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ABSTRACT

The article analyzes Wikipedia as one of the problem components of national information security of different countries, and as a factor of influence on the educational system. We considered all components of this problem. We proposed ways to solve this problem. Wikipedia should be politically indifferent. The true encyclopedia is an encyclopedia of timeless and eternal knowledge, and the present is not yet encyclopedic and controversial. Something that is being established should not be the basis for Wikipedia content (political topics, etc.). How can we make it so that Wikipedia is just a collection of truths, rather than a site of conflicts and disputes, particularly interethnic ones?

KEY WORDS: cyber security, virtual war, information war, free encyclopedia, Internet influence on the educational system.

RESUMEN

El artículo analiza Wikipedia como uno de los componentes problemáticos de la seguridad nacional de la información de diferentes países y como un factor de influencia en el sistema educativo. Consideramos todos los componentes de este problema. Propusimos formas de resolver este problema. Wikipedia debería ser políticamente indiferente. La verdadera enciclopedia es una enciclopedia del conocimiento eterno y eterno, y el presente aún no es enciclopédico ni controvertido. Algo que se está estableciendo no debe ser la base del contenido de Wikipedia (temas políticos, etc.). ¿Cómo podemos hacerlo para que Wikipedia sea solo una colección de verdades, en lugar de un sitio de conflictos y disputas, particularmente interétnicas?

PALABRAS CLAVE: ciberseguridad, guerra virtual, guerra de la información, enciclopedia libre, influencia de Internet en el sistema educativo.

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INTRODUCTION

It is necessary to recognize that the Internet has become the main source of information for the educational system at present. It is understandable, because it takes much less time to find the right information on the Web. Therefore, on the one hand, there is an opinion about the usefulness of the Internet among the young students, and on the other, it is increasingly heard that not all the information resources are so good and useful from the point of view of developing the level of knowledge and outlook of the younger generation. One of such controversial and problematic information resources is the free Internet encyclopedia "Wikipedia", which takes the leading place in various search systems. It is this information resource that appears first of all, when the students are engaged in the search for new and useful knowledge. Therefore, we will try to show in this article, based on the analysis of this leading information resource, that Wikipedia, despite its popularity, has become one of the problems of information national security. In addition, we will try to identify the components of this problem from the point of view of the influence on Russian student youth in this article.

The philosopher Nietzsche [1, p. 292] would be pleased by the emergence of Wikipedia. He was very worried because the mankind misfortunes were connected with the fact that a lot of things were changing, and people, parasitizing on the Aristotelian principle of identity (A = A), did not take it into account. The Aristotelian logic [2, p. 15] does not allow breaking out of the old texts, from the paper and static encyclopedia of the world. Due to the Internet, Nietzsche's dreams finally came true, and it appeared a living knowledge sys-

tem of mankind - Wikipedia! The philosopher Gilles Deleuze said that the encyclopedia of the world was over and the pedagogy of perception began, that was, the education of perception through the video texts. The traditional texts have not yet died, in spite of the fact that our students practically do not read anything! Due to the web-site "Wikipedia", the encyclopedia of the world continues, but now it has become a living encyclopedia of the living world. Does it seem that we should be happy!? The dream-fun of Jimmy Wells, the founder of the free encyclopedia - Wikipedia, was implemented. Today, people who can form and express various knowledge of the world, can participate in the formation of this living and free encyclopedia of the living world [6]. But is it so? How much is this freedom limited for the talented authors who are able to form and express true knowledge about the world? Is it possible that free Wikipedia is not implementable from the very beginning, since it has its own master, subordinate to the country in which he lives? And in general, the keys to the Internet are not available to all countries, that is, a control of the global information field disconnection is not available to all countries. This is where the sources of the national security problem of all countries lie. Is not Wikipedia created to form the right ideology and worldview? What if Wikipedia is just an information wiki-cloud, artificially maintained at its height due to some hidden pragmatic projects? Or what if Wikipedia is just a form of PR or propaganda disguised as reference materials?

Apparently, all of the above is now done with the help of the Internet, in particular - with the help of a "free" encyclopedia - Wikipedia, run by administrators creating the necessary political and economic truth? It is not by change some countries want to free the Internet from the impact of the world's largest information crowdsourcing "Wikipedia", shaping the worldview of the people of the planet.

STUDY METHOD: Survey-analytical method.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It has been accumulated a sufficient number of facts that confirm that Russian Wikipedia is being formed not only by Russian authors [4]. Here are just excerpts from these studies: "Virgil Griffith, a researcher at the California

Institute of Technology, created the Wikipedia Scanner utility to identify users editing materials in Wikipedia. The study results received with the help of this program showed that the articles were edited from the computers of the CIA, the FBI, US government and educational institutions, private companies, news agencies and political parties. The amount of discontent with rigid censorship in the English-speaking Wikipedia is growing. Everyone knows that the historical and political articles have some locks and any changes are automatically tracked by the "bots". This is evident if we read at least the articles about Russian history, the history of the Great Patriotic War, etc.

The interest of special services to adjusting the content of Russian Wikipedia is not a surprise to anyone. But the scale of adjustments and the effectiveness of Western influence on Russian Wikipedia is staggering. For example, everyone knows the famous motto "an encyclopedia can be edited by everyone" [8]. However, everyone who wants to adjust or add something should be liked by the administrator in charge of this topic. And most administrators are not the citizens of Russia, and even worse, "a couple of them receives wages in the US Wikipedia Fund" (the Wikipedia member - golosptic 23rd-Nov-2010 04:53 am (UTC).

It is good that the Freedom and Truth are promoted due to Wikipedia, but this healing sauce, useful for the whole world, is filled in by the American ideology. If there is no American ideology, then it is used the ideology of another country, which is also sometimes criminal. How to be? How to form Wikipedia, not obeying either American or Russian ideology, but obeying only the Truth [7]? It is useless to forbid and close Wikipedia on the basis of ideology, but it is possible to do it on the basis of slander, incitement of ethnic hatred, propaganda and PR! Wikipedia happens to be complaisant when there is a danger of its blocking and closing on the grounds of not complying with the legislation of those countries on which it influences by its content. Contrary to the above mentioned, Wikipedia is so cunningly positioned that it still has no legal responsibility. Being anonymous, this encyclopedia disclaims responsibility for its content very masterfully. For example, the participants of all levels are disguised under different nicknames and have become a sepa-

rate secret service, and Jimmy Wells is also not responsible for anything, since he has sold Wikipedia to another company, which is also difficult to contact. Also, one cannot ignore the so-called dolls, due to which some subject or organization write articles under a variety of nicknames, forming the illusion of the Internet society or, on the contrary, a large number of participants, society or even a small country use one nickname. It especially refers to an online resource that represents itself as an encyclopedia. Transferring responsibility to some free members of Wikipedia should not remove legal responsibility before the administration of this Internet resource.

Thus, there is reason to believe that Wikipedia is not only the main source of primary knowledge, but also a mean of ideology, which is consistently becoming a factor of national security for many countries of the world. Today, there is no stronger tool for monitoring Russia and other countries than Wikipedia. This encyclopedia positions itself supposedly as an educational project, and not a research one. Therefore, there is reason to believe that Wikipedia, under the mask of forming its texts and their discussions, extracts valuable and secret information for the development of projects free of charge. There are examples of how Russian scientists, including those who worked in various secret and strategic areas, discussing the importance of their person for Wikipedia, spread the actual directions not only of their past research, but also of present ones through the intermediary participants [9]. Therefore, there is a question: "Does not Wikipedia policy turn into a mirror of the traditional, expansionist, foreign policy of some countries?"

To answer the above questions, it is necessary to conduct a content analysis of not only the texts of Wikipedia articles, but also of the texts of dialogues and correspondence of the participants of this information resource. Moreover, it is necessary to carry out a comparative analysis of materials received for publication and materials, which have been retained or removed. Particular attention should be given to a definition of the true motivation of Wikipedia participants in the study of the above problems. Whereby are the participants driven to write articles for Wikipedia: the joy of creativity, of their usefulness and vanity? The youth contributes to the formation of the "World Intelligence of the Bi-

ble-Wikipedia", to the formation of the list of "Gods", etc. Look at the site "Wikireality" - an information resource where the participants and admins can satisfy their vanity. After all, Wikipedia does not say anything about them. This is a special megalomania - Wikimania, which is due to work in Wikipedia. The participants satisfy their vanity through their nicknames. People write on them and their names are really well-known. We can learn about these hidden members of Wikipedia through "Wikireality". Wikireality was formed not only by those who were expelled from Wikipedia, but also by the participants themselves, in order to somehow present themselves to the Internet community. There is a lot of truth in Wikireality. It is so since the truth about the world is not contained in Wikipedia, but in the para-Wikipedia space and the discussion of articles that takes place inside it. This resource includes a category of offended and excluded Wikipedia participants, who objectively reveal the negative aspects of the project "Wikipedia" in their articles. That is why many of the conclusions that we managed to make in this paper are made on the basis of the content analysis of "Wikireality".

Some participants are driven by their complexes. For example, one failed writer works out his unimplemented complexes of the failed successful writer, and makes it on the well-known writers, humiliating them. It is dishonorable. This crime, legalized by the Internet, is often subject to an unpunished slander. The same happens with failed scientists, and there are a lot of such in Russia due to the collapse of Russian science. This plays exactly into the American leaders of the Russian Wikipedia, whose goal is to create the conditions in which Russian science would never rise from its knees. That is why, according to the content analysis of remote materials on the development of science in Russia, we can conclude that Wikipedia, represented by many of its participants and most administrators of Wikipedia, is engaged in subversive and derogatory activities against the development of Russian science. For example, the articles about many successful scientists in our country have been reworked and presented in Wikipedia only as articles about the participants in the Great Patriotic War, and their scientific merit and work have been removed from the articles [6]. Or another example, the current articles with the lists of honored Russian scientists, stimulating the scientists, were

removed (the publicity about the achievements and awards of scientists should exist!) In general, the Russian Wikipedia has very slow process of filling scientific articles, in contrast, for example, to the English Wikipedia. At best, our domestic wiki-participants, acting not patriotically, copy and translate articles from the English Wikipedia, raising the prestige and image of American science. At the same time, the content analysis of the English Wikipedia shows that this encyclopedia is a model of American patriotism in the sphere of its scientific achievements. We are frightened by the composure and pedantry with which Russian-language authors wash away all past achievements, as well as real sprouts, wishing to raise Russian science from Wikipedia.

The articles on the development of culture and art in the regions of Russia are making their way with great difficulty. Many articles are written, but most of them are deleted. We made these conclusions using the example of articles sent by Wikipedia participants from Tatarstan. At the same time, we should not forget that Russia will rise only when the regions rise.

In general, it should be noted that a considerable number of articles on the development of science, culture and art in Russia, written for Russian Wikipedia, were deleted, but the same articles translated into English were well received and published in the English Wikipedia.

CONCLUSIONS

Our content analysis showed that a considerable part of talented authors who wish to write and write on Wikipedia has already been curtailed by administrators and participants of different levels. This already allows us asserting that Wikipedia has long been a non-free encyclopedia. It promotes the idea of freedom of knowledge, but it is limited by the paid admins and participants. The biggest threat to Wikipedia itself is not its censorship, but the extinction of its community and the authors making it. At the same time, we should not think that Wikipedia should be a kind of schizophrenic monster, in the "brain" of which the information should "walk around and pass by" in chaotic and free way. Wikipedia should contain some orientation and setting and it should be connected with the desire for independent and objective in-

formation, and not with the financial and pragmatic subjectivity of the participants summarizing and administrators removing the article, due to lack of financial stimulation from Wikipedia participants or external customers. Moreover, this subjectivity should not be based on the policy of Wikipedia administrators. However, there are already a lot of materials speaking of a significant increase in this subjectivity on the Internet.

It would be naive to believe that the administrations of different countries of the world have no influence on the administration of Wikipedia. Wikipedia, apparently, is one of the instruments of foreign policy of many countries. It seems that these countries want to make a kind of "free Wikipedia" from the whole world, so that the whole world can be supposedly freely engaged in its world order. But this "freedom" will again be dictated by the administrators supervising Wikipedia. Thus, Wikipedia claims the role of an information framework in the project to introduce a "free" world order dictated by the leaders of some countries of the world at present. It is not by chance that Wikipedia is artificially maintained in the first places in all Internet search systems and is sponsored by various government and business structures. Therefore, there is a question: is not Wikipedia really a big rich monster who masquerades itself as a poor, honest and free bum beggar to whom the whole world confesses?

Wikipedia is afraid of many subjects, including international one (personalities, famous world media, representatives of the legislative and executive authorities, and even representatives of special services, etc.) and this fear is due to the possibility of losing the ability to post the article about oneself or getting image and material losses caused by the content of the article about oneself. Therefore Wikipedia, from this point of view, is an excellent manipulator between different subjects of the world. This, apparently, creates conditions for various financial and corruption methods of settlement, the arising disagreements and discontent of various parties.

Lying in the form of informational transmission, which is often practiced in Wikipedia, and then its further correction causes moral damage. This is a hooligan virtual world. The USA makes these information transmissions as a basis for monitoring and searching for the truth. The administrators of Wikipedia deliberately do not delete these informative transmissions under the pretext of apologizing for not noticing this, and promising to be more attentive next time. However, some articles are instantly deleted. Wikipedia is a tool for spreading rumors, which are then more difficult to curb.

The fact that there are thousands of questionable web-sites on the Internet claiming the role of the media, makes no doubt. Most of their visitors read them with sufficient level of criticism. These web-sites, due to their relatively small attendance, are not the basis for the formation of primary knowledge and the world view of hundreds of millions of visitors and therefore do not represent a national security problem. But it cannot be said about the Wikipedia, which has actually turned into the largest and most influential world media, while not having any responsibility to hundreds of millions of people on the planet. This encyclopedia says on its main page that it does not bear any responsibility for its content, for example, slander, lie, provocative materials, etc.

China, seeing the problem of its national security in Wikipedia, promptly organized its home-grown Internet encyclopedia "Hudong" independent from Wikipedia and took away a significant part of the readers, thereby defeating the informational American wiki expansion for a short period of time. Hudong is the largest on-line encyclopedia in China and in the world, founded in 2005. At the moment, according to the number of articles, Hudong exceeds three largest Wikipedia put together (English, Dutch, and German), being the largest encyclopedia in the world.

Thus, China has temporarily blocked some articles and all Wikipedia and managed to raise "Hudong" during this time! And therefore, the Chinese assess Wikipedia rather neutrally or negatively, than positively at the moment.

SUMMARY

There is only one conclusion from the above: "Wikipedia should be self-sufficient, independent and home-grown in every country!" [10]. There is a project according to which the Russian Wikipedia should be divided into two parts. One of them will include the arti-

cles with comparatively less controversy and political influence (natural sciences, etc.). This part of Wikipedia will gradually turn into a prestigious encyclopedia, which can be referred to without censure when quoting in scientific and other publications. Another part, on the contrary, will include the articles with a high share of doubt and controversy.

Thus, Wikipedia should be politically indifferent. The true encyclopedia is an encyclopedia of timeless and eternal knowledge, and the present is not yet encyclopedic and controversial. Something that is being established should not be the basis for Wikipedia content (political topics, etc.). How can we make it so that Wikipedia is just a collection of truths, rather than a site of conflicts and disputes, particularly interethnic ones? Apparently, some Wikipedia articles should have the notes: "This article may be dangerous." At present, Wikipedia wrote about this only in its "header", which almost no one reads.

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