Facebook and Fake News

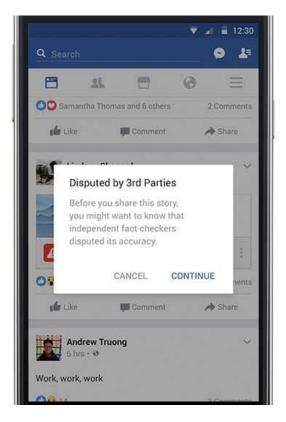
Consider each of the below proposals, and fill in each of the below TODOs.

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, but not 100%, I feel that third-party can take a final decision based on their own interests, making a regulatory control of information choosing what can be good in their view.
 How they can define the truth? And if, there's something that this 3rd party does not agree with? How to confirm that their decisions are not emotional and opinionated?
- 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 this alerts the user before he takes an action, this can be very useful in cases like notices that can change their lives.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. With this badge in news proposed by item 1 we can deliver the decisions for users, this is freedom. No one knows what is good for a person.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, allows the user to choose what he wants to read/see on their own.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Any type of regulation it's a risk for diversity. Who guarantees that the "fact-checkers" will not kill diversity? It's a very sensitive area. But, with these 2 options, I think proposal 1 is better because again we drive the decision to the user, he needs to choose what is better for him. Diversity means free access without segregation.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. No proposal provides this, communicative power walks together with freedom, I know freedom has its costs, like fake news creating a huge problem. But communication power needs to flow freely to hit all sides of society. Imagine if the internet is "controlled" in some way with a regulatory decision.