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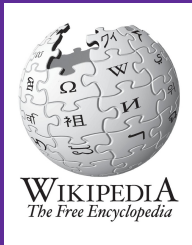
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Introduction



Women, historical insignificance, and inferiority



“It is not women’s inferiority that has determined their historical insignificance: it is their historical insignificance that has doomed them to inferiority.”

-Simone De Beauvoir, “The Second Sex”, 1949

Wikipedia: the 21st-century encyclopedia



“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.”

-Jimmy Wales, co-founder, Wikipedia, 2001

Percentage of women's biographies

1957

3.6%

Ramón Armando
Rodríguez.

*Diccionario Biográfico,
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Notability



Notability → Basic Criteria

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Notability_\(people\)#Basic_criteria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Notability_(people)#Basic_criteria)

1. People are presumed notable if they have received significant coverage in multiple published secondary sources that are reliable, intellectually independent of each other, and independent of the subject.
2. If the depth of coverage in any given source is not substantial, then multiple independent sources may be combined to demonstrate notability; trivial coverage of a subject by secondary sources may not be sufficient to establish notability.
3. Primary sources may be used to support content in an article, but they do not contribute toward proving the notability of a subject.
4. Articles may still not be created for people if they fall under exclusionary criteria, such as being notable only for a single event
5. The person has received a well-known and significant award or honor, or has been nominated for one several times.
6. The person has made a widely recognized contribution that is part of the enduring historical record in his or her specific field.

Notability → Academics

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Notability_\(academics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Notability_(academics))

1. The person's research has had a significant impact in their scholarly discipline, broadly construed, as demonstrated by independent reliable sources.
2. The person has received a highly prestigious academic award or honor at a national or international level.
3. The person is or has been an elected member of a highly selective and prestigious scholarly society or association (e.g., a National Academy of Sciences or the Royal Society) or a fellow of a major scholarly society which reserves fellow status as a highly selective honor.
4. The person is or has been the head or chief editor of a major, well-established academic journal in their subject area.

Notability → Reliable Sources

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Identifying_reliable_sources

1. Articles should be based on reliable, third-party, published sources with a reputation for fact-checking and accuracy.
2. Editors must take particular care when writing biographical material about living persons.
3. Wikipedia articles should be based mainly on reliable secondary sources, i.e., a document or recording that relates or discusses information originally presented elsewhere.
4. Reputable tertiary sources, such as introductory-level university textbooks, almanacs, and encyclopedias, may be cited.
5. Primary sources are often difficult to use appropriately. Although they can be both reliable and useful in certain situations, they must be used with caution in order to avoid original research. Although specific facts may be taken from primary sources, secondary sources that present the same material are preferred.

Notability→ Systemic bias

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Systemic_bias

1. Availability of sources may cause bias
2. Availability of sources is not uniform. This manifests both from the language a source is written in and the ease with which it can be accessed.
3. Because reliable sources are *required* by Wikipedia policy, topics are limited in their contents by the sources available to editors. This is a particularly acute problem for biographies of living persons.
4. Sources published in a medium that is both widely available and familiar to editors, such as a news website, are more likely to be used than those from esoteric or foreign-language publications regardless of their reliability.
5. Similarly, the cost of access to a source can be a barrier.
6. Once identified, the bias is noticeable throughout Wikipedia in two major forms:
 - a. a dearth of articles on neglected topics; and
 - b. perspective bias in articles on many subjects

Basics



Wikis

A website where anyone can edit any page at any time

Meant to be "quick"

Remembers all versions (nothing ever destroyed)

Hyperlinks between pages

Wikipedia policies

Neutral Point of View - written so all sides can agree

Notability - significant independent sources -> importance

Verifiability - Using reliable sources to reference information

No original research - point to existing scholarship

Assume good faith - start with congenial spirit

Conflicts of interest - disclose and abide by terms of service

Avoid conflict of interest

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Conflict_of_interest

Cite authoritative sources

Don't remove controversies from text

No one person can “own” an article or control its content

Disclose your affiliations

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<https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/training/students>

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Sir Ahmad Salman Rushdie, (Kt.) FRSL (/sælˈmɑːn ˈrʊʃdiː/^[3] Kashmiri: اھماد سلمان رشادی (*Devanagari*), احمد سلمان رشدی (*Nastaʿliq*); born 19 June 1947^[4]) is a **British Indian** novelist and essayist. His second novel, *Midnight's Children* (1981), won the **Booker Prize** in 1981. Much of his fiction is set on the **Indian subcontinent**. He combines **magical realism** with **historical fiction**; his work is concerned with the many connections, disruptions, and migrations between **Eastern** and **Western civilizations**.

His fourth novel, *The Satanic Verses* (1988), was the subject of a **major controversy**, provoking protests from Muslims in several countries. Death threats were made against him, including a *fatwā* calling for his assassination issued by **Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini**, the **Supreme Leader of Iran**, on 14 February 1989. The British government put Rushdie under police protection.

In 1983 Rushdie was elected a fellow of the **Royal Society of Literature**, the UK's senior literary organisation. He was appointed **Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres** of France in January 1999.^[5] In June 2007, **Queen Elizabeth II knighted him** for his services to literature.^[6] In 2008, *The Times* ranked him thirteenth on its list of the 50 greatest British writers since 1945.^[7]

Since 2000, Rushdie has lived in the United States, where he has worked at **Emory University**. He was elected to the **American Academy of Arts and**

Salman Rushdie



Rushdie at the 2016 Hay Festival

Born Ahmad Salman Rushdie
19 June 1947 (age 68)
Mumbai, Bombay Presidency,

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He is called "British Indian" because he fits the definition; more importantly that is what reliable sources call him; and most importantly, he self-identifies as a "British Indian novelist" (see *The New York Times Guide to the Arts of the 20th Century : 1980-1999*, page 2650). [Abecedare](#) ([talk](#)) 07:50, 2 March 2009 (UTC)

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Advantages

Signals membership in community

Facilitates discussion

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3. Afro-American women in journalism (articles to create; articles to improve): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Women_in_Red/Missing_articles_by_dictionary/Afro-American_women_in_journalism
4. See also: Frances E. Willard and Mary A. Livermore, eds., "A Woman of the Century: Fourteen Hundred-Seventy Biographical Sketches Accompanied by Portraits of Leading American Women in All Walks Of Life", Moulton, 1893. <https://archive.org/stream/womanofcenturyfo00will#page/n5/mode/2up>

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