

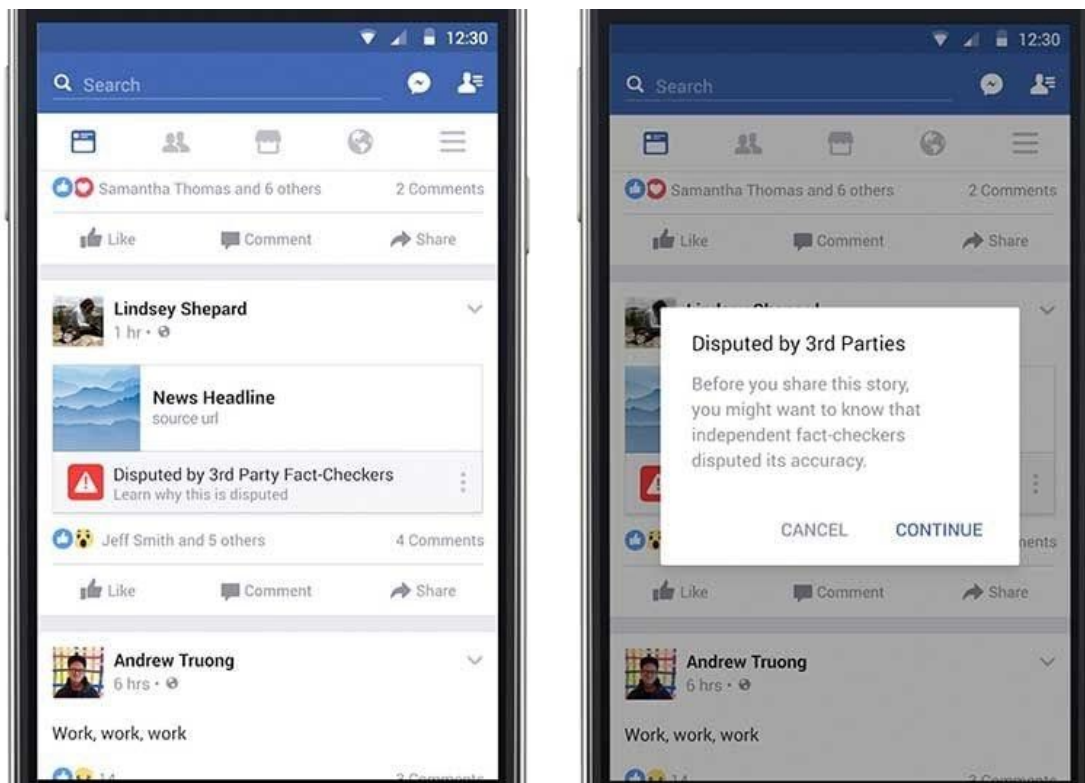
Facebook and Fake News

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, Proposal 2 violates free speech by removing users' freedom to post whatever they want.
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, Proposal 2 violates free speech by removing users' freedom to post whatever they want.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, Proposal 2 violates free speech by removing users' freedom to post whatever they want. If Proposal 2's system is abused then content could be wrongfully removed as we have seen with the copyright system on YouTube.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, Proposal 2 leaves less content to be accessed and restricts the content users' can choose to access.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, Proposal 2 removes more content leading to less diversity especially if the system is abused. If Proposal 1's system is abused content may be viewed less but at least it is still available.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, though Proposal 1 could also lead to bias and manipulation, Proposal 2 would cause much more bias and manipulation if both systems are similarly abused. Proposal 2, as previously stated, violates freedom of speech completely making it detrimental to communicative power by limiting the spreading of new ideas.