

# Wikipedia censorship : how to kill knowledge with a mock court case

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## An ordinary relationship to Wikipedia

I am :

- an early reader
- an early contributor to articles
- an early provider of Commons with pictures and diagrams
- a seeker who has done research work about Wikipedia - see complement
- a donator
- an activist - asking friends to donate, etc.

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## Summary

During the last 15 years we have been actors or observers of what we call « Wikipedia article summary execution ».

We are not talking of weird articles.

The cases we report are about articles with a content based on **published academic sources**.

### *April 2005*

We discover the « compulsive eraser syndrome ».

An editor **A** works hard to create an article - Encyclopédie en ligne.

Two editors **B & C** work hard to suppress the work done by editor **A**.

**Without replacing by improved text.**

### *2006*

Article *Recherche inchoative* : Summary execution.

### *2013*

Article Jacques Ardoino (famous researcher) : Summary execution. (1)

### *2019*

We witness a summary execution where :

- the prosecutors asks to the article « competence, sources, evidence, consistence ».
- the content of the indictment shows « **no competence in the field, no sources for the accusations, no evidence, complete inconsistency in the argument** »

## The enquiry / the trial

The prosecutor

The defendant

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Il serait possible d'ajouter une longue liste de **chercheurs** qui ont introduit une **puissance** telles que « ceci n'est qu'une **première étape** », etc.

Pour une par...

Par e...

discours des différents **épistémiques** peut être prise comme textuel par une palette d'auteurs qui y articuleraient d'autres analyses

**Competence**  
**Sources**  
**Evidence**  
**Consistency**

### *A mock court case*

The judgement of an article should be fair.

What we witness and describe here is a mock court case made by seven Black Knights.

I use this metaphor because we shall see that their only concern is to **kill knowledge**.

These seven contributors to Wikipedia don't behave at all as court judges.

They make **no enquiry** to argue against the content of the accused article.

The reality is of a victim-article killed by a horde of seven Black Knights.

Word to word, sentence to sentence, we describe this lamentable comedy.

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## Incompetent judges with no enquiry / documentation

In all « technical » cases, the judges are incompetent, it is the daily reality of a court.

So judges search for competence, ask experts, use the content of enquiries.

In the Wikipedia mock court case, no such normal things happen.

We describe a paradigmatic case of summary execution : it reflects many similar cases.

### **2006**

An article is created in the French Wikipedia based on **reliable published sources**.

I recently translated the included elements - texts and diagrams - into English :

**A multi-referential method for research on several dimensions of a system**

Published on Zenodo - European system for academic documents - as a Working paper.

[Link to the document](#) - 23 pages.

### **2019**

The trial is launched against the article.

The seven self-appointed judges have no competence on the matter (research methods in human sciences).

This shouldn't be a problem if they get informed through an enquiry.

They have the necessary starting points for an enquiry in the sources :

- Jacques Ardoino's references for the textual part = years of research work and publications on the matter
- The reference of the PhD dissertation where the diagrams for the concept are described

In 2019, it takes **a few seconds** to find the PhD author's list of publications in [Google Scholar](#).

Then a few seconds with Semantic Scholar to find [the first dissertation with this concept + diagrams published in 1999](#).

Semantic Scholar shows that dissertations about *A multi-referential method for research on several dimensions of a system* are **cited by several academic authors**.

This means that « academic control » toward the central concept of the victim-article has been made many, many times

- At the level of articles published by Jacques Ardoino
- At the level of 4 academic dissertations by Christian Bois
- At the level of publications by Christian Bois and other authors

The seven self-appointed judges could do that easily for a fair trial.

They don't, they behave as Black Knights !

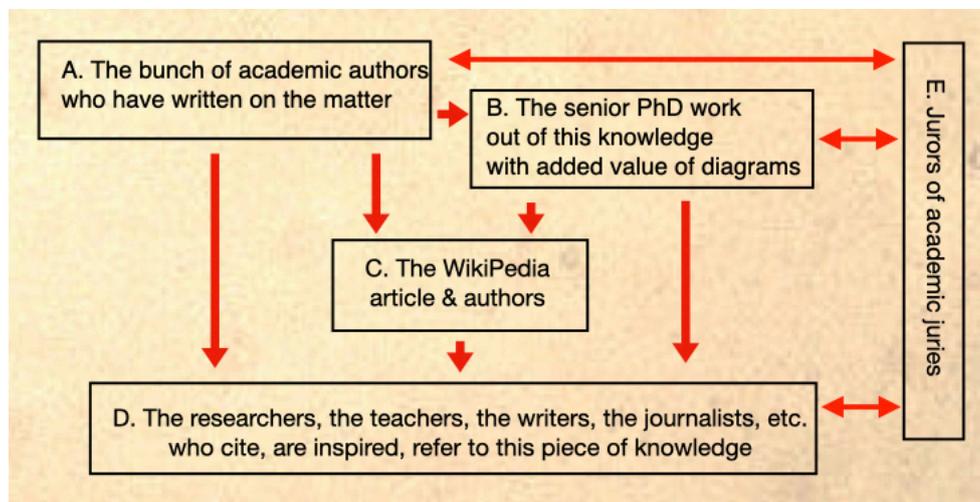
They don't want to know the truth, they just want to **kill knowledge**.

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## Killing an important Wikipedia article is insulting a network of people around the article

To understand this it is necessary to know how an important article is related to its environment.



### ***The Wikipedia article is at the center of a human network***

When the article is killed, 100 % of the actors around the article are insulted.

The core of such an article is an **academic research concept**.

Killing the article is like saying to all these people :

« You **shady morons** support a concept which is **stupid, useless, misleading** ! »

We shall see that some of the Black Knights who killed the article actually were in an insulting dynamic !!!

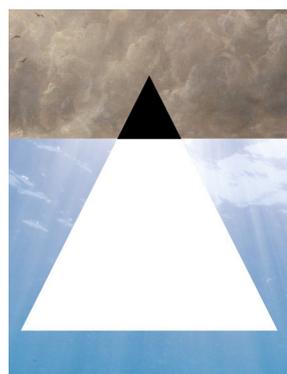
When the murder of the concept-article is announced, the actors around have something to say :

- A. « We are not shady morons ! » say the historic researchers who developed the concept.  
Why should other concepts be in Wikipedia showcase and not ours ?
- B. « I am not a shady moron ! » says the senior author of the PhD who worked during 10 years to find the best didactics for the concept.
- C. « We are not shady morons ! » say the contributors to the article.
- D. « We are not shady morons ! » say the people who cite the article because it is useful to their research, writing or educative activity.
- E. « We are not shady morons ! » say the jurors who were part of the academic « control systems » all the way through the history of the concept.

We have seen that the seven Black Knights make « as if » this human network doesn't exist.

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## The killing tip of the iceberg



***The sinking of the Titanic has made the iceberg « black tip » famous***

WikiPedia is a vast enterprise made by White Knights - see Complement at the end.  
There are about 20 thousand Francophone editors (2)  
Among these editors are a few knowledge killers that we call Black Knights.  
The killers are a few but they block innovative knowledge which is **needed to face new challenges**.

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## A WikiPedia innovative article : story of a murder



***A Black Knight attacking a WikiPedia article***

I am telling you a true story.  
I need a word to name the group of fake self-appointed judges.  
As they do things that are really harmful to knowledge and people they can be seen as Black Knights.  
It's just a metaphor ...

*One day of 2019*

A first accomplice has the villainous package to destroy a WikiPedia article that was OK since 2006 !

I don't give the full names or pseudos.

### ***The first accomplice : Black Knight Akrn***

His WP's page says nothing about his academic qualification.

His critique of the victim-article refers to a Wikipedia article :

« Wikipedia articles must not contain **original research**. The phrase "original research" (OR) is used on [Wikipedia](#) to refer to material—such as facts, allegations, and ideas—for which no [reliable, published sources](#) exist. »

Black Knight Akrn writes two assertions in the **same sentence** :

- the victim-article is an original research
- there are published sources given in the article

Arguments should be consistent !!!

So his attack is based :

- on a lie : « *this is an original research* »
- on a dishonest behavior : he knows that the article has no original research i.e. has reliable published sources.

### ***ad hominem attack***

Akrn says that the author - Graphophile - is « coutumier » = « often does » articles with original research ; this is another **big lie** !

### ***The second accomplice : Black Knight E.M.***

His WP's page says nothing about his academic qualification.

He says :

« Much blah-blah to say banalities, namely that research on a subject may require the use of methods and knowledge from several disciplines or several fields. The art of speaking without saying anything. Concept not well known, including and especially in philosophy. »

Talking of a very serious academic work as « *blah-blah* » is insulting.

How does he know that it is easy to use referential texts from different disciplines ?

In fact the concept was developed because it is **very difficult** !!!

« *The art of speaking without saying anything.* » Second insult.

As other Black Knights, he says both one thing and its contrary :

- « *Concept not well known* » = he says it is a concept !!!
- he says « banalities » = every body knows

And he finishes with « *especially in philosophy* ».

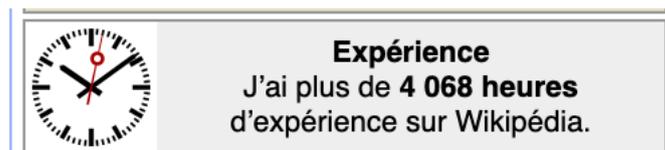
Why does he talk of philosophy ? And not of cooking or shaving ?

The article is clearly about human science research and not about philosophy !!!

The academic references are in Information & communication sciences, in Education science, in Nurse practices science, etc. but not in philosophy !

Is Black Knight E.M. stupid or dishonest or both ?

In his WP's page he puts :



Are these 5 thousand hours used for stupidity against Wikipedia articles, or for dishonesty against Wikipedia knowledge or both ?

### ***The third accomplice : Black Knight P.D.C.***

His WP's page says nothing about his academic qualification.

« *Absence of a centered source* »

The sources which are present in the article talk about exactly the same thing as the article !!!

The total absence of argument raises a question : « *Is it just the pleasure of killing innovative knowledge ?* »

### ***The fourth accomplice : Black Knight P.***

« *this article should have been processed when the Jacques Ardoino article was deleted.* »

Black Knight P. misses a big point : the article for Jacques Ardoino is **again in** Wikipedia.

This means that **the murder of this first article was a big mistake.**

Black Knight P. says : « *We should have done **the same mistake** 6 years ago for the concept-article !* »

### ***The executor accomplice : Black Knight H.D.***

His WP's page says nothing about his academic qualification.

There he says he is fond of **plurality of points of view.**

I observed that article killers often say they like plurality of points of view !!!

B.K.H.D. doesn't say if he has read and understood the murdered article, he just kills.

### ***The seventh Black Knight***

His position is unclear.

He both says the article is great AND to suppress it AND to wait !!!

The same for the sixth Black Knight.

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## Horde killing

Would any of the accomplice kill a Wikipedia article alone ?

No !

Each and every Black Knight has « *invented arguments* » against the victim-article.

Only the addition of the killing intentions make the murder.

Let's imagine that each accomplice **exchanges really** with the main author of the article.

We have seen that none of the accomplice has a real argument against the quality of the article.

We have seen that the article is based on **reliable and published sources.**

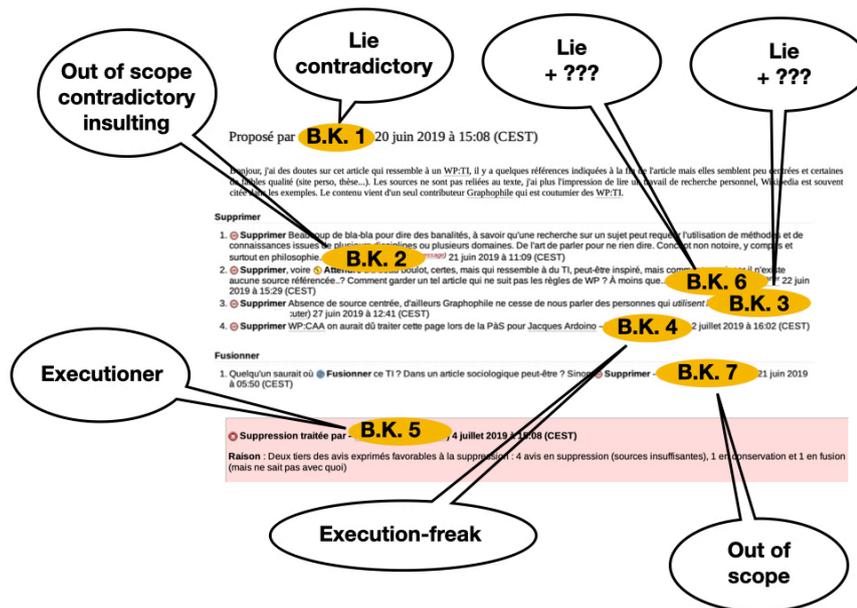
The normal process would need three minutes to convince the accomplice.

Saying that, we exclude the hypothesis that one - or more - of the accomplice is a **literary psychopath** who has pleasure in killing knowledge at any price.

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The indictment is totally empty !!!



***Each of the accusation is totally empty of any real argument***

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The reader has the conclusion !

It is very simple !

I would say it's just a matter of honesty, integrity.

In France - with the Covid crises - we have seen that many people have no danger awareness nor civic awareness.

To get an adapted behavior only « bans and fines » work.

Wikipedia's management must change the mock court case for deleting articles to a true court case where a vote is valid only if :

- it is documented with sources
- it has consistency
- the proofs are clearly related to the article content

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Quantity and quality of contributors

For the French Wikipedia many contributors with high quality editing have left the ship because of harassment and mock court cases !

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## Complement : Testing Wikipedia's quality

A few words about the white part of Wikipedia.

Along my life, I never had to prepare an exam !

This because I went to the university directly for research work without having any prior diploma.

### **2016**

I just finished a huge project.

I have an idea in mind since the presentation of my PhD dissertation in 2005.

The project is to discover what it is to prepare an exam as my grand-children do.

I give to myself a challenge : prepare the exam **mostly with Wikipedia**.

I have to prepare 16 exams (written and oral) in English, French and Italian literature, history, geography, philosophy, sciences, movie making - first speciality, music - second speciality

I have few time for this preparation - 9 months part time - that is about 1/4 compared to a young fellow preparing the same ISCED level 3 exam.

The only subjects where I have some early knowledge are English, movie making and music.

Although none of my experience is school-like.

### ***Nietzsche's article as an example (in French)***

The article is of the highest quality.

Looking at the history of the making of the article one can see that three people made 90 % of the job.

Reading their contributions leaves few doubt : they are philosophy teachers and/or researchers with high pedagogic skill.

On the contrary, the article about Leibniz is very disappointing.

Fortunately, the English article has the same high quality than Nietzsche's one in French.

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## Notes

(1) Another Wikipedia article had been killed in 2013.

Jacques Ardoino - an important author in general and in the development of the multi-referential method.

A new article for Jacques Ardoino has been created since but with much loss compared with the first version of the article in 2006.

(2) Editors who have performed an edit in the last 30 days in the Francophone Wikipedia.

The number is my evaluation out of different numbers given by Wikipedia.

« In November 2011, there were approximately 31.7 million registered user accounts across all language editions, of which around 270,000 were "active" (made at least one edit every month).<sup>[3]</sup> »

The English Wikipedia, the largest language edition, as of October 2020 had 131,288 editors who have performed an edit in the last 30 days ("active users"), and an unknown number of contributors without an account.

About half the active editors spend at least one hour a day editing, and a fifth spend more than three hours a day. »

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