How Accurate Is Wikipedia?

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The purpose of this ongoing project is to analyze differences between one language’s version of a Wikipedia article and another language’s version of that same article. This allows for a comparison to be made regarding how different countries choose to depict certain historical events and can be used to determine whether or not history is being accurately reported.

Methodology
Each researcher compares an English article related to a topic from WWII with its counterpart in another language. Articles are compared with regard to the following elements: information given, word count, number of sources and references, tone, edit history, and word choice. These attributes depict the importance of and attitudes towards different aspects of history across various countries.

Current Objectives
Although originally conducted on a variety of different topics (all of which were related to WWII and most of which dealt with France, the country of my target language), my research has since become more centralized, focusing on a specific topic: the Mountain Troops of the Wehrmacht and their war crimes, including the massacre of Italian troops at Cephalonia. In conducting this research, I have moved on from strictly checking Wikipedia, instead reading books, pamphlets, essays, etc. written in my target language of French, allowing for a more thorough gathering of information and ultimately leading to increased historical accuracy in future texts.