

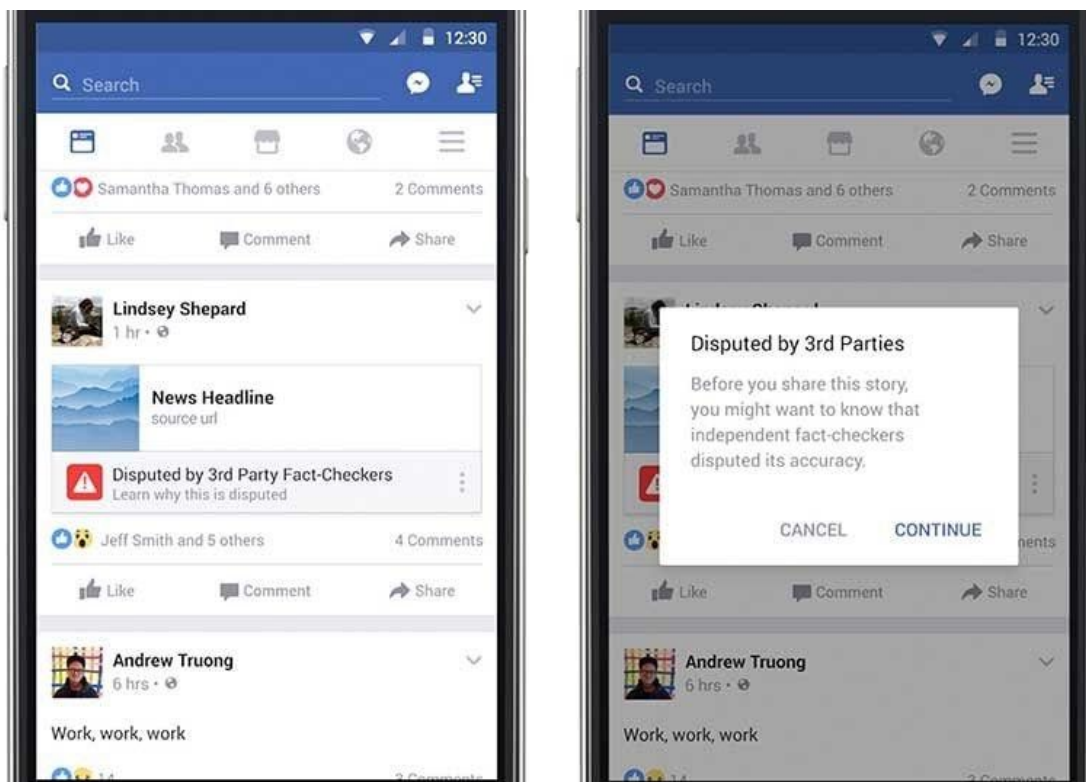
Facebook and Fake News

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 2. I believe that the elimination of fake news is the correct decision. Proposal 1 would be too confusing, and only exacerbate the fake news epidemic. Fake news is different than news one disagrees with, and because of this, Proposal 2 still supports and allows diverse viewpoints.
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. It allows for anyone and everyone to communicate and share what they wish.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. It allows for anyone and everyone to comment on the matters they are interested in and express their opinion.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2. This Proposal eliminates most fake news, allowing access to reliable information, and reducing access to false information.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2. Fake news comes from all political sides. There is already a diverse range of opinions, and Proposal 2 merely eliminates false information, not differing viewpoints
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2. Citizens can explore interests and ideas with correct, informative information, rather than false statistics and events.