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# Online general encyclopaedias in an era of asymmetric digital knowledge

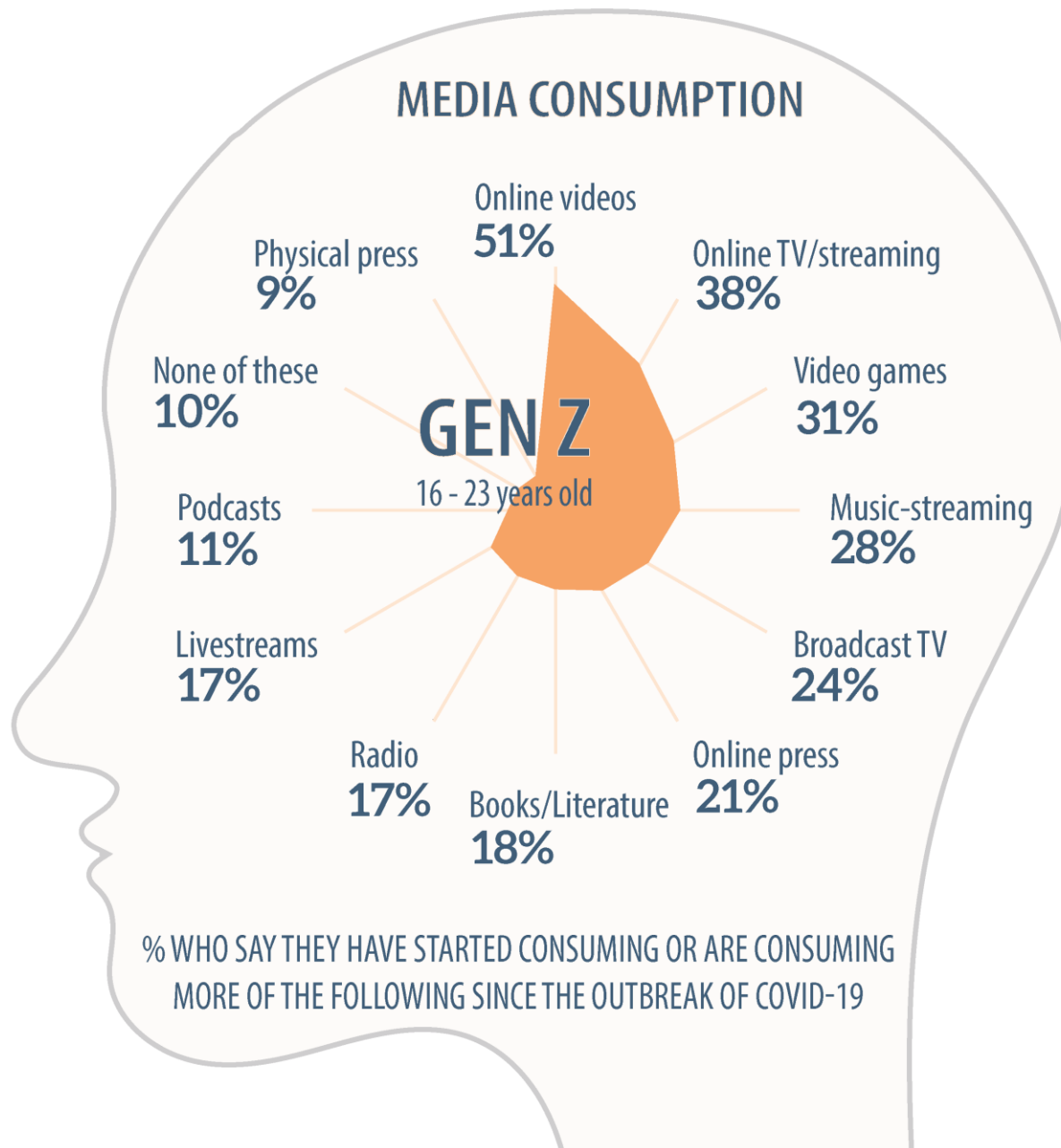
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## Covid-19 accelerating already existing trends

- Information overload
- 'Infodemic' (WHO: 'over-abundance of information (...) that makes it hard for people to find trustworthy sources and reliable guidance when they need it')
- Inequality (including reg. access to information+knowledge)

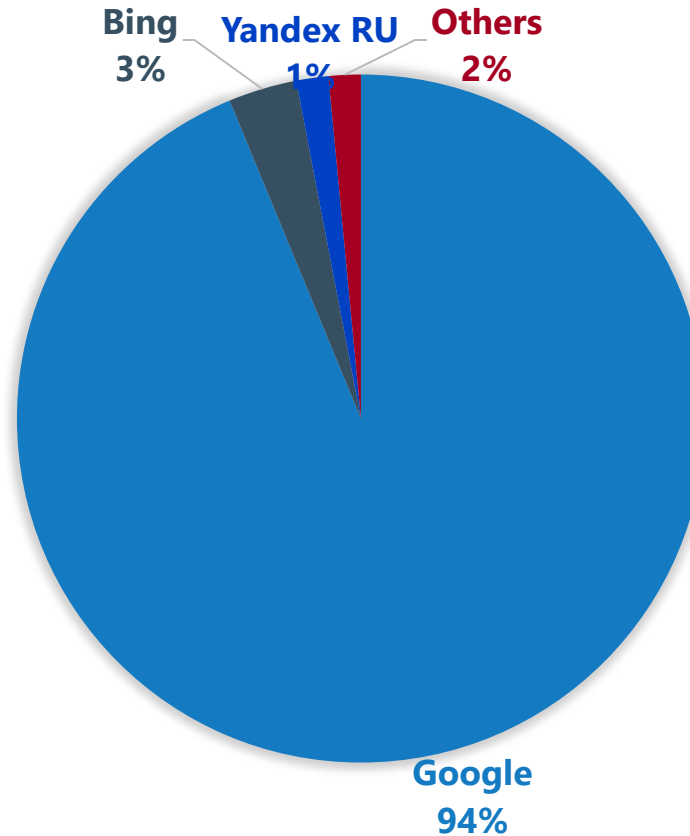


## Disinformants: domestic and foreign

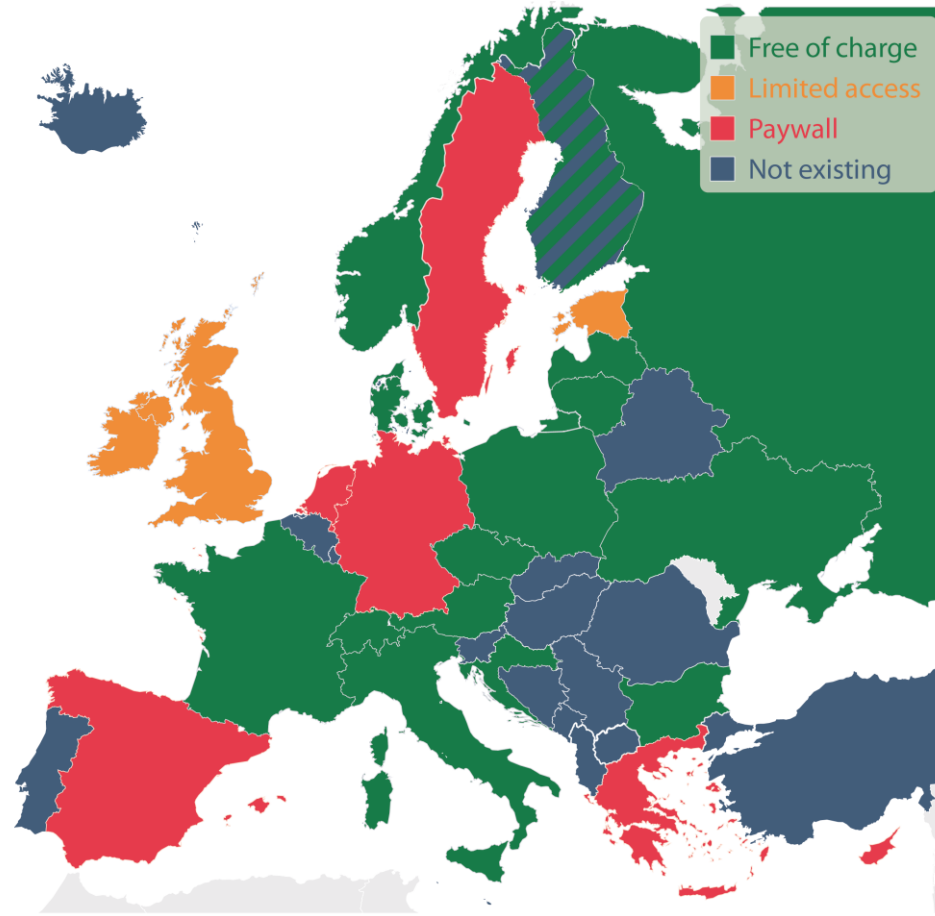


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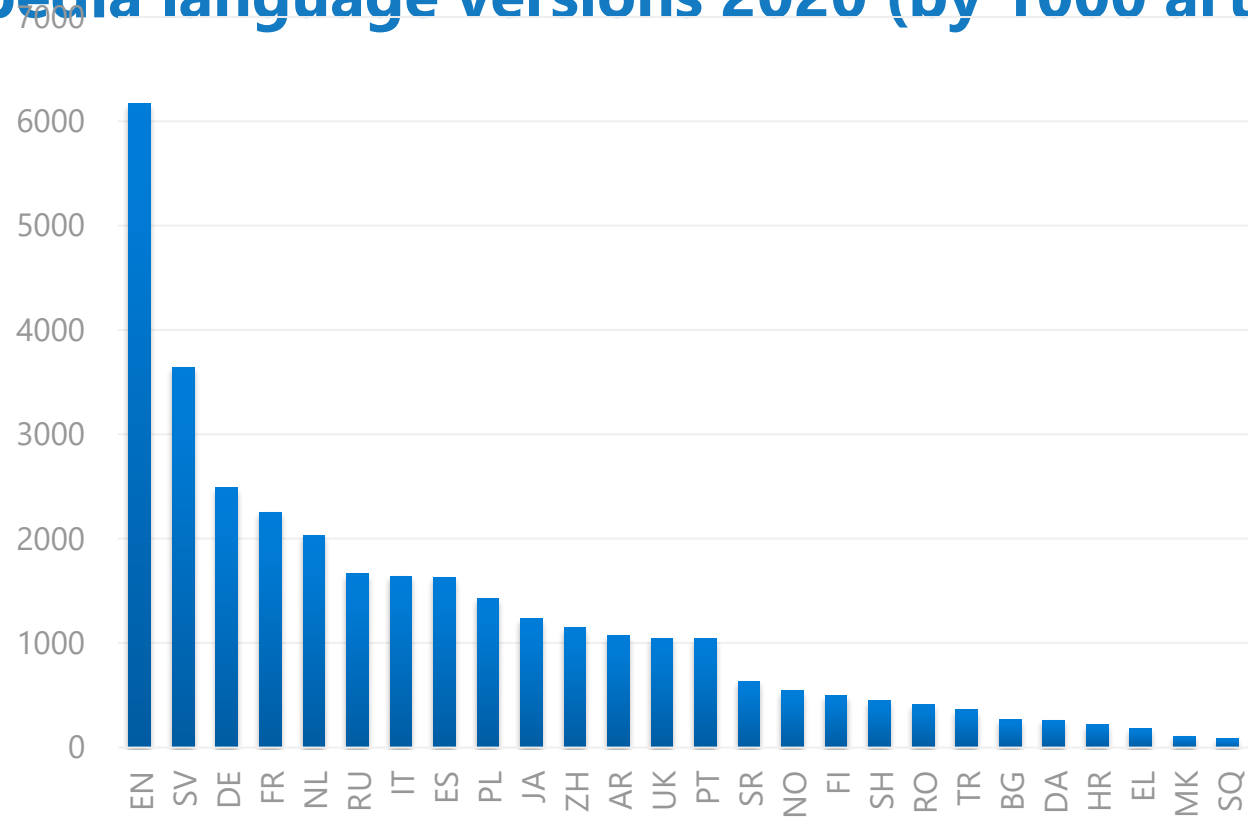
## Search engine market share in Europe 2020



# Online national general encyclopaedias in Europe



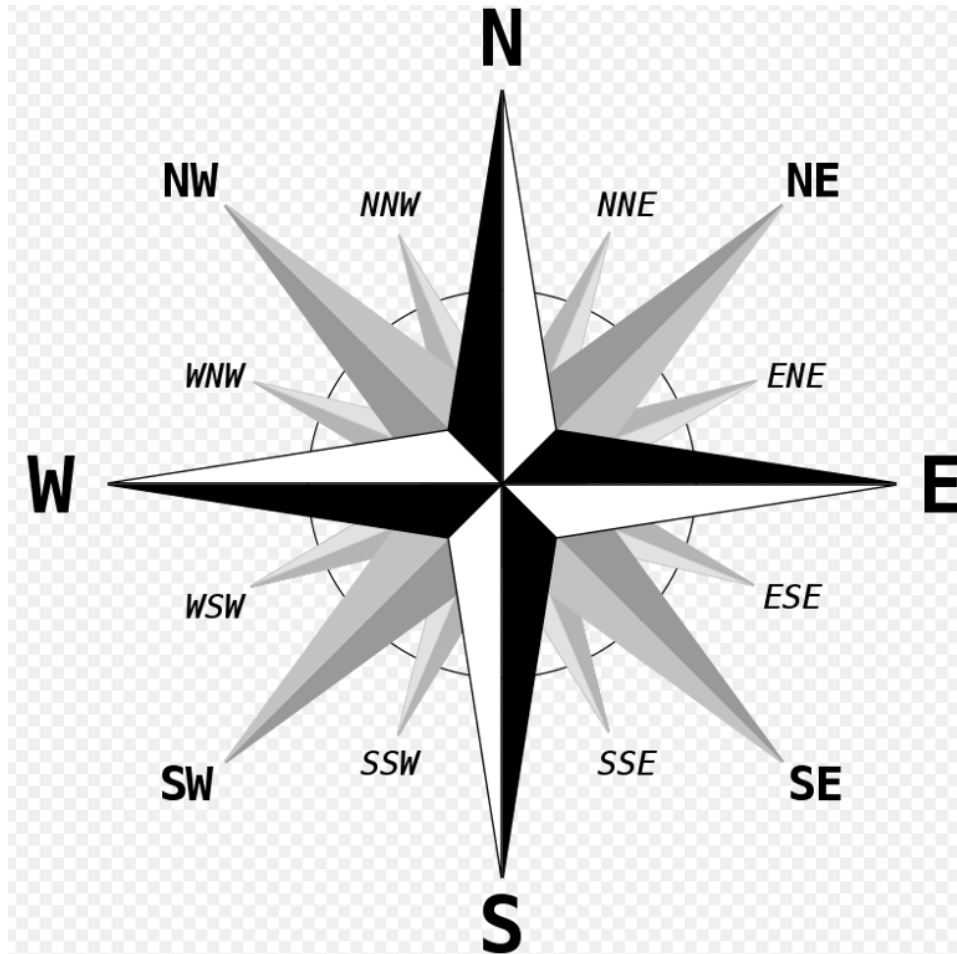
## Wikipedia language versions 2020 (by 1000 articles)



## Countering anti-enlightenment in an age of truth decay







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