

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 is better. But proposal 1 has its negatives, even if you flag the fake news or put warnings that this post is fake there will be many that will ignore these warnings or won't even notice them. Thus removing fake news all together would be better in this case but there is also a positive side. If we go with Proposal 1 many people will also realize that not all news they hear is true and there are a lot of fake news. So at the end Proposal 1 is better.
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. Since everyone has the right to post something, it's up to the reader weather to believe it or not / trust this post or not.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. Again because everyone must have the freedom of expression even if it was fake its up to the reader to not trust every news source. It will make the reader more aware of the info available online.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Definitely Proposal 1. Since you will be able to Access fake news as well. For whatever reason you want that. Maybe for research purposes.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. You will be able to see the Diversity of people and their way of thinking. Posting fake news tells something about who you are.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. You will be able to see the good and the bad in people and be able to communicate better.