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The global news cycle is fraught with misinformation and many members of the public feel wary of media outlets. Raju Narisetti thinks Wikipedia could be a solution to the problem, and he told the Inspirefest 2018 audience why.

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Narisetti describes Wikipedia as a “phenomenal resource”, one that the majority of the world still hasn’t quite tapped. While Wikipedia could be used as a valuable trust indicator, there is still an elephant in the room: representation. There just aren’t enough entries about women compared to men on Wikipedia, so it is “clearly not representative of humanity”. Narisetti rightly asked: “Why should we trust something so disproportionately male?”

Why is this such a big problem? Online harassment is a major obstacle for women in general and Wikipedia editors, too. Describing the level of harassment as “a profound problem”, Narisetti noted that the Wikimedia Foundation, of which he is a board member, is working on solutions both to curb the onslaught of digital threats and create programmes to rebuild Wikipedia “for inclusivity”.

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