# 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, because the responsibility should be of the person how decides to share or don't.
- 2. Which form of content regulation, Proposal 1 or Proposal 2, do you think best preserves or promotes the <u>five rights and opportunities necessary for a democratic public sphere?</u>
  - a. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Rights? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1, because it does not censure content.
  - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1, because you the decision to share or not is yours.
  - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
    - I think both promote access because none of them is deleting the post.
  - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1, there are as many ways of thinking as people on the planet so if you want to share fake news you should be in the right to do so.
  - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1, because it does not take the ability from you to share.