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 one, as proposal 2 would take away the ability to learn from each other. People would likely leave Facebook if all of their posts were removed, wrongly or rightly.
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 one, people are entitled to their own and opinions and should be able to express these.
   b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
      i. Proposal one, as number two hides peoples true opinions.
   c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
      i. Proposal one, gives everyone equal opportunity to post and each social circle can be involved.
   d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
      i. Proposal one, proposal two only promotes one agenda and no room for people to speak openly about their views and people from different backgrounds can have different opinions and experiences.
   e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
      i. Proposal one allows people to express how they feel, other people can then comment and argue in a friendly giving people the chance to learn.