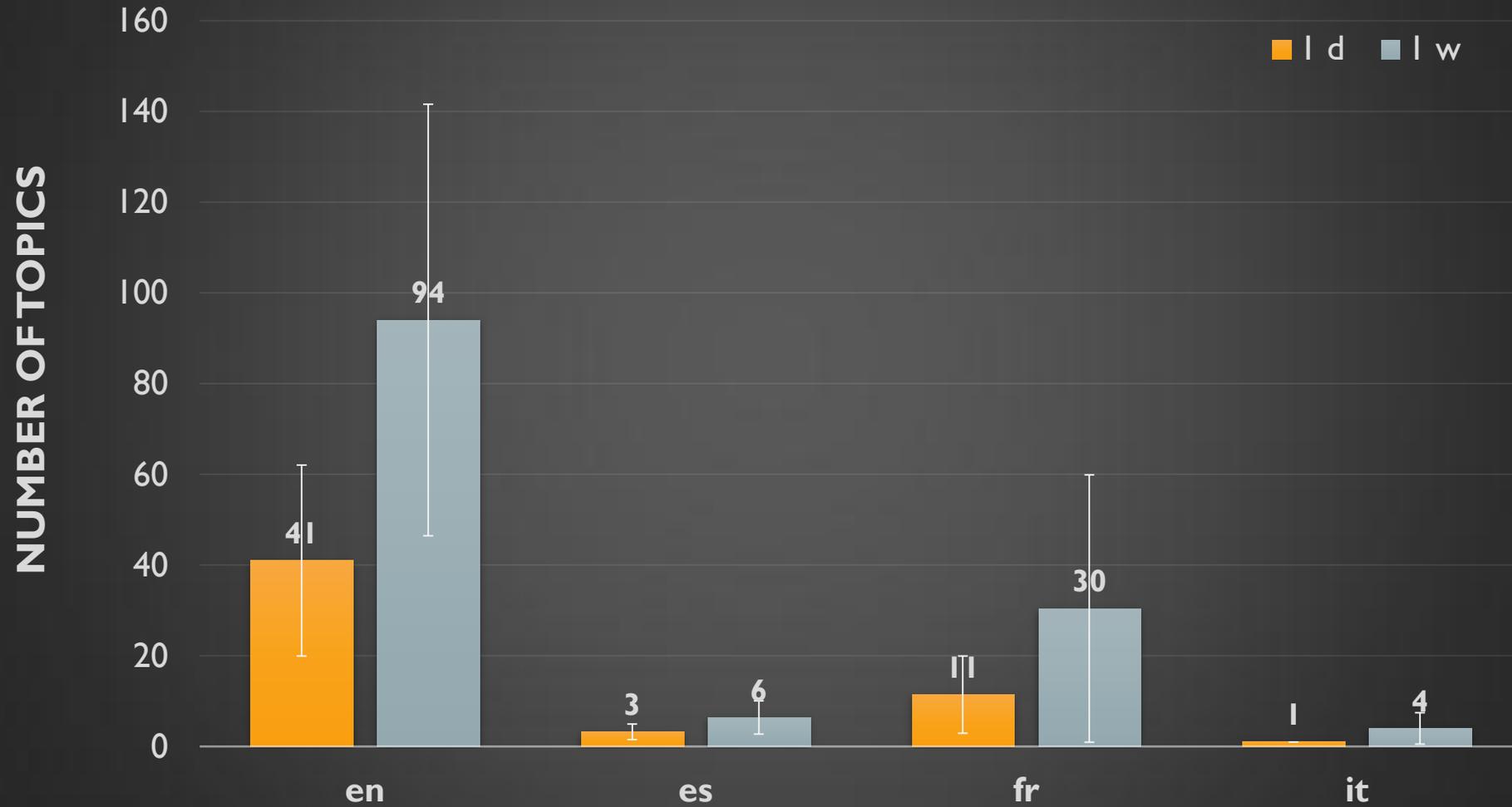
Paris (Charlie Hebdo)



Barcelona



Talk topics



THE MAIN FRAMES OF THE “TALK” SECTIONS

1) Are we talking about terrorism?

2) The importance of sources

3) The suspicion towards social media

4) The fight against “fake news”

5) Avoiding spectacularization

I) ARE WE TALKING ABOUT TERRORISM?

In the “Talk” page for each attack, a voice asking whether to call it a terrorist attack or not appears 3 or 4 times.

There’s only one attack where this question is asked 11 times. Guess which one? (It’s not very hard...)

Definitions: was this really terrorism?

Were these attacks really terrorism? Or were they political violence? Terrorism is meant to cause intense fear by attacking random targets (though the attacks may be well-planned). These attacks however, were meant to give Breivik's manifesto "necessary attention". He also aimed to kill named people and inflict damage on the Labour party (the bomb was supposed to neutralize the police). He did not want to kill the people he views as "civilians" (which in Breivik's messed-up world means non-Labour party people) and even apologized to those victims that were not members of the Labour party. The majority of the Norwegian population did not have to fear a repeated attack as he sought to attack some 4000 named people and not random targets. Terrorist also seek to force people to listen to them by threatening them. This madman instead wanted to "wake people up" so that they would see things the way he does (which he believes people eventually will anyway, but he is fearing they will when it is too late).

Another thing is what WP:LABEL tells us, which is to avoid words like "extremist", "terrorist" or "freedom fighter". I think the attacks are unforgivable, but still I believe things should be described correctly. I understand that it may be tempting to use labels in order to create a distance between the Breivik and oneself, but it will not help anybody ... [83.109.102.211](#) (talk) 18:01, 3 May 2012 (UTC)

According to the OED, terrorism is generally defined as "the unofficial or unauthorized use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims" [ⓘ]. That sounds pretty much like ABB's acts; nevermind the fact that many reliable sources describe him as a terrorist anyway. Your comment looks like pure WP:OR to me. Also, violence? ~- Lothar von Richthofen (talk) 18:07, 3 May 2012 (UTC)

Yes, sorry about that one. I speak English as a second language and was mixing violence with vandalism/terrorism for some reason. What I meant was of course violence, which by the way is a word I rarely use. I reviewed my post before I submitted and even though that word caught my attention I just could not figure out what was wrong with it, so I clicked "Save page" and fell asleep. On topic: I am not trying to make things up (WP:OR), I have just compared the definitions I have read to the things that the newspapers have told me. There is a discussion up here already, but I find no conclusion. WP:LABEL is amongst the arguments. Through the article's history the words "terrorism" and "terrorist" have been removed and reintroduced several times. I have also heard from a friend who is studying this stuff outside Norway that while these actions are considered terrorism in Norway, several non-Norwegians experts/professors have a different opinion. I do not know if it is true or not – and that is why I asked. [83.109.103.222](#) (talk) 19:48, 3 May 2012 (UTC) (Looks like my ISP has decided to give me a new IP address)

Terrorism?

Why has this been called a terrorist attack? It's a nutter that's gone berserk. You wouldn't call Derrick Bird a terrorist would you? Needs to be changed in my opinion. — Preceding unsigned comment added by [83.67.41.208](#) (talk) 10:08, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

Any unprovoked attack done to cause fear and panic against innocent civilians can be labeled a terrorist attack by definition, but I agree- let's call him a religious nutjob, furthermore a Christian religious nutter, but wait, that already means all Christians. — Preceding unsigned comment added by [88.152.1.160](#) (talk) 10:24, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

It is early days, but the attack is beginning to have echoes of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. This is classed as a terrorist incident, even though a large organization was not involved. [Derrick Bird](#) did not plant a bomb at a government building, which suggests at least some political motive. — [TheGreatDefective](#) ([talk](#) [to me](#)) 10:31, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

At this point, it seems to me it remains to be seen whether this is terrorism or another form of insanity, as it must depend on the motives of the perpetrator(s), as yet only conjectured only. But reliable sources do call it terrorism - I guess it comes from Norwegian authorities, and we should report that. -- In fact, it seems to be a case of fundamentalist Christian terrorism as much as right-wing terrorism - though terrorism, whether religious or not, is by definition (my definition at least) always political as it intends to impact society.--[Ne](#) (talk) 10:40, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

• I am very surprised that "terrorist" was removed from the lead. All the media is referring to the attack as "terror". [NRK](#) [ⓘ], [TV2](#) [ⓘ], [VG](#) [ⓘ], [Dagbladet](#) [ⓘ]. The last of these links ([Dagbladet](#)) say that the police have charged Breivik for crimes in accordance with the Norwegian law on terrorism. I am restoring "terrorist" to the lead, and will add the last link as a cite for that. [Sjakkalle](#) ([check](#)) 10:44, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

Agree. Also [Aftenposten](#) reports that the police have charged Breivik for crimes in accordance with the Norwegian law on terrorism. (He can get 21 years.) --[Hordaland](#) (talk) 13:09, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

You don't need to be of arab descent or a muslim to be a terrorist. [Brightgairs](#) ([bratt](#) [gael](#) [e](#) [rez](#))[ⓘ] 13:17, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

[67.117.27.49](#) (talk) 15:23, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

Are we seriously having a debate here about whether the bombing of three of a government's most senior ministry buildings, followed by a mass shooting spree at a youth camp that was sponsored by the dominant political party, all seemingly carried out by a man with a radical political, religious, and ethnic ideology qualifies as terrorism? Seriously? I think I would sooner classify E. coli as "maybe" bacteria than I would consider these acts "maybe" terrorism. [67.117.27.49](#) (talk) 15:23, 23 July 2011 (UTC)[Snow](#)

We have no evidence to suggest that this is actually terrorism, rather than a killing spree, other than speculation. This may not be terrorism as we have no proof that these attacks were intended to incite terror, and perhaps was seen as a game, as his interests on facebook would express.--[TheGreatDefective](#) (talk) 16:44, 23 July 2011 (UTC)

Screenshots from Utøya talk page

Terrorist attack	Voice questioning the terrorist nature of the event
Bataclan	3
Charlie Hebdo	4
Nice	3
Brussels	3
Westminster	4
London Bridge	3
Barcellona	4
Utøya	11
Berlin	4
Manchester	5

YOU'RE RIGHT! UTØYA

YOU'RE WRONG! UTØYA!

2) THE IMPORTANCE OF SOURCES

One of the central points in the construction of Wikipedia articles is to decide if the sources used are acceptable or not. In some cases, the question is easily resolved (heterodox sources as “a friend of mine said it” etc.); in others, the question becomes more complex and political.

Fox News

Fox News is NOT a legitimate news in these types of events They have a bias toward claiming terrorism and erroneous links to terrorist groups to promote the conservative, war-mongering, fear-mongering agenda. — Preceding [unsigned](#) comment added by [73.150.184.160](#) ([talk](#)) 22:09, 17 July 2016 (UTC)

Same goes for many Western sources. All part of the War on Terror. Rather than disqualify Fox outright, just be cautious in only relaying the facts it presents, not the tone and angle in which it presents them. [InedibleHulk](#) ([talk](#)) 23:29, July 17, 2016 (UTC)

Agree with your statement [InedibleHulk](#) – [De88](#) ([talk](#)) 03:32, 18 July 2016 (UTC)

Fox News isn't ideal, but jumping the gun on the motive isn't confined to Fox News. It isn't possible to know everything about the motive within 24 hours, and the mainstream media should have learned this by now.--[IANMACM](#) ([talk to me](#)) 05:03, 18 July 2016 (UTC)

Screenshot from Nice talk page



CORINNE RAY CASE (CHARLIE HEBDO)

CORINNE RAY CASE

Coco's daughter

Corinne "Coco" is pissed off at Wikipedia for getting the facts wrong: her [Twitter message](#) reads:

Wikipedia dit que de la merde sur le 7 janvier. 1bonne fois pour toutes, j'étais pas avec ma fille, j'ALLAIS la chercher au moment des faits

It's too bad we have to take the fall for this, and not the shitty reporting that tells us in headlines:

- ["Gunmen threatened cartoonist and young daughter to force entry into Charlie Hebdo offices"](#)
- ["Charlie Hebdo Cartoonist Corrine Rey Says She Let Terrorists inside and Hid under her Desk with Toddler Daughter"](#)
- ["Charlie Hebdo cartoonist reveals terrorists threatened to murder her toddler unless she let them in - and how she cowered with child under desk as massacre took place"](#)
- ["Charlie Hebdo Paris shooting: 'I let gunmen into building to save my child and I'"](#)
- ["Paris Shooting: Terrorists Threaten To Shoot Toddler During Attack"](#)
- along with dozens that tell us the same story [without putting it in the headlines](#). Of course, Wikipedia put the media up to it, eh? [Curly Turkey jgobble!](#) 01:26, 15 January 2015 (UTC)

Screenshot from Charlie Hebdo talk page

3) THE SUSPICION TOWARDS SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media are never treated as reliable sources. Furthermore, many comments on the “Talk” pages show an ill-concealed mistrust towards the social media *tout court*.

Live updates [\[edit \]](#)

Hi, I'm /u/LeGurnster from Reddit. Just wondered if it would be appropriate to post a link to the live updates temporarily? The link is <https://www.reddit.com/live/x99pqdwudg0l>.

Thanks, Wikipedia, for your up-to-date editing as usual! Con. [86.157.52.222 \(talk\)](#) 01:00, 15 July 2016 (UTC)

I disagree **Reddit users aren't a reliable source.** If someone sees something missing from a reliable source, the talk page is available however. -- [Ricky81682 \(talk\)](#) 01:09, 15 July 2016 (UTC)

From Nice
talk page

Facebook part 2

Many facebook users have [changed their profile picture](#) by superimposing the French flag over it to show solidarity with the people of France. Should this be mentioned in the article? [Mjroots \(talk\)](#) 19:25, 14 November 2015 (UTC)

Not unless RS has given it significant significance. [72.198.26.61 \(talk\)](#) 19:27, 14 November 2015 (UTC)

Seems pretty irrelevant to me, but I do realize that, these days, any tiny thing Facebook does it bigger news than the attacks themselves. [LjL \(talk\)](#) 19:27, 14 November 2015 (UTC)

From Bataclan
talk page

Sources

To be perfectly clear, Wikipedia will only accept reliably sourced, neutral information. If you don't have a source, don't add it to the article. **We really don't care if your grandmother is live-Tweeting the event.** [Rklawton \(talk\)](#) 23:56, 22 May 2017 (UTC)

From
Manchester
talk page

THE SUSPICION TOWARDS SOCIAL MEDIA

The same suspicion against social media also affects one of their characteristic output – the spread of hashtags

Hashtag [\[edit\]](#)

I'm sick and tired of the #JeSuis hashtags being featured prominently. The first time it was a notable phenomenon, now #JeSuisEverySingleThing is just not [LjL \(talk\)](#) 23:56, 14 July 2016 (UTC)

Screenshot from Nice talk page

4) WIKIPEDIA AS AN OUTPOST AGAINST “FAKE NEWS”

It's clear from many comments that users believe that Wikipedia should be a barrier against the proliferation of “fake news”. This view also features a particular characteristic: it's necessary to exclude not only fake news from the entries, but also news about fake news.

“NO FAKE NEWS”, BUT ALSO “NO NEWS ABOUT FAKE NEWS”

Fake missing people images

Should this: #MissinginManchester: The fake images circulating online, be included in the article? More refs:

- Manchester attack: Twitter and Facebook users maliciously share fake images of missing people
- Manchester attack: Social media trolls spread fake posts about missing children

Seagull123 22:19, 23 May 2017 (UTC)

Not really, per WP:NOTNEWS. There are some silly people in the world, but it doesn't seem like a major issue with WP:10YT notability at the moment. IANMACM (talk to me) 22:24, 23 May 2017 (UTC)

From Manchester talk page

Fake news

Experts spoke about a new "dimension" of fake news. It's normal that fake news spreads after attacks to make the chaos bigger and out of political motives. But this time, the fake news dimensions was bigger and broader.^{[1][2][3][4][5][6]} Rævhuld (talk) 15:07, 24 May 2017 (UTC)

It has WP:TOPIC issues and would be better over at Reactions to the 2017 Manchester Arena bombing. This article should stick to things that are related to the bombing itself. IANMACM (talk to me) 15:24, 24 May 2017 (UTC)

Fom Manchester talk page

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Hoaxes

A Sikh man was falsely labeled by Spanish and Italian news organisations of being one of the terrorists in the attack

1. <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/16/canadian-pictured-as-paris-terrorist-in-suspected-gamergate-smear>
2. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/world/sikh-man-at-centre-of-storm-after-being-depicted-as-paris-attacker/story-7FYafLuavivYJRdUf91f3O.html>

31.17.1.71 (talk) 12:55, 16 November 2015 (UTC)

And? InedibleHulk (talk) 13:02, November 16, 2015 (UTC)

needs to be put in aftermath with title "hoaxes" 31.17.1.71 (talk) 13:27, 16 November 2015 (UTC)

Does it really? Many pieces of wrong information have been / will be circulated. Is it important? LjL (talk) 13:34, 16 November 2015 (UTC)

Strongly oppose Has nothing to do with the attacks and the subject is not a public figure and should not be harassed. -- Veggies (talk) 13:41, 16 November 2015 (UTC)

Oppose Not relevant. General Ization Talk 13:42, 16 November 2015 (UTC)

From Bataclan talk page



Texas Lone Star @SouthLoneStar · 19h

Muslim woman pays no mind to the terror attack, casually walks by a dying man while checking phone

#PrayForLondon #Westminster #BanIslam



↩ 1.3K

↻ 1.6K

♥ 1.8K

5) SPECTACULARIZATION OF SUFFERING?

The Wikipedia community reacts very clearly to the risk of spectacularization of pain, showing particular attention in two ways: the publication of sensitive images and the publication of the names of the victims.

IMAGES

The image policy is very clear: although Wikipedia is not censored, you cannot use images with potentially disturbing content if not strictly necessary to describe the subject.

Video of killing of Ahmed Merabet

Given that the video has been shown around the world countless times and shows the actions of the perpetrators, and a victim, would it be violation of copyright to include this video in the article? Either that or a screencap of the hooded men in said video I think should be included. Remember that [Wikipedia is not censored](#) [Loganmac \(talk\) 19:45, 8 January 2015 \(UTC\)](#)

"Censored" policy has nothing to do with copyright. Unless the video is free / legitimate fair-use, no. [HammerFilmFan \(talk\) 20:09, 8 January 2015 \(UTC\) 20:08, 8 January 2015 \(UTC\)](#)

I don't think we should show a video of a person being shot dead (or an image of a dead person) out of respect for the individual and their family and friends, because the individual has been identified by name in the article. I don't know if that's censorship. All I can ask is: how would you feel if it was your dad or brother or whatever? Mention of the video is sufficient in my opinion. Maybe a screencap before he is shot, showing the attacker and the victim. [Rob984 \(talk\) 20:44, 8 January 2015 \(UTC\)](#)

From Charlie Hebdo talk page



RESPECT FOR THE VICTIMS

- In all the “Talk” pages, the question of whether or not to include the names of the victims in the attacks appears repeatedly. The answer is almost always negative.
- The only cases in which the names of the victims are present are Charlie Hebdo (where some of the victims were famous) and the Westminster attack (for no clear reasons).

sexual orientation are unacceptable. However, you very well may form new friendships as you go about improving the encyclopedia.

4. **Memorials.** Subjects of encyclopedia articles must satisfy [Wikipedia's notability requirements](#). Wikipedia is not the place to memorialize deceased friends, relatives, acquaintances, or others who **do not meet such requirements**. (However, for the Wikipedia page for deceased Wikipedia editors, see [WP:RIP](#)).

5. **Content for projects unrelated to Wikipedia.** Do not store material unrelated to Wikipedia, including in userspace. Please see [WP:UPNOT](#) for examples

Listing all victims

*The following discussion is closed. **Please do not modify it.** Subsequent comments should be made on the appropriate discussion page. No further edits should be made to this discussion.*

I thought we had solid consensus about this (see [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)), but according to some it may not apply to linking to a [separate sub-article](#) such as [this one](#) I nominated for deletion.

The article should not include a full list of victims. The main reason is [WP:NOTMEMORIAL](#). The associated AFD resulted in delete, so no link is needed to [Victims of the November 2015 Paris attacks](#).

OK, NO NAMES OF HUMAN CASUALTIES, BUT WHAT ABOUT DOGS?

The dog's name

We don't mention people who died by name unless they are **notable**, this has been reiterated a number of times on this talk page before. At the same time, I've recently had to **remove the name** of a *police dog* that died, but that was no use, because **it was re-added** together with its exact breed.

I find this... silly, and borderline offensive. Can we do away with it please? **LJL** (talk) 00:10, 19 November 2015 (UTC)

It shouldn't be included. As much as I love dogs, they shouldn't get more recognition than humans. – **Muboshgu** (talk) 00:15, 19 November 2015 (UTC)

Agree. I have reverted and let's hope it doesn't come back or else we might need to look at other options. **Jolly** **Ω Janner** 00:19, 19 November 2015 (UTC)

This again, eh? Seriously though, barring substantial coverage, a dead dog's name is just as important as a dead human's. Some dead dogs **really are honoured**. But they're not inherently special, one way or the other.

From Bataclan talk page

Article Talk

Creating Talk:List of police dogs killed in the line of duty

Wikipedia does not have a **talk page** with this exact title. Note that the corresponding article *List of police dogs killed in the line of duty*

- To start a page called *Talk:List of police dogs killed in the line of duty*, type in the box below. When you are done, preview the page.

This is a **talk page**. Please respect the **talk page guidelines**, and remember to **sign your posts** by typing four tildes (`~~~~`).

You are not logged in. Your **IP address** will be publicly visible if you make any edits. If you **log in** or **create an account**, you can avoid this message.



CONCLUSION (SO FAR)

The construction of the articles is basically the same for every language we analyzed. Only the Italian Wikipedia differs slightly because it tends to delete articles more often.

Moreover, the contents of the different attacks we analyzed are reasonably similar, with the notable exception of Utøya, where the terroristic framework is not taken for granted.

CONCLUSION (SO FAR)

The comparison/conflict with social media, repeatedly accused of being the major fake news/hoax propagators, is very strong. Wikipedia contributors tend to perceive themselves as the “Night’s Watch” in defense of the barrier (GOT 2011-2018) or an “ethos/action community” (Pentzold 2010).

The commitment of the Wikipedia community seems to be based not only on the desire to publish articles based on reliable sources, but also on a fierce opposition against the use of the Internet brought forward by the new generations of social media users (Ricci 2013, Boni and Ricci 2014).

Much attention is paid to avoiding the spectacularization of suffering, whether due to the display of sensitive images or the disclosure of the names of the victims (and dogs, too).

THANKS!

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