



## Encyclopædic hegemony: On the dominance of Wikipedia

### Description

Man muß das Wahre immer wiederholen, weil auch der Irrtum um uns her immer wieder gepredigt wird, und zwar nicht von einzelnen, sondern von der Masse. In Zeitungen und Enzyklopädien, auf Schulen und Universitäten, überall ist der Irrtum oben auf, und es ist ihm wohl und behaglich, im Gefühl der Majorität, die auf seiner Seite ist. ~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
(Transl.: Truth has to be repeated constantly, because Error also is being preached all the time, and not just by a few, but by the multitude. In the Press and Encyclopaedias, in Schools and Universities, everywhere Error holds sway, feeling happy and comfortable in the knowledge of having Majority on its side.)

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The following statistical tools are of great value in this context because they enable researchers to investigate Wikipedia (e.g., "Edit Wars") in an empirical fashion (see also Aceto & Pescapé, 2015; Darer, Farnan, & Wright, 2018; Gosain, Agarwal, Shekhawat, Acharya, & Chakravarty, 2018; Wright, Darer, & Farnan, 2018):

- [tools.wmflabs.org/xtools/rfa/](https://tools.wmflabs.org/xtools/rfa/)
- [cran.r-project.org/web/packages/WikipediR/WikipediR.pdf](https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/WikipediR/WikipediR.pdf)
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