

THE DARK SIDE OF WIKIPEDIA - THE BILLION-DOLLAR WEB OF DECEPTION, LIES & ELITE MANIPULATION - BNN - 14.02.2024

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AVİMS Note: *In recent times, in collaboration with the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, the video streaming platform YouTube has begun to automatically add Wikipedia article links to some videos handling sensitive or controversial topics. While the intended goal of this policy is to inform viewers about the profile of the people or institutions posting videos to combat potential misinformation or disinformation, the said policy itself inherently carries the risk spreading false information via the said Wikipedia links. The inherent risk emanates from the fact that Wikipedia, despite being widely used for acquiring general information, is an unreliable platform that is open to being edited by anonymous individuals with potentially ulterior motives. For this reason, Wikipedia should be never considered an authoritative or academic source. We thus believe that YouTube should put an end to its potentially harmful collaboration with Wikipedia. The below article highlights some of the problems associated with Wikipedia.*

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In an era where information is as accessible as it is manipulable, Wikipedia stands as a titan of knowledge, its pages a first port of call for the curious and the questioning. Yet, beneath the surface of this digital encyclopedic behemoth lies a labyrinth of controversies, allegations, and actions that raise profound questions about the nature of truth, trust, and the very fabric of the internet itself.

At the heart of this storm is Wikipedia's unparalleled dominance on the web, bolstered by Google's algorithm that assigns it a near-perfect Domain Authority score. This ranking ensures that for virtually any query, Wikipedia's interpretation of the facts is among the first presented to the inquirer. This visibility, combined with the fleeting attention spans of the modern internet user, makes Wikipedia not just a repository of knowledge but a battleground for narrative control.

The notion that Wikipedia is an open, democratic platform where "everyone can just edit" is a facade, according to even our research. Behind the benign exterior of collective knowledge contribution lurks a shadowy reality: hired troll armies orchestrating the content that shapes public perception. These digital mercenaries engage in edit wars, pushing agendas and narratives far removed from neutrality, effectively locking out genuine contributions under the guise of maintaining factual accuracy.

To read the rest of the article, please click: https://bnnbreaking.com/breaking-news/the-dark-side-of-wikipedia-billion-dollar-deception-lies-elite-manipulation-3750235

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