

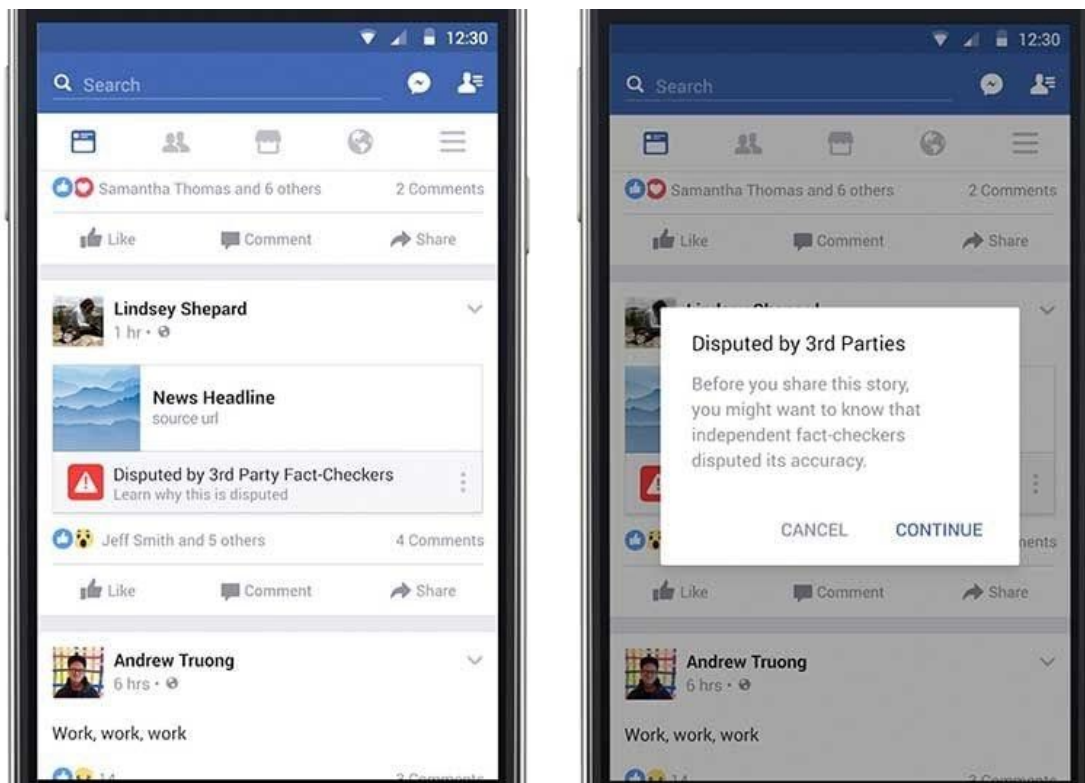
# Facebook and Fake News

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, because Proposal 2 does not follow the idea shared in the Regina Rini's Paper, which said that a great opportunity was to flag users that share news flagged by third-party fact-checkers frequently, divided in 3 different flag colours.
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. In order to give freedom of speech/liberty of expression to all users, one of the fundamental rights by constitution in the majority of the states where Facebook is used, Proposal 1 is the one. Because Proposal 2 aims to prevent the sharing of contents, which limits freedom of speech in some cases.
  - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. "Not only should we be free of censorship but we should have fair opportunity to participate in public discussion." This means that again Proposal 1 is the one, as even people with low level of education are granted with the rights mentioned above, even if they decide to share a flagged news people will know that news is flagged, thanks to facebook third party fact checkers.
  - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. "Each person should have good and equal access to quality and reliable information on public matters." This means that again Proposal 1 is the best, as with this Proposal people are granted to even know if a news is flagged as fake or not, their access to quality information will be better than some kind of newspaper that we see nowadays.
  - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. Because in this proposal sharing of flagged content is permitted, so there will be way more flagged content in an fictional scenario where Proposal 2 is implemented on an average Facebook homepage. This means in Proposal 1 Diversity of information is more.
  - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. As i can suppose, the previous question leads to this, again Proposal 1 is the answer. Because if there is more diversity, surely there will be good and equal chances to explore interest and idea with others, a wider range of interests and ideas that could be explored than Proposal 2 fictional scenario, you just have to ignore red flags in this case.