

**Question for written answer E-004362/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: No right of reply and consent on Wikipedia

The Wikimedia Foundation, which hosts Wikipedia, earned around USD 150 million in 2021<sup>1</sup> according to its site in English (USD 91 million according to its site in French in 2017) and does not pay taxes. In addition, George Soros donated USD 2 million in 2018.

Since 2007, it has managed to set aside an excess amounting to almost one-third of its annual resources and its assets are estimated at almost USD 200 million.

In 2020, its CEO Katherine Maher was earning a gross monthly salary of over USD 30 000.

In 2019, Wikipedia's founder called for Donald Trump and Elon Musk to be banned from Twitter<sup>2</sup>.

Wikipedia decides how the data of European citizens is to be processed and used for financial, political and other purposes. It publishes and manages pages of information on individuals, generally without seeking their consent.

In the light of the above:

1. Is Wikipedia required under EU law to give European citizens a right of reply to be published on the pages relating to them?
2. Can it also be required under EU law to delete a particular page relating to a European citizen?
3. Are European citizens entitled under EU law to require Wikipedia to reveal the identity of those responsible for processing and publishing their data (Article 14, paragraph 1, point (a) GDPR)?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia\\_Foundation#Board\\_of\\_trustees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Foundation#Board_of_trustees)

<sup>2</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmy\\_Wales](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmy_Wales)