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"Encyclongs" - Russian Wikipedia has spawned numerous forks called "encyclongs" - after early copying that automatically replaced "wiki" with "encyclo", so the vikings became "encyclongs"

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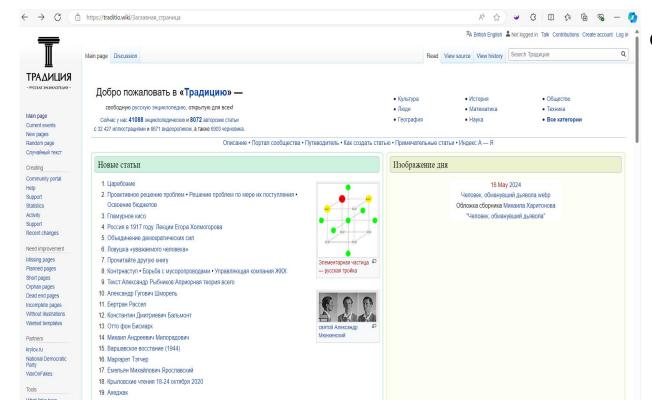


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- 12th palace by "depth" (an average size of the articles)



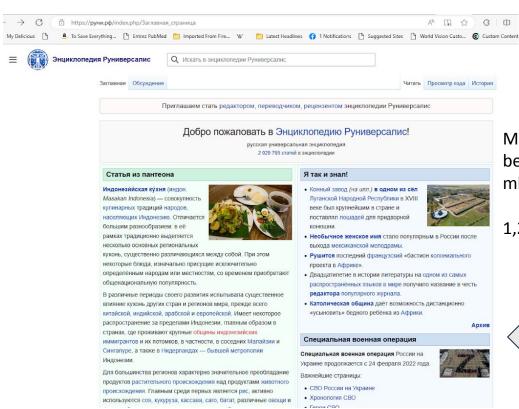
Tradition – "free Russian encyclopedia "Tradition" is a comprehensive encyclopedic network project that exists to create, collect and organize knowledge in the interests of the Russian nation".



Opened May 2007

- 41088 "encyclopedic" and 8072 "author's" articles
- 21 July 2024 2 671 views

Fork projects: Runiversalis (RUNI)



"Hosted on the Russian servers, compliant with the Russian laws"

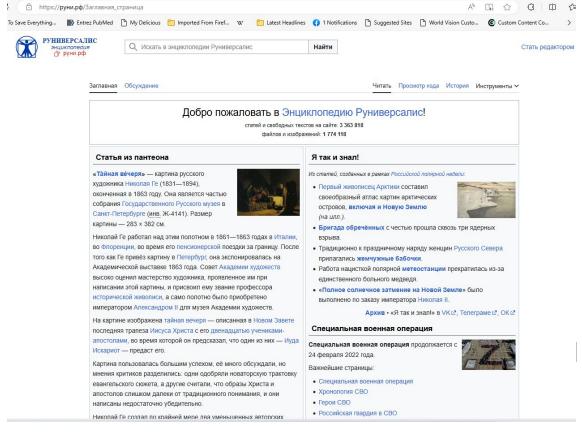
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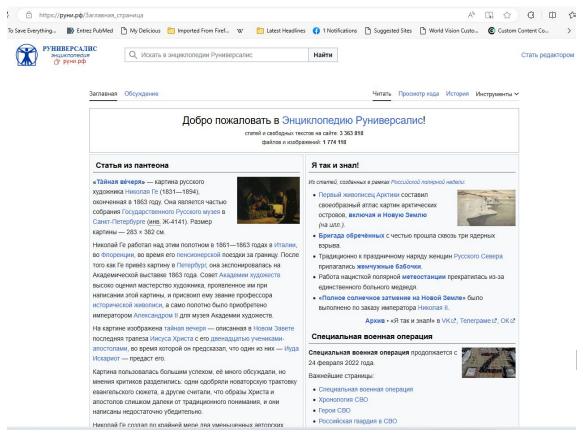
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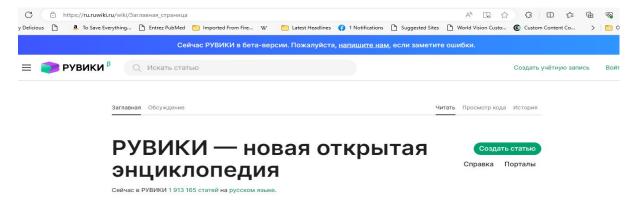
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Ruwika (Bugopedia)



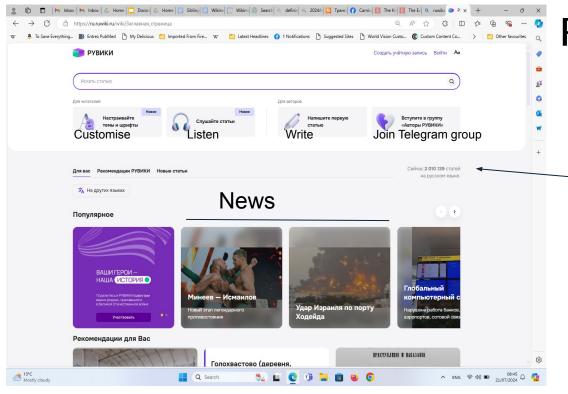
Anyone can become our author, but only professionals can guarantee the quality of materials.



Convenience, openness, neutrality, reliability

Fewer articles - 1, 913 000 vs 1,930 000

52 verified articles

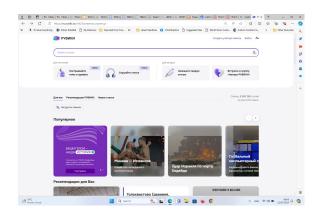


2 010 139 articles - more than in Russian Wikipedia

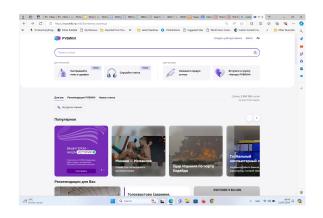
Also in several "small languages".

Censored:

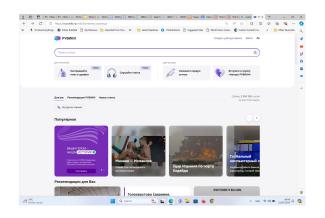
- LGBT rights, oral sex, Soviet history and the war in Ukraine
- The execution of 22,000 Polish officers at Katyn in 1940 was **not** done by the Soviet soldiers
- Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny who died in prison is "a blogger".



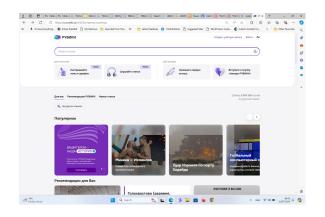
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- Volunteers and paid editors
- 122 ADMINS, RECRUITING VIA ADS, CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR EDITORS, EDITORS IN ECONOMICS AND MEDICINE, SOFTWARE ENGINEERS SALARY IS NOT DISCLOSED
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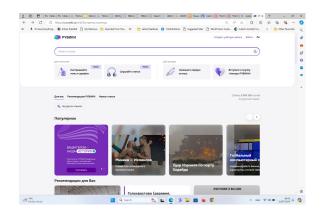
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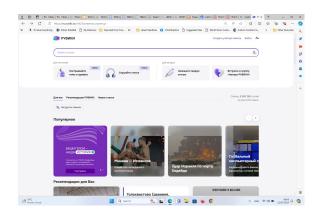
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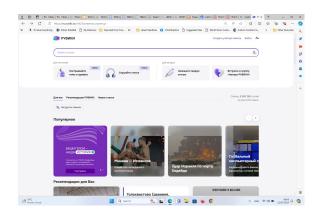
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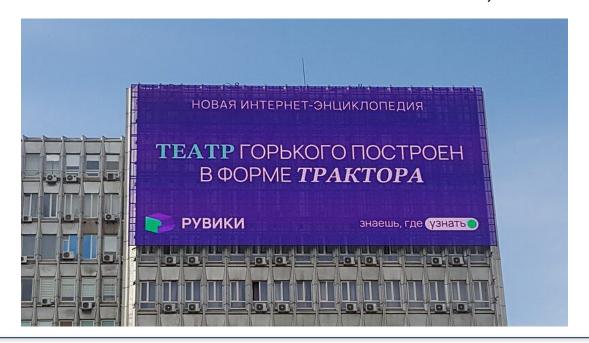


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Three Billboards Outside Rostov-on-Don, Russia



New internet-encyclopedia
Gorky theatre is built in the shape of a tractor

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you know where to find out

Ruwika: Now with ads!

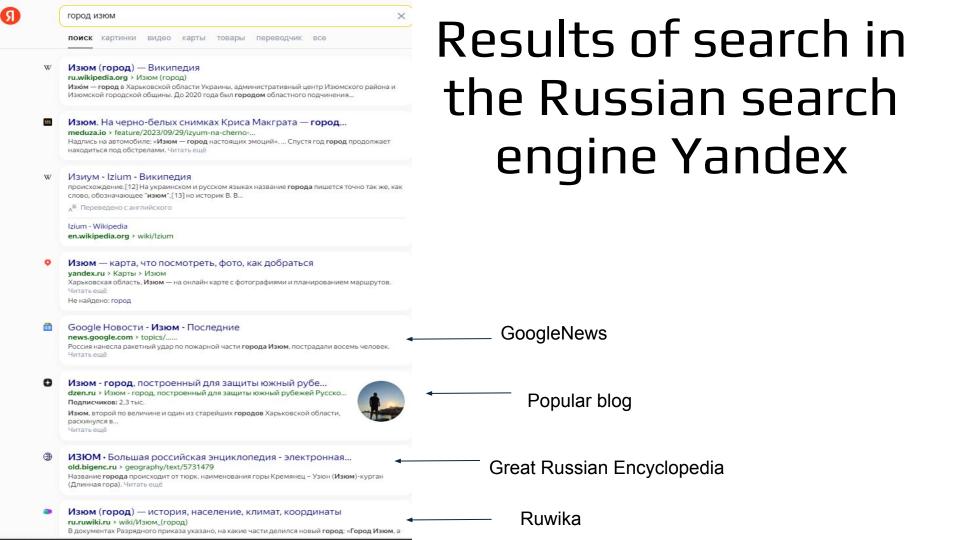
"...In August, we launch advertising. Native banners will appear in "Ruviki". They will take into account the personalized interests of each user, and will be contextually combined with articles."

Vladimir Medeyko, the project founder, indefblocked in Wikimedia projects

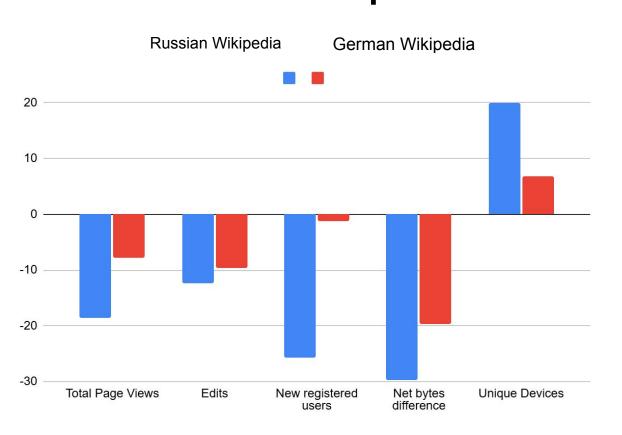
Video killed the radio star: the Russian government stops finacing the Great Russian Encyclopedia portal

In 2022, an electronic version of the Great Russian Encyclopedia was launched described as a Russian government alternative to Wikipedia.

On 17 June 2024 the project was suspended due to discontinued funding from the Russian government.



But will "Ruwika" kill the Russian Wikipedia?



Active Editors: No change for both platforms.

 Total Media Requests: No change for both platforms.

Source: Wikistats

Russian Wikipedia vs German Wikipedia - trends

- **Total Page Views:** German Wikipedia has a smaller negative change.
- Unique Devices: Both platforms show positive growth, with Russian Wikipedia having a higher increase.
- Edits: Both platforms show negative growth, but German Wikipedia has a smaller decrease.
- **New Registered Users:** German Wikipedia has a significantly smaller negative change.
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- **Net Bytes Difference:** Platform German Wikipedia has a smaller negative change.

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 <u>Encyclopedia may be replaced by Ruwiki or Znanie.wiki</u> T-invariant /
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Thank you

Questions? (in English, Belarusian, Russian, and Ukrainian)