

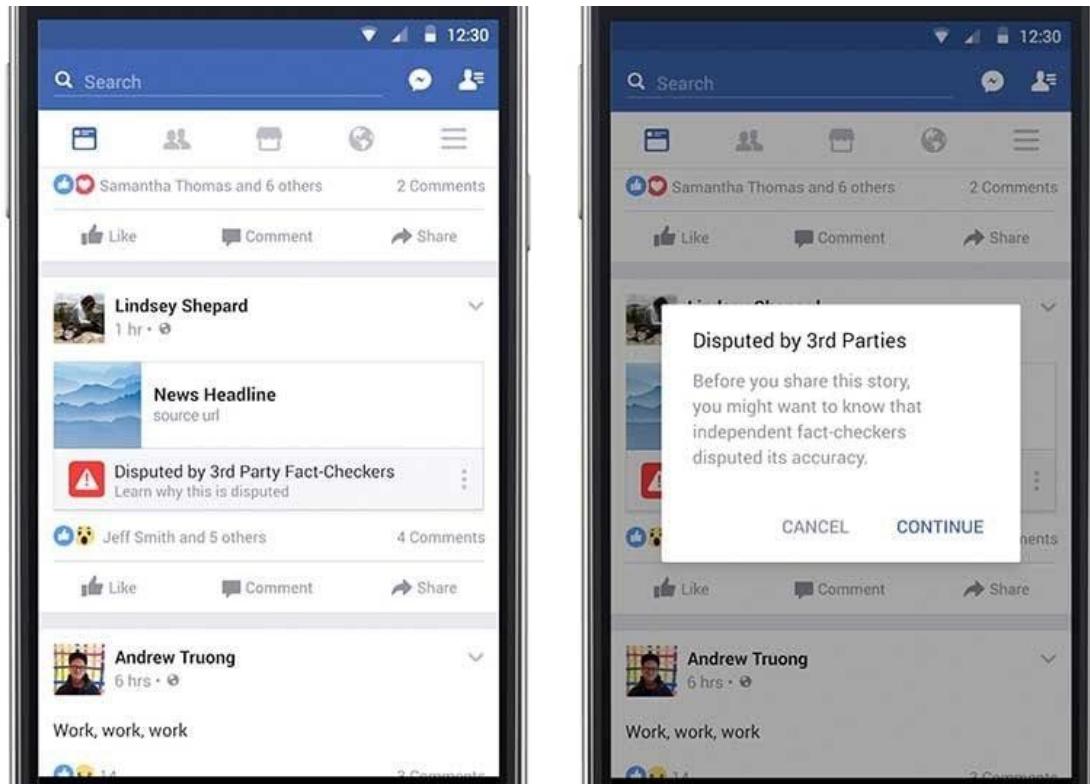
# Facebook and Fake News

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 is better. Proposal 2 can stop fake news from spreading out and misleading people.
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. People have the rights to generate information and express their opinions despite some being untrue and inappropriate. We cannot stop people from generating false information. However, we can stamp fake news. In this way, we can trace back to the source that generates the original fake news.
  - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. People have rights to express their opinion.
  - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. People can access all the available information online before fake information is filtered out.
  - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. People posting news can have diverse opinions. People reading news can also see different perspectives from others.
  - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. We should give people power to express what they want to say so that people can hear new thoughts they might never have heard or thought about.