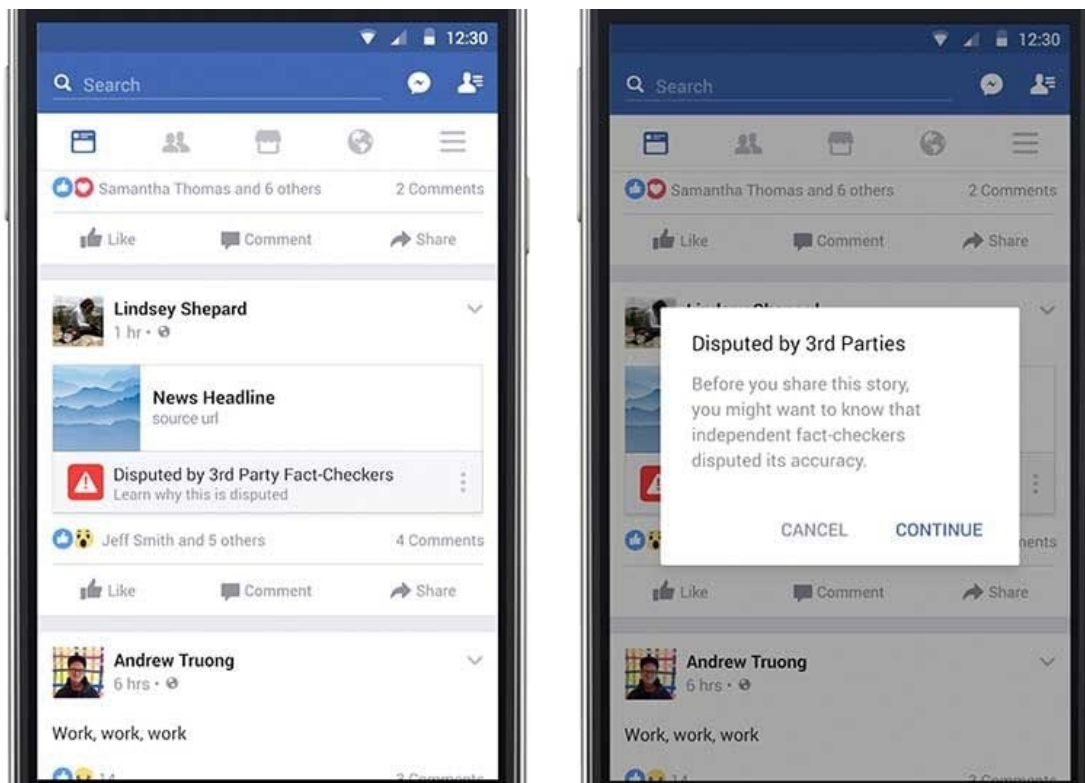# Facebook and Fake News

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, If the news is verified and found to be false, there is no reason to continue spreading this news on social networks.

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 2. Because the right "allows citizens to talk to each other with their ideas and to criticize and hold accountable those who exercise power", then content that contains fake news is not configured as freedom of expression.

   b. **Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?**
      i. Proposal 2. Because when an individual spreads fake news, it damages the public debate, and such an individual must seek a reliable source of information for the good of all, and information is accessible to all.

   c. **Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?**
      i. Proposal 2. because "Every person should have adequate and equal access to quality and reliable information about public matters." therefore a person who spreads fake news undermines the spread of reliable information.

   d. **Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?**
      i. Proposal 2. Because having access to different points of view does not mean having access to fake news.

   e. **Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?**
      i. Proposal 2. Yes, different points of view should be listened to, but when that point of view is based on Fake news, it has to become invalid automatically.