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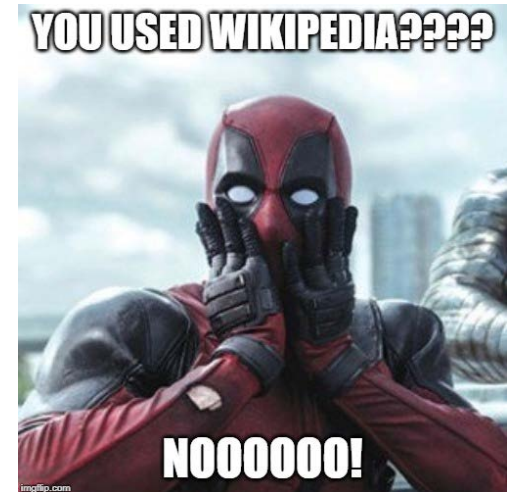
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Hands up

Who uses Wikipedia?





Hands up

Who has told their
patrons/students not to use
Wikipedia?





Don't use Wikipedia because ...

- it is not to be trusted
- anyone can edit and add content
- vandals deliberately change entries

Readers don't understand how Wikipedia is created and how to use it within a research process and other critical thinking and digital research skills



Outline of the presentation

Libraries and Wikimedia

Role of Wikipedia and Decolonisation and
Africanisation

Going in Under the Bonnet of Wikipedia

Projects to consider joining

Wikimedia Foundation



- Global movement whose mission is to bring free educational content to the world
- This is supported by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation through various projects and 37 chapters across the world including South Africa
- Wikipedia is the best-known of the Wikimedia projects. But not all Wikis are Wikimedia.



Libraries and Wikimedia

- Libraries are fundamental allies to the mission of Wikimedia: collecting and disseminating the sum of all knowledge.
- Both aim to bring knowledge to a wider audience
- To create spaces where learning can happen
- And people can find the resources they need
- Wikimedia projects form a central point within the semantic web - our information highway

Wikimedia Projects

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Wikipedia

- Is one of the most heavily used websites in the world
- Exists in over 300 languages
- More than 50 million encyclopaedic articles curated by around 200 000 regular editors and viewed on about 1,4 billion devices monthly

Wikipedia

- For librarians to use and understand Wikipedia we need to be familiar with this resource.
- We need to know how Wikipedia formats, collects and disseminates information.



Africanisation AND Decolonization

- Acknowledge:
 - that there is a western bias,
 - that there is a gender gap;
 - that not all knowledges are represented
- Opportunity:
 - For Innovation, reinvention etc.
 - Using Wikipedia as a tool for knowledge diffusion and the decolonisation of the internet



Africanisation AND Decolonization

- Africanisation
 - Adding content about Africa and Africans, written by Africans, in the languages of Africans
- For SA Librarians
 - add local (South African and African) content;
 - to add content in our official languages (not just English) either by writing in the languages or translating
 - Adding local content to the sister projects

South African Languages on Wikipedia

Afrikaans	84 576	173 editors
Northern Sotho	8 172	9 editors
isiZulu	1 325	27 editors
isiXhosa	1 024	15 editors
Tswana	699	9 editors
Tsonga	670	18 editors
Sesotho	625	11 editors
SiSwati	487	7 editors
Venda	369	7 editors
Southern Ndebele	<i>in the Wikipedia Incubator</i>	

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Joshua Pulumo Mohapeloa

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Joshua Pulumo Mohapeloa (1908–1982) was a prominent [choral](#) music composer in [Sesotho](#), the native language of the [BaSotho](#) people of Southern Africa.^{[1][2]}

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Joshua Pulumo Mohapeloa

OBE

Born	28 March 1908 <div>Molumong, Lesotho</div>
Died	12 January 1982 (aged 73) <div>Maseru, Lesotho</div>
Genres	Choral

Early life [edit | edit source]

Joshua Mohapeloa, a member of the [Bataung](#) clan, was born in [Molumong](#) in [Lesotho](#), Southern Africa.^[1] Joshua Mohapeloa's family converted to [Christianity](#) in the 19th century. Both his grandfather [Joel Mohapeloa](#) and his father [Joel Mohapeloaane Mohapeloa](#) were reverends, and it is evident from his works that Christianity influenced Joshua Mohapeloa. After completing his elementary schooling, Joshua Mohapeloa enrolled at the PEMS ([Paris Evangelical Missionary Society](#)) mission institution [Morija Training College](#) from 1923 to 1927.^[3] It was at Morija Training College that he studied music and music education, completing his Junior Certificate in 1927.^{[2][4]}

Education [edit | edit source]

In 1928 Joshua Mohapeloa enrolled at [Fort Hare College](#), and in 1929 completed his teacher training.^{[3][5]} Joshua Mohapeloa also enrolled at the [University of the Witwatersrand](#) and became a student of [Percival Kirby](#).^[6]

Musical Influence [edit | edit source]

From the early 1930s to 1937, Joshua Mohapeloa was active as the choirmaster of the then Morija Choristers. A number of Mohapeloa's own works began to be performed by the Choristers during this



Joshua Pulumo Mohapeloa, ca. 1930s^[2]

Wikipedia:WikiProject AfroCine

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"To bridge the huge content gap and improve on the systemic bias, in-respect of the African continent, by getting real African stories and viewpoints into the mainstream. This will be achieved by making: articles, citations, images, videos, and data, about the historical and contemporary African cinema, theatre and arts, to be readily available and easily accessible, both online and offline, and in different languages."

Overview [\[edit \]](#)

The Entertainment Industry in Africa is huge; from Nigerian cinema to the cinemas of: Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, and Egypt. All of these very active film industries are poorly represented



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Showcase

Welcome to **Women in Red** (WiR), a **WikiProject** whose objective is to turn "**redlinks**" into **blue ones**. That's why we are called "Women in Red". We recognized a need for this work as in October 2014 only 15.53% of the English Wikipedia's biographies were about women. Founded in July 2015, WiR strives to improve the figure, which has reached **18.04%** as of 23 September 2019. But that means, according to *WHGI*, only 299,330 of our 1,659,498 biographies are about women. Not impressed? "**Content gender gap**" is a form of **systemic bias**, and WiR addresses it in a positive way through **shared values**.

We take an inclusive view towards subject matter, editors, and language communities:

- Subject matter: If the subject of the article self-identifies as a woman -binary and/or non-binary and/or other- that person is included within the scope of Women in Red. Click on our **Redlinks index** to see our lists of missing articles by focus area, occupation and nationality. Like everything else on Wikipedia, this is incomplete, so feel free to add others which are pertinent to our scope (women's biographies, women's works, women's issues).
- Editors: We do not focus on the gender of the editor. Anyone/everyone is welcome to be a member, participant, enthusiast of Women in Red. If you participate in WiR, you can join up officially using the box in the top right-hand corner of this page. You are also

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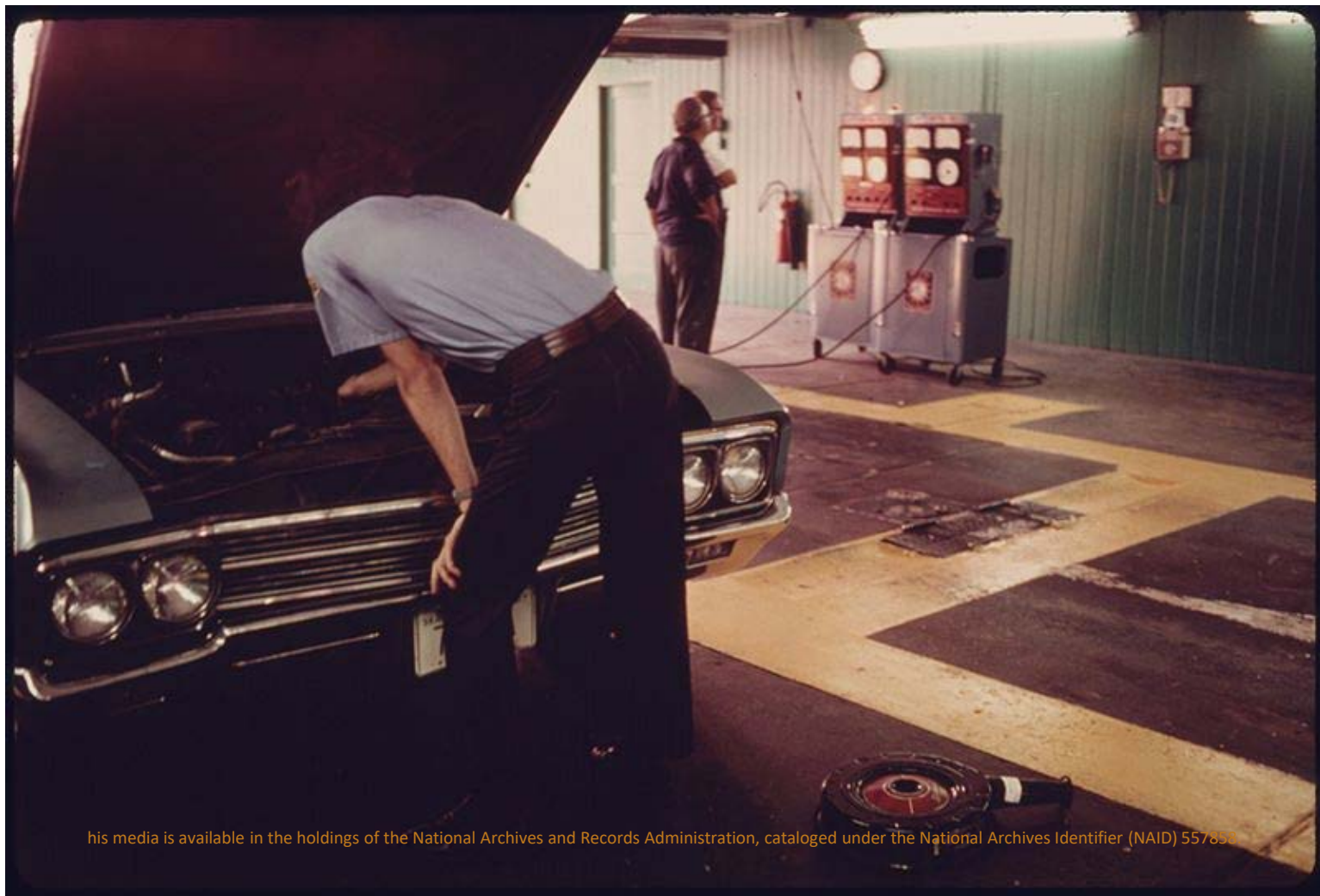


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- We need to understand the components of a Wikipedia article - the notable topic, neutral point of view, no original research, references to solid, reliable, secondary sources and links to other Wikipedia articles



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Climate change

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For current warming of the Earth's climate system due to human activities, see [Global warming](#). For the study of climate change, see [Paleoclimatology](#). For temperatures on the longest time scales, see [Geologic temperature record](#). For a list of most climate-related pages, see [Index of climate change articles](#).

Climate change occurs when changes in Earth's **climate system** result in new **weather** patterns that remain in place **extended** period of time. This length of time can be as short as a few decades to as long as millions of years. The climate system comprises five interacting parts, the **atmosphere** (air), **hydrosphere** (water), **cryosphere** (ice and **permafrost**), **biosphere** (living things), and **lithosphere** (earth's crust and **upper mantle**). The climate system receives nearly all of its energy from the sun, with a relatively tiny amount from earth's interior. The climate system also gives off energy to **outer space**. The balance of incoming and outgoing energy, and the passage of the energy through the climate system, determines **Earth's energy budget**. When the incoming energy is greater than the outgoing energy, earth's energy budget is positive and the climate system is warming. If more energy goes out, the energy budget is negative and earth experiences cooling.

The energy moving through Earth's climate system finds expression in **weather**, varying on geographic scales and time. Long-term averages of weather in a region constitute the region's **climate**. Climate change is a long-term, sustained trend of change in climate. Such changes can be the result of "internal variability", when natural processes inherent to the various parts of the climate system alter Earth's energy budget. Examples include cyclical ocean patterns such as the well-known **El Niño** and **La Niña**, the **North Atlantic Oscillation** and less familiar **Pacific decadal oscillation** and **Atlantic multidecadal oscillation**. Climate change can also result from **external forcing**, when events outside of the climate system's components nonetheless produce changes within the system. Examples include changes in solar output and volcanism.

Human activities can also change climate, and are presently driving climate change through **global warming**.^[1] There is no general agreement in scientific, media, or policy documents as to the precise term to be used to refer to **anthropogenic** forced change; either "global warming" or "climate change" may be used.^[2] The first describes the average effect on a global scale, whilst the second

Atmospheric sciences



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Talk:Climate change

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This is the **talk page** for discussing improvements to the **Climate change** article.
This is **not a forum** for general discussion of the article's subject.

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- Assume good faith
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- For disputes, [seek dispute resolution](#)

Article policies

- No original research
- Neutral point of view
- Verifiability

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This page is **not a forum** for general discussion about editors' personal beliefs about climate change. Any such comments [may be removed](#) or [refactored](#). Please limit discussion to improvement of this article. You may wish to ask factual questions about editors' personal beliefs about climate change at the [Reference desk](#), discuss relevant Wikipedia policy at the [Village pump](#), or ask for help at the [Help desk](#).



Climate change was one of the [good articles](#), but it has been removed from the list. There are suggestions below for improving the article to meet the [good article criteria](#). Once these issues have been addressed, the article can be [renominated](#). Editors may also seek a [reassessment](#) of the decision if they believe there was a mistake.



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- November 17 to 23, 2013



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This article is or was the subject of a Wiki Education Foundation-supported course assignment, between 28 May 2019 and 2 July 2019. Further details are available [on the course page](#). Assigned peer reviews: [Creative Mastermind](#).

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separating current climate change from the general phenomena [\[edit\]](#)

The current article, even though correct is misleading. We the media talk about climate change it doesn't talk about the repeated phenomena but about current climate change that is cause due to the emission of green house gases. I think we better have two article or to make it more clear. — Preceding [unsigned](#) comment added by [\[\[User:{{{1}}}|{{{1}}}\]\]](#) [\[\[User talk:{{{1}}}|#top|talk\]\]](#) • [\[\[Special:Contributions/\[\[User:{{{1}}}|{{{1}}}\]\]/contribs\]\]](#)

Thanks for your interest and please read the italics at the very top of this article, which explains that topic is covered at our article [Global warming](#) [NewsAndEventsGuy](#) (talk) 12:29, 5 August 2019 (UTC)

(edit conflict) Hello IP. I think you're completely right. The article about current climate change is found under [global warming](#), which is not the place most people expect it to be. We're working on getting consensus to have both climate change and global warming point to the same page, as these two terms are very similar. General information about climate change will then probably be found under different articles, such as the [climate system](#). Alternatively, we can change this article's name to something like: [climate change in the past and future](#). Bear with us, this consensus seeking might take a while.

@NEAG: more evidence people don't always read the top note, yet another reason for our ideas to go forward. [Femke Nijssse](#) (talk) 12:34, 5 August 2019 (UTC)

How about "**climate change cycles**" for the cycle of the climate changes: sun 11 year cycle, milankovitch cycle etc etc. And keep the climate change article for the current climate change (that is mostly due to emission of green house gases).[31.154.23.74](#) (talk) 13:00, 5 August 2019 (UTC)

or maybe "**natural climate change**" to separate it from human induced climate change.[31.154.23.74](#) (talk) 13:03, 5 August 2019 (UTC)

Natural climate change is an option for me if we decide on a separate article about this (instead of the current discussion at [climate system](#)). Climate change cycles implies that all natural climate change changes in cycles: back and forth. That is not entirely true: climate change induced by plate tectonics works in one direction for instance. The same goes for the climate change that was a consequence of living creatures 'inventing' photosynthesis: the 'sudden' drop in CO2 caused quite a lot of cooling. [Femke Nijssse](#) (talk) 13:33, 5 August 2019 (UTC)

I agree we need to resolve this perennial issue with a consensus to change to something else, but I also think we have our hands full getting the project up and going, and doing the housekeeping that we would do anyway whether we tackle this or not. As we previously discussed, Femke, all that housekeeping will need to happen regardless and its state of being *not done* has been cited as a reason to make no change in the past. So.... its tedious and time consuming, but on with the job, as far as I'm concerned. [NewsAndEventsGuy](#) (talk) 14:27, 5 August 2019 (UTC)

Is there going to be any progress regarding this issue? — Preceding [unsigned](#) comment added by [31.154.23.73](#) (talk) 12:20, 27 August 2019 (UTC)

Depends if everyone keeps asking other people that question instead of asking themselves "What can I do to help resolve this issue and will I actually do it?" [NewsAndEventsGuy](#) (talk) 12:25, 27 August 2019 (UTC)

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 - All quotations must include an inline citation to a source that directly supports the material
 - Must be a RELIABLE, PUBLISHED secondary source (or to a lesser extent tertiary or primary sources)

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 - Articles must also comply with copyright.

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- The notability guideline does not determine the content of articles, but only whether the topic should have its own article.
- Bottom Line: If no reliable independent sources can be found on a topic, Wikipedia should not have an article on it.

What else makes a good article?

- Well-written - clear, concise and understandable to a broad audience
- Contains a list of all references i.e. all sources of information used
- No copyright violations nor plagiarism
- Stable (meaning doesn't change from day to day because of an ongoing edit or content dispute))
- Illustrated by relevant and appropriate media (images, video, audio) with correct copyright

What makes a good source

- Published: in a source with a reputation for editorial quality, and peer-reviewed if possible.
- Reliable: it's a source you'd point a patron to if they wanted to know more.
- Supports the text: the source should back up what is stated. If it doesn't, but is a good general resource for the topic, consider adding the source to a "further reading" section.

- Though Wikipedia favours open-access or publicly available sources, this is not a requirement: using appropriate offline, rare, or hard to access sources might be the best option.
- Most reliable sources (in general)
 - Peer Review journals; Books published by university presses; University level textbooks
 - Magazines, journals and books published by respected publishing houses; Mainstream newspapers

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- In many cases, the vandalism is automatically detected and reverted by a bot. The vandal is always warned with no human intervention.
- Wikipedia has a special page that lists all the most recent changes. Some editors will monitor these changes for possible vandalism
- Any registered user can watch a page that they have created or edited or that they otherwise have an interest in. This functionality also enables users to monitor a page for vandalism
- Any reader who comes across vandalism by chance can revert it.

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