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 think Proposal 1 is better. Proposal 1 warns users about fake news before they post them. So users might not post those news after seeing why the news is fake. And even if they post fake news they will be responsible for that. But in Proposal 2 user's opinions are being silenced without warning them.
- 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. I think Proposal 1 promotes Rights because anyone is free to post anything.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - I think Proposal 1 promotes Opportunity for Expression because users are free and responsible for the information they share. They can express themselves to the rest of the world without worrying that their opinion will be silenced.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. I think Proposal 1 promotes Access because users will be able to get any sort of information and they will be able to decide which information is valid and which is not.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. I think Proposal 1 best preserves or promotes Diversity because it enables users to see a lot of different posts with different views.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - I think Proposal 1 best preserves or promotes Communicative Power because users can collectively discuss any news anyone shares and can understand if any information is wrong or not.