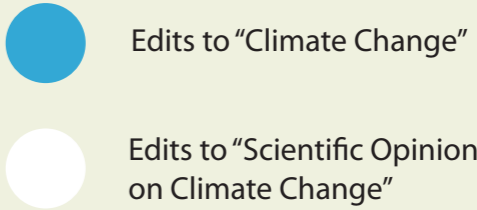


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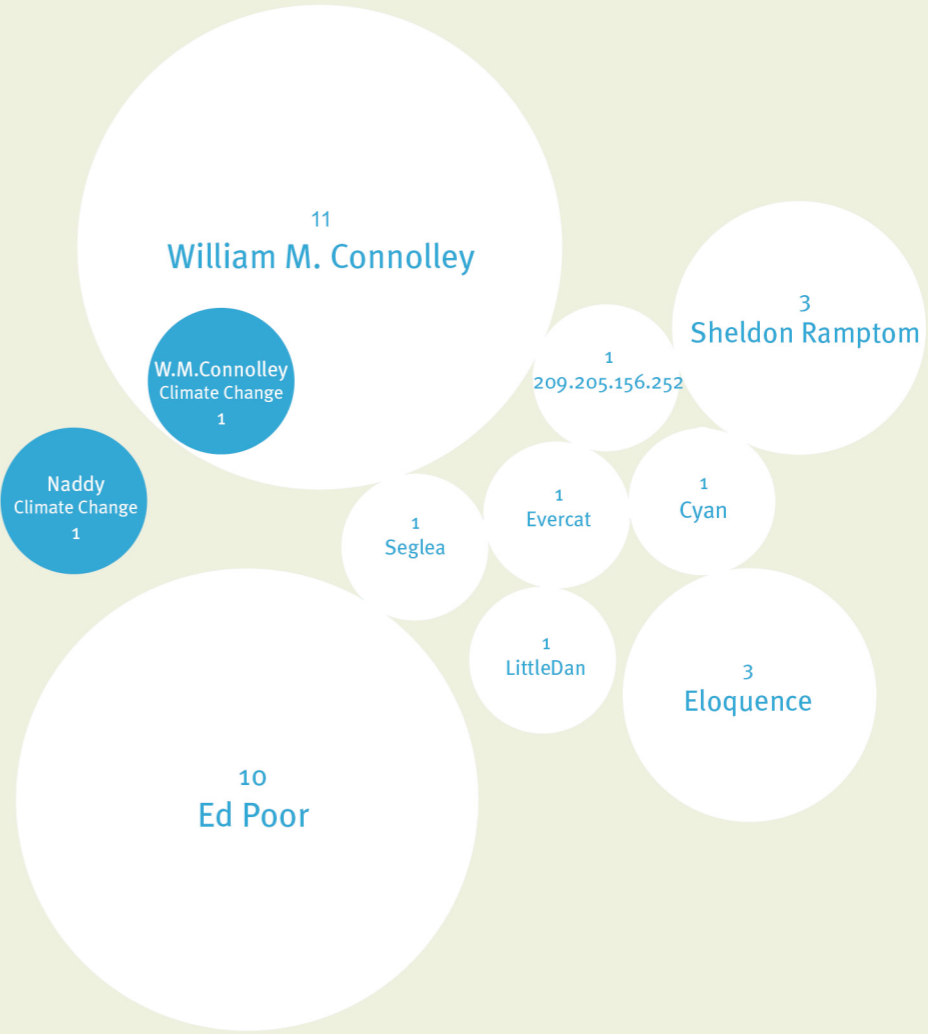
Question: How is controversy managed on Wikipedia, and how does this effect the encyclopedia's composition of an issue?

Findings: After heavy editing and much discussion on the Climate Change and Global Warming articles regarding scientific consensus, active editors decided to create the article "Scientific Opinion on Global Warming." The Dorling Map shows the number of edits and editors for "Climate Change" in the three months prior to the creation of the "Scientific Opinion" article, and the same for both articles in the following three months. One sees, in a sense, the relocation of the debate and its debaters, as well as a corresponding decline in activity on the article "Climate Change."

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