

“Attachment A”

Wikipedia Readership Proposal

Understanding the
usage, behaviors and
attitudes of Wikipedia
readers



Background

Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia that is available for anyone to use and edit. In order to gain a better understanding of global Wikipedia readership, The Wikimedia Foundation would like to commission an online quantitative study of Wikipedia readers across and within 16 key participating countries.

As newer technologies emerge and become widely available in the global community, it may become increasingly feasible to enable Wikipedia readership via additional technological channels and devices (i.e. mobile, tablet, flash storage).

Accordingly, The Wikimedia Foundation would like to identify the key demographic distinctions of Wikipedia readers, their device ecology within their homes and in their workplace, their device ownership, usage patterns and preferences when reading Wikipedia entries. In addition, they want to understand Wikipedia readers' attitudes and opinions about Wikipedia content and their potential barriers towards editing.



Let The Knowledge Be Free Everywhere

Research Objectives

Core Objectives:

- Gather baseline demographic data about Wikipedia readers, including **gender, languages, education and income**
- Understand device ecology of Wikipedia readers, specifically **what kinds of technological devices readers own**, what devices they use to read Wikipedia, and identify the pros and cons for each device
- Compile comprehensive information on Wikipedia readers' online behaviors, such as **how they spend their time online, the kinds of sites they visit and how long they spend on sites related to information and news, and the kind and volume of online contributions made**
- Gather opinions regarding Wikipedia content – **what kind of content they read on Wikipedia, what content is important on Wikipedia, how they rate different articles** on Wikipedia and what makes an article good in their opinion
- Identify their levels of participation and any barriers to editing, recommending, donating and/or sharing within the Wikipedia sphere

Population Connected to the Internet

UK 82%	Canada 80%	US 79%	Japan 79%
Germany 79%	Australia 73%	France 70%	Spain 60%
Poland 58%	Italy 50%	Russia 29%	Mexico 28%
Egypt 25%	Brazil 21%	South Africa 9%	India 5%



*Source: CIA Factbook.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>

Methodology

POSSIBLE PARTICIPANT QUALIFIERS

- Participants in this study will be from 16 countries (n=250): United States, Japan, Germany, UK, France, Canada, Italy, Brazil, Russia, Poland, Mexico, Spain, Australia, India, Egypt, and South Africa.
- The survey will be translated into the following languages for each country:

United States	Japan	Germany	UK	France	Canada	Italy	Brazil
English	Japanese	German	English	French	English & French Canadian	Italian	Portuguese
Russia	Poland	Mexico	Spain	Australia	India	Egypt	South Africa
Russian	Polish	Spanish	Spanish	English	English & Hindi	Arabic	IsiZulu



- The study will be filled with participants who qualify as Wikipedia Readers.* They will read Wikipedia entries at least:
 - Once per month on average to be considered a **Casual reader**
 - 4+ times per month on average to be considered an **Avid reader**
- A natural fallout of female and male respondents between the ages of 18 to 64 will be included (minimum quotas will be assigned if necessary)
- We will also include separate omnibus studies for weighting purposes where necessary

*Natural fallout is recommended if actual incidence of readership is needed

Methodology (cont.)

We will field and manage a 15-20 minute online study of N=250 participants in each of the 16 countries.

Recognizing that across certain territories computer ownership is low, Resolve recommends the following methodological approach to trigger the survey taking of Wikipedia readers in these countries:

- Online Quantitative Surveys
 - To reach those participants with easy access to a computer, we will send them an email that directs recipients to our online survey link.
- Once the participants access the link through a computer, they will complete the survey in their preferred language according to the most prominent language in each region of the country
 - (either German, Japanese, French, Italian, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Polish, Fr. Canadian, Spanish or Arabic).



Internet:

In developed countries many users use computers in tandem with mobile handsets to serve as information and communication vehicles.

Mobile:

In countries such as India, Russia, Brazil, and Egypt, mobile handsets serve as the core avenue to reaching news and content and mobile wallet.

Survey Content Areas

Based on the data and research results of the Wikimedia Mobile Research Qualitative and Quantitative Studies, the researchers and writers at the Wikimedia foundation will develop a questionnaire for this study in order to gain additional insights of its users. By utilizing this questionnaire, Resolve will gather insights and analysis of the following potential content areas:

Demographics

What is the highest level of education you have received?

What languages do you speak regularly?
What language do you prefer to read online?

What is your age?
What is your gender?

Device Ecology

Do you currently own a smartphone /feature phone/ laptop / tablet device? If so, which ones?

Which of these devices would you prefer to use to read Wikipedia?

How many "apps" do you currently have on your mobile device?

Online Behaviors

How much of your time online is spent looking up information?

What sites do you visit most often? Which sites do you visit for info/references?

How many sites do you visit before you feel confident you have accurate info?

Content Preferences

What type of content do you prefer to read online versus on mobile?

What aspects of the content make it appealing to read?

What criteria do you use to rate the quality of online content?

Participation Behaviors

Have you ever attempted to add or edit a Wikipedia entry? What are the barriers?

How often do you recommend or send Wikipedia entries to others?

Have you ever donated to Wikipedia? Why? If not, what would motivate you to donate?

Project Management Overview

Research Materials & Management Provided by Resolve	
X	Screeners and Omnibus
X	Questionnaire Revisions
X	Project Manager for all Markets
X	Active Recruitment for Study
X	Direct SMS Links/Mobile Aggregation
X	Translations
X	Online Survey Programming and QA for all 16 markets
X	Monitored Fieldwork and Quota Management
X	Incentive Management
X	Coding of all Open End entries from respondents
X	Data Files on Responses/Open Ends
X	16 Country Toplines, Recommendation Memo and Final Report/Presentation



Final Deliverables

16 Individual Country Topline Reports

- A separate topline for each country that highlight key findings driven by their own readers exclusively.
- Include highlights of information on Wikipedia readers' online behaviors, opinions regarding Wikipedia content, and device ownership.
- Where feasible, we will explore the **existing marketplace, technology consolidation, mobile** platform trends for each specific region.
- We will provide key drivers/barriers to reading, recommending, sharing, donating and editing behavior for Wikipedia readers.

Executive Summary & Recommendations

- Extensive Final Report featuring executive summary and specific demographic breakouts, including gender, language, education and income, as well as device ownership.
- We will present a comprehensive landscape on Wikipedia readers' online behaviors, content preferences and future device influences.
- We will provide an **assessment of the implications of the research** and recommended **strategies for developing content delivery** partnerships and platforms in both the near and long term.
- **Recommendation for implementation strategies** to increase likelihood of readership and editorship by country.

Resolve Market Research



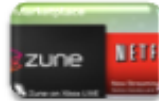
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We offer direct relationships with our Principals which ensures that clients receive the best practices derived from our research experience. Collectively, our expertise covers consumer and market segmentation models, product and concept development, user experience and feature optimization, advertising effectiveness, social media and brand strategy. We focus on delivering results that are strategic, informative and actionable.

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