

# 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 would more likely tend towards the proposal 1 as it is always a hard task to constantly filter out the fake news these day might as well make the people more willing to make conscious decisions when accessing information, just like we did with the smoking; we will warn you but you have the right to access to it in this market.
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. The proposal 1 preserves rights overall but care should be taken that the reach of social media and fake news can be catastrophic for societies and their harmony if utilized maliciously.
  - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1 preserves and promotes the opportunity of expression as it is not strictly regulative as the latter one and thus allows people to voice their opinions more freely.
  - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
    - i. Proposal 2 promotes access to news and information that isn't censored or sometimes can be unchecked
  - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
    - i. Proposal 2 best preserves diversity, diversity of opinions and views and voice for all other races and religions that may be agreed upon by others.
  - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
    - i. Proposal 2 best preserves communicative power as it allows people to voice their views on institutions more clearly and freely without the fear of censorship and regulations.