

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 believe Proposal 1 is the best one because we cannot deny users to express themselves in the way they want. We cannot violate their freedom of speech at any moment. Thus, Proposal 1 attempts to eliminate the spread of Fake News while it allows people to exercise their freedom of speech.
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, because in Proposal 2 their freedom of speech is censored.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Both, Proposal 1 and 2. Both fulfill Opportunity for Expression in a way that everyone can express themselves regardless of their race or condition.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, since in Proposal 2 the access to some information is not allowed to a certain group of individuals due to the regulation of such content.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Also Proposal 1, since in Proposal 2 the access to some specific information is contained and not available to a certain group of individuals due to the regulation of such content.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Once again, Proposal 1. Proposal 2 regulates “fake-news” and thus that information does not allow that idea of exploration and exchange of different information.