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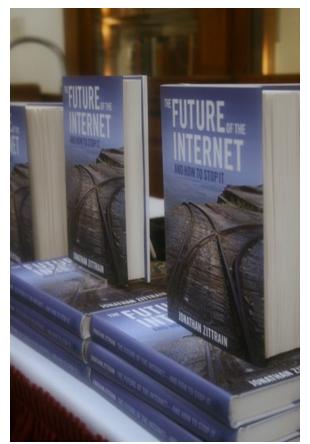
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- Bomis (like promise) the origins of Wikipedia "exposed"
  - http://web.archive.org/web/\*/http://www.bomis.

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- Nupedia (sort of predecessor to Wikipedia)
  - http://web.archive.org/web/\*/www.nupedia.com/
  - "As such we will not allow any individuals to "edit" articles, thus opening GNE to the possibility of bias."
- Citizendium a peer reviewed effort
  - http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/Welcome\_to\_Citizendi
  - See: Doom
  - http://en.citizendium.org/wiki/Doom\_

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- MyWikiBiz author your legacy!!!!
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- Thanksgiving (United States). <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgivin</u> <u>g\_(United\_States)</u>
- Thanksgiving Day. <u>http://www.answers.com/topic/thanksgiving-day</u>
- Thanksgiving. <u>http://www.reference.com/browse/thanksgi</u> <u>ving</u>

### WHY WIKIPEDIA IS WORKING

- Light regulatory touch + openness
- Earnest discussion
- Core of people who model an ethos
- "User generated content"
- (p. 147) "... involvement of people in the information they read—whether is a read fix a typographical error or to join a debate over its veracity or completeness—is an important end itself..."

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