

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. I feel that Proposal 1 is better as there is no censorship, users are still given the freedom to post what they want.
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 best preserves Rights, such as right to expressive liberty, as the user would not be censored.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 best promotes Opportunity for Expression as the user is free of censorship and has a fair opportunity to participate in public discussion.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 best promotes Access as the user would be more likely to have good and equal access to quality and reliable information on public matters.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 best promotes Diversity as the user would be more likely to have good and equal chances to hear a wide range of views.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 best promotes Communicative Power as the user would be more likely to have good and equal chances to explore interests and ideas in association with others, and through these associations, develop new concerns that challenge the mainstream view.