

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 I feel like it is the most transparent method. If you hide things that are considered to be fake without letting people make their own decision It can break the trust between the user and the company. By giving people all the information the make a honest open decision if they choose is the honest and safest approach.
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 as you are not hiding any information whether it be true or fake. Everyone gets the rights to make their own decision based on the information they are given and they are also able to see whether the information they are reading is trustworthy.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 as you are not preventing user from seeing it. You are allowing the users to view all the content without censoring it. This giving them the opportunity to express their own opinion of the situation.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 as it gives people access to all information available while fact checking information that may be false. Ensuring the people that are less aware/educated in the area can step back and take a more cautious approach to the situation.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 as it gives the user access to all opinions rather than censoring one which are deemed to be potentially false.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 as it gives the user a chance to see other opinions that may be classed as fake but that doesn't mean it is 100 percent fake. The people deeming it as fake may be missing information or data that is unreleased/unknown to them. Leaving this information on the site by warning users still gives them the opportunities to make up their own mind.