

Journals without Publishers: the Landscape of Scholar-published Journals

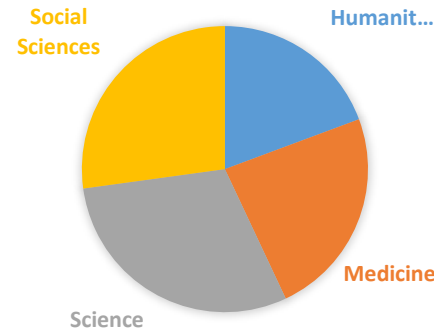
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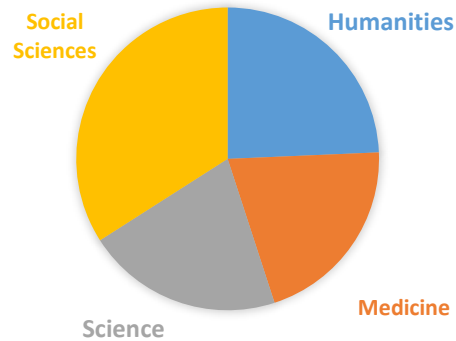
Background:

- Democratizing **access to** vs. democratizing **production of** scientific literature
- There exist cases when Editors would appreciate independence, even from their own departments
- When the journal is indexed in databases, its publisher is listed as something like:
 - Dr Kai Nonnenmacher
 - Contemporary Aesthetics, Inc.
 - ACSIJ Press

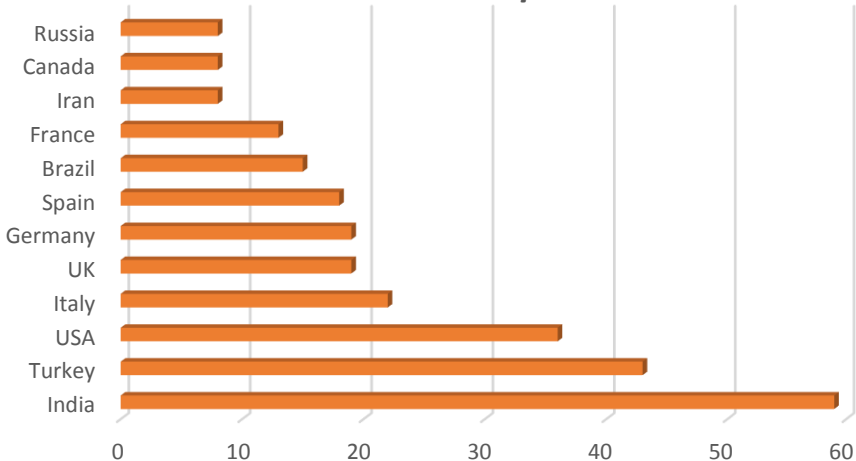
All Journals In DOAJ



Independent Journals



Countries with Most Independent Journals



Methodology and Research Agenda:

- Identify independent journals in DOAJ (329 journals)
- Determine potential cash-flow channels
- Describe journals using data from DOAJ and Journal websites
- Send out a questionnaire to journal editors to better comprehend their experience

Expected Outcomes:

- Understand strategies used by editors to overcome challenges of independence
- Develop a guide for establishing independent journals

Reasons for Cash Flow	Independent Journal	All Journals in DOAJ
Article Submission/ Processing Fees	5%	19%
DOI-Assignment	10%	34%
Archiving Service	0%	18%
Plagiarism Checker	10%	31%
XML-formatting	2%	11%
Editorial Assistance	??	??
Editing Services	??	??
Publisher Society Memberships	??	??
Donations	??	??
Webhosting/design	??	??