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 think Proposal 1 is better than the second one. Assuming that all posts will be checked by a third party organisation can be dangerous. Proposal 2 could violate the "rights" and "opportunity for expression" of the democratic public sphere.
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 enables the people to bring their ideas into conversation with one another. Also they are able to criticize and hold accountable those who exercise power.
   b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
      i. Proposal 1. It gives people the possibility to participate in public discussions.
   c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
      i. Proposal 1, because it follows the rule that each person should have access to good and reliable information on public matters.
   d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
      i. Proposal 1. This gives each person access to hear a wide range of views on issues of public concerns.
   e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
      i. Proposal 1. It gives people the chance to participate in discussions of different views.