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# lessons learned from building a knowledge base with 17000 volunteers

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# => multilingual and multicultural project that acknowledges knowledge diversity

# Current state of Wikidata

25 Million items

3300 properties

145 Million statements

17000 editors

## Lessons learned so far

# The world is really really complex

And Wikipedians are world champions in showing you where and how There is no single truth. Deal with knowledge diversity!

The world is screwed up. Don't try to force it into neat little boxes!

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# It is possible to build tools to deal with a really really complex world And we should build more of them!

## Listen! Explain! Trust! Empower! And learn to be Zen about it!

Even with hard-to-use and basic tools people can build amazing things

Build flexible and open tools.Being able to tinker is crucial.Let people help themselves.

#### South Pole Telescope

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The South Pole Telescope (SPT) is a 10 meter (394 in) diameter telescope located at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. The telescope is designed for observations in the microwave. millimeter-wave, and submillimeter-wave regions of the electromagnetic spectrum, with the particular design goal of measuring the faint, diffuse emission from the cosmic microwave background (CMB).<sup>[1]</sup> The first major survey with the SPT-designed to find distant, massive, clusters of galaxies through their interaction with the CMB, with the goal of constraining the dark energy equation of state-was completed in October 2011. In early 2012, a new camera was installed on the SPT with even greater sensitivity and the capability to measure the polarization of incoming light. This camera is designed to measure the socalled "B-mode" or "curl" component of the polarized CMB, leading to constraints on the mass of the neutrino and the energy scale of inflation.<sup>[2]</sup>

The SPT collaboration is made up of over a dozen (mostly North American) institutions, including the University of Chicago, the University of California-Berkeley, Case Western Reserve University, Harvard/Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, the University of Colorado-Boulder, McGill University, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of California at Davis, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Argonne National Laboratory, and the National Institute for Standards and Technology. It is funded by the National Science Foundation.

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#### Microwave/millimeter-wave observations at the South Pole [edit]

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#### South Pole Telescope

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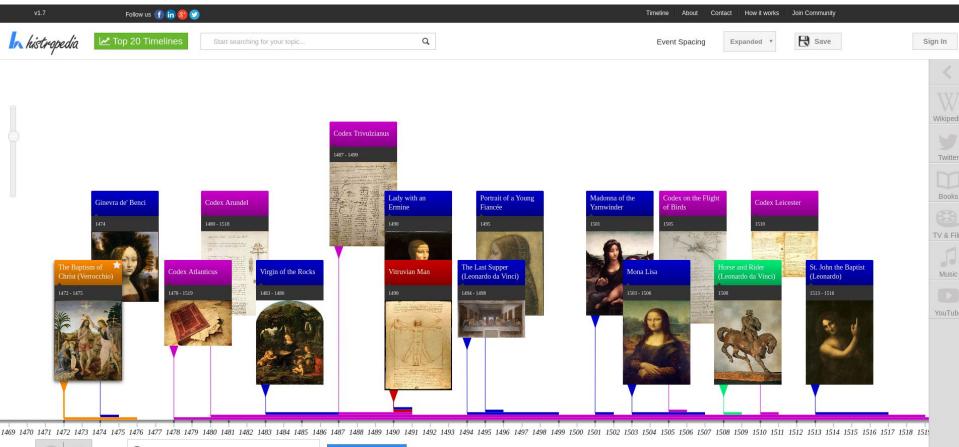
The South Pole Telescope in November 2009

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millimeter range during the months of polar night.

The telescope is a 10-meter (394 in) diameter off-axis Gregorian telescope in an altazimuth mount (at the poles, an altazimuth mount is effectively identical to an equatorial mount). It

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The **Brandenburg Gate** (German: *Brandenburger Tor*) is an 18th-century neoclassical monument in Berlin, and one of the best-known landmarks of Germany. It is built on the site of a former city gate that marked the start of the road from Berlin to the town of Brandenburg an der Havel.

It is located in the western part of the city centre of Berlin within Mitte, at the junction of Unter den Linden and Ebertstraße, immediately west of the Pariser Platz. One block to the north stands the Reichstag building, which houses the German parliament (*Bundectag*). The gate is the monumental entry to Unter den Linden, the renowned boulevard of



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Spike Jonze (pronounced "Jones" /dʒoʊnz/; born Adam Spiegel; October 22, 1969) is an American director, producer, screenwriter and actor, whose work includes music videos, commercials, film and television. He started his feature film directing career with Being John Malkovich (1999) and Adaptation (2002), both written by Charlie Kaufman, and then started movies with screenplays of his own with Where the Wild Things Are (2009) and Her (2013). Jonze is well known for his music video collaborations with Fatboy Slim, Weezer, Beastie Boys, Björk and Kanye West. Wikipedia



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