

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. According to me First proposal is the better one as one cannot eliminate the human subjectivity in these verification process. A flag can be effective in giving out a disclaimer.
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. First one, since your right to communication or opinion isn't curbed. Even though one's opinion might be flagged, he still can make it be heard.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. First one, because whoever they might be, everyone should have equal say in society. That's the essence of democracy
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. First one, because we aren't withholding any information from public
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. First one, since we have no restriction as to which content to view. We can introduce ourselves to a wide variety of perspectives of people from diverse backgrounds.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. First one, Each person has equal rights and should have equal opportunity to make his ideas or opinions known. No one should be denied.