



Wikipedia Campus Training: Wikipedia Essentials

Objectives

At the end of this training you will:

- Know how to create your Wikipedia user account and user page.
- Know how to use article discussion pages and user talk pages
- Know editing basics
- Be able to add references
- Be able to upload images

Setting Up Your User Account

Create a Wikipedia User Account

Creating your user account on Wikipedia is good way to start building your profile as a contributing wikipedia. When you create an account, all your edits get assigned to your user name. Your user account provides you an identity that helps you build contacts, become a trusted member of the community, help other contributors, and negotiate roadblocks. As a registered user, you enjoy important features such as Watchlist, which allows you to follow articles that interest you. You also get more options to edit - create new pages, upload images, and rename pages. As your reputation builds, you could earn administrator privileges which are not available for an anonymous contributor.

Did you know that you can edit Wikipedia without logging in or even having a user account? When you edit anonymously, your edits get assigned to your computer IP address. The Wikipedia community tends to distrust edits from an IP address especially if the IP address is from a school or company network since it assumes conflict of interest. Such accounts are frequently blocked for vandalism which affects anonymous contributors on the network.

It is easy get a Wikipedia account:

1. Choose your user name
2. Select your password.
3. Click Create account

Try it!

- ☐ Create a Wikipedia user account
- ☐ Create your watchlist with your favorite Wikipedia articles
- ☐ Study how they grow

Look, I have an account

Look, I have an account on Wikipedia. Now it's more easy to keep track of how the collaboration with the other users is evolving. I wouldn't for example want someone to put in false facts in the articles that I have

Setting Up A User Account (Activity)

1. Go to en.wikipedia.org.
2. Click Log in/create account, located at the top right side of the page.
3. Click on "Create one," next to "Don't have an account?..."
4. Choose your Username.
5. Select your Password.
6. Click Create account.

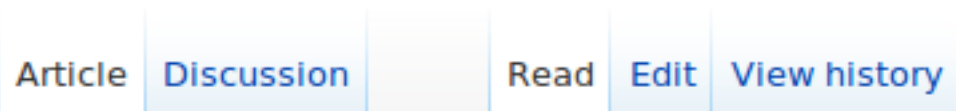


Creating a User Page (Activity)

1. Click “Start the User:*Username* page”
2. Enter information about yourself into the empty text box
3. Click “Save page”

Note: You may be prompted to create a userpage and provide a short bio immediately after creating your account. The account creation process is being revamped, so if it differs from what's described here, just go with the flow!

Article vs. Discussion/Talk page

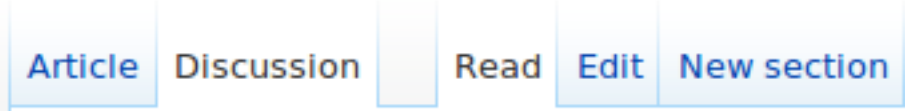


Public policy

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Where the article content is.

- Contains limited editorial markings
- No information about editors



Talk:Public policy

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Where editors talk about:

- Editing plans
- Potential problems

Also:

- You can list sources or build an outline here
- Contains WikiProject banners, other "meta" info
- Sign your comments
- Don't delete other people's comments

Activity: Leaving & signing a comment on a discussion/talk page



Signing a message: use four tildes (~~~~)

→ This is indeed an advanced article. For basic introductions, the intro
Rjensen (talk) 18:22, 20 October 2010 (UTC)

Editing

New features Log in / create account

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Other:

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Editing Using Wikipedia in higher education

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Basics of Citing References

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Public policy

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This article is about government action. [Policy](#), both public and private, is a broader notion. The article on [public policy doctrine](#) discusses the use of the phrase "public policy" in legal doctrine.

Public policy can be generally defined as the course of action or inaction taken by [governmental](#) entities (the decisions of government) with regard to a particular issue or set of issues.^[1] Other scholars define it as a system of "courses of action, [regulatory](#) measures, [laws](#), and [funding](#) priorities concerning a given topic promulgated by a governmental entity or its representatives."^[2] Public policy is commonly embodied "in constitutions, legislative acts, and judicial decisions."^[3]

In the [United States](#), this concept refers not only to the end result of policies, but more broadly to the [decision-making](#) and [analysis](#) of governmental decisions. Public policy is also considered an [academic discipline](#), as it is studied by professors and students at [public policy schools](#) of major [universities](#) throughout the country. The American (United States of America) professional association of public policy practitioners, researchers, scholars, and students is the [Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management](#).

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Government actions

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Shaping public policy is a complex and multifaceted process that involves the interplay of numerous individuals and interest groups competing and collaborating to influence policymakers to act in a particular way. These individuals and groups use a variety of tactics and tools to advance their aims, including advocating their positions publicly, attempting to educate supporters and opponents, and mobilizing allies on a particular issue.^[4]

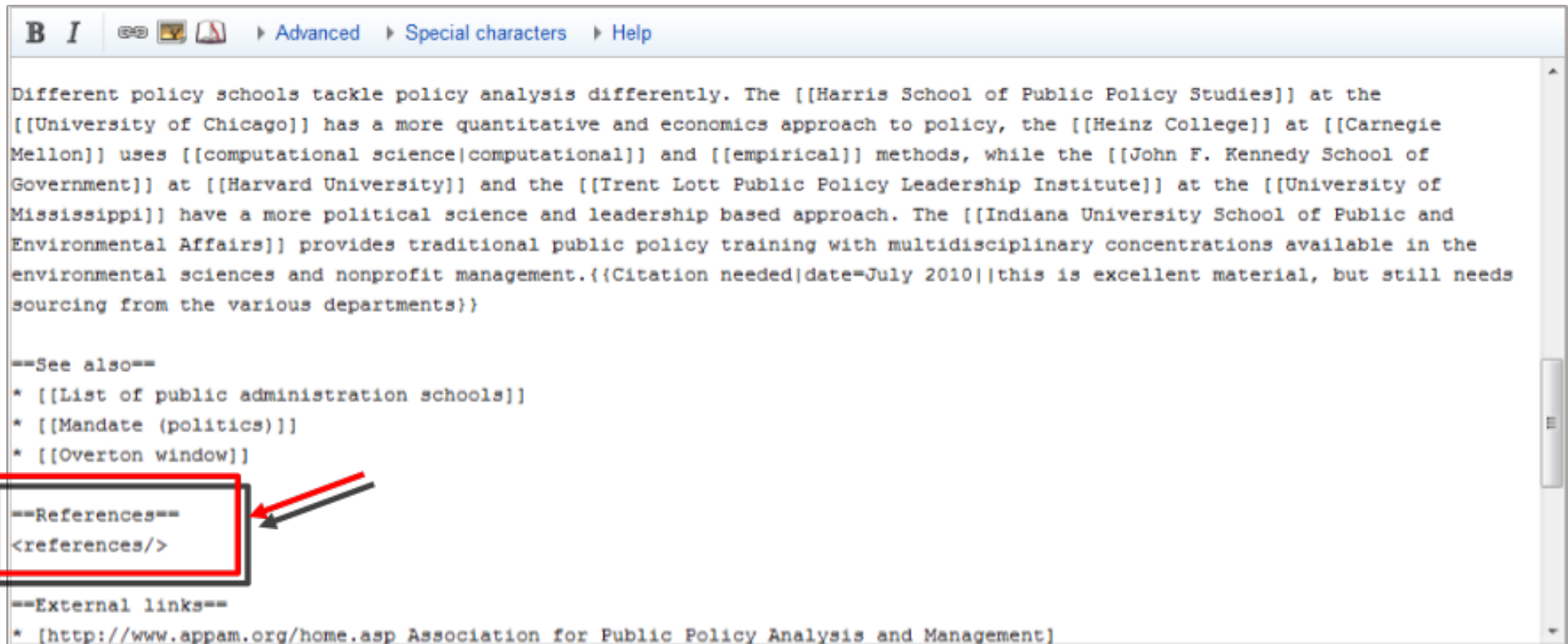
In this context, advocacy can be defined as attempting to influence public policy through education, lobbying, or political pressure. Advocacy

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Citing a Reference (cont.)



The screenshot shows a text editor interface with a toolbar at the top containing icons for bold, italic, link, unlink, and a menu. Below the toolbar are navigation links: "Advanced", "Special characters", and "Help". The main text area contains a paragraph about policy schools, followed by a citation template: `{{Citation needed|date=July 2010|this is excellent material, but still needs sourcing from the various departments}}`. Below this is a "See also" section with three bullet points. The "References" section is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow, containing the text `==References==` and `<references/>`. Below that is an "External links" section with one bullet point: `* [http://www.appam.org/home.asp Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management]`.

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Different policy schools tackle policy analysis differently. The [[Harris School of Public Policy Studies]] at the [[University of Chicago]] has a more quantitative and economics approach to policy, the [[Heinz College]] at [[Carnegie Mellon]] uses [[computational science|computational]] and [[empirical]] methods, while the [[John F. Kennedy School of Government]] at [[Harvard University]] and the [[Trent Lott Public Policy Leadership Institute]] at the [[University of Mississippi]] have a more political science and leadership based approach. The [[Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs]] provides traditional public policy training with multidisciplinary concentrations available in the environmental sciences and nonprofit management.{{Citation needed|date=July 2010|this is excellent material, but still needs sourcing from the various departments}}

==See also==

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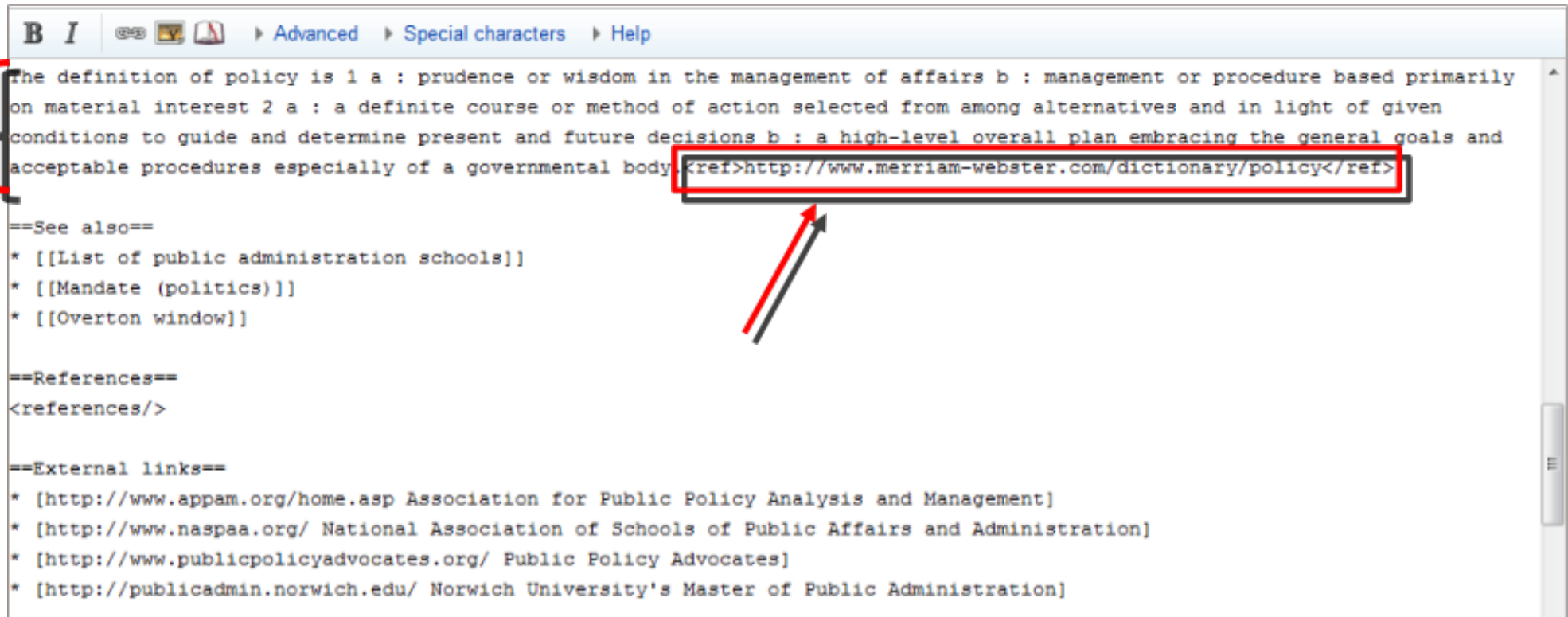
Citing a Reference (cont.)

`<ref>Add your reference here</ref>`

Example:

This is a line of text in an article and I will now insert a reference.`<ref>my reference</ref>`

Citing a Reference (cont.)



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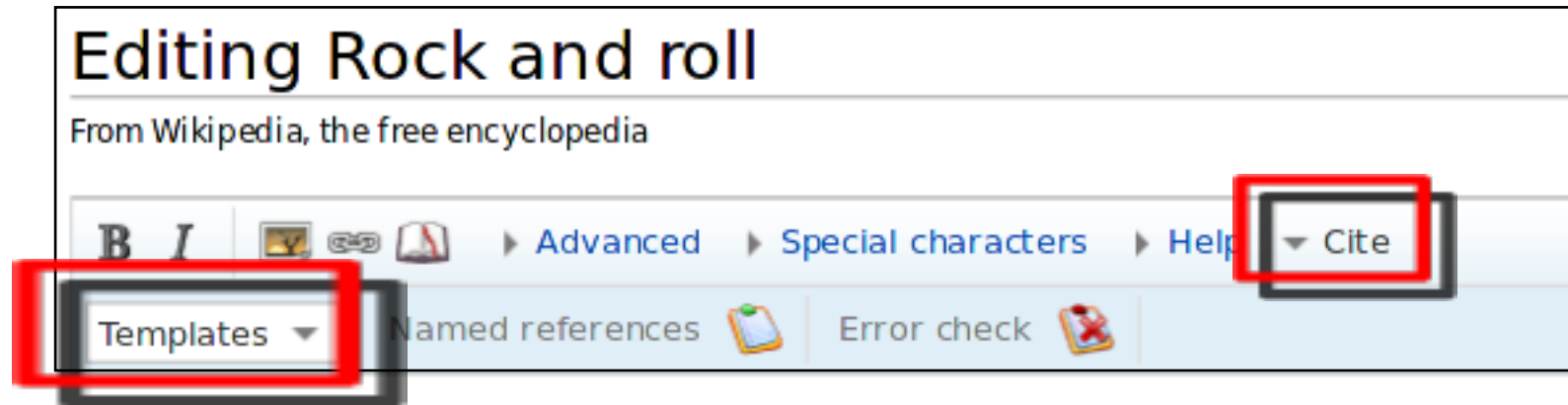
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External links

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 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Referencing_for_beginners

The "Cite" button in the editing toolbar



- Press "Cite", then select source type from "Templates"
- Type in information about the source into the appropriate boxes
- Advantages: much easier to add citations
- Disadvantages: less flexible; not easy to do short citations to accompany a bibliography

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