

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. Proposal 2 would stop any post that could not be confirmed true.
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. Proposal 2 would censor people.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. 1 allows people to discuss about the topics in said fake news and 2 does not.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. 2 restricts information for people to inquire about.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. 2 restricts diversity.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. 2 restricts chance to explore interests and idea's.