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Wikipedia in Spain

 Spanish is widespread, with 20 countries having it as their official language. Wikipedia began Spanish accessibility on May 20th, 2001, a year, and 4 months after Wikipedia itself was founded. In total there are 1,837,710 articles in Spanish on Wikipedia. Spanish Wikipedia is a very commonly used resource. It was second behind English in 2016, with 579 million users a month. When narrowing in on Spain though, we see that in the past month there have been 320 million article views by people in the country. Which is the most of any Spanish speaking country. In terms of how Spanish citizens regard Wikipedia’s credibility, I couldn’t find much, but Spanish speakers in general seem to have a similar attitude to what we were taught as kids in the American education system. Which is that it can be edited by anyone so users should be skeptical of the information they find on there.

When you look at the Wikipedia page of Spain there is a lot to take in. There are 14 categories on the page, and several have multiple subtopics. Some notable ones are the country’s etymology, history, politics, and culture. I looked at the page in English and Spanish to get a fuller picture. When I changed the language to Spanish, I noticed the page went a little more in depth on the hierarchy between royals and government. The Spanish version goes into much greater depth when describing the armed forces Spain possesses. It's also organized a little differently and skimps a tad on territorial disputes. In the Spanish version they go into much more detail regarding the economy and basically disregards demographics. But the English version focuses more on demographics. While they’re both equal when it comes to culture. Recent editors of the page itself are Spaniards, historians, and longtime Wikipedia users.

It’s also important to mention that Spain speaks more than just Spanish. Spain has “autonomous communities” which are similar to our states. One of its autonomous communities, Catalonia, has its own language, Catalan. In the past month there have been 10 million article views in Catalan in Spain. The Basque Country is another autonomous community of Spain. They have their own language (Basque) as well and in the past month in Spain there were 1 million Wikipedia article views.

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