

Facebook and Fake News

Consider each of the below proposals, and fill in each of the below TODOs.

Proposals

Proposal 1

Facebook relies on an algorithm as well as individual users' reports to identify content that is potentially "fake news." Once the content has been identified, it is sent to third party fact-checkers for verification. If the content is verified as fake news, it is publicly flagged with a warning that the content is disputed by fact-checkers.



Proposal 2

However, a designer at Facebook believes that there needs to be a different approach to content regulation. Their proposal is that content deemed problematic by third-party fact-checkers should be prevented from being shared on the platform altogether.

Questions

1. Which form of content regulation, Proposal 1 or Proposal 2, do you feel is better? Why?
 - a. Proposal 1
 - b. Because no one should be prevented from posting, saying or expressing what they want to say/post/express.
2. Which form of content regulation, Proposal 1 or Proposal 2, do you think best preserves or promotes the [five rights and opportunities necessary for a democratic public sphere](#)?
 - a. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Rights? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1
 - ii. It's giving the liberty of expression to all & nearly help to criticize & hold accountable those who exercise power.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1
 - ii. It gives a no censorship scheme and the right to participate in the public discussion.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1
 - ii. It gives equal access to the information.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1
 - ii. It gives an equal chance to hear & acquire information of a wide range of diverse views, so hearing a variety of opinions and ideas helps more in decision making.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1
 - ii. It gives the equal opportunity to explore and know each other's interests & ideas that may develop new concerns through this association.