

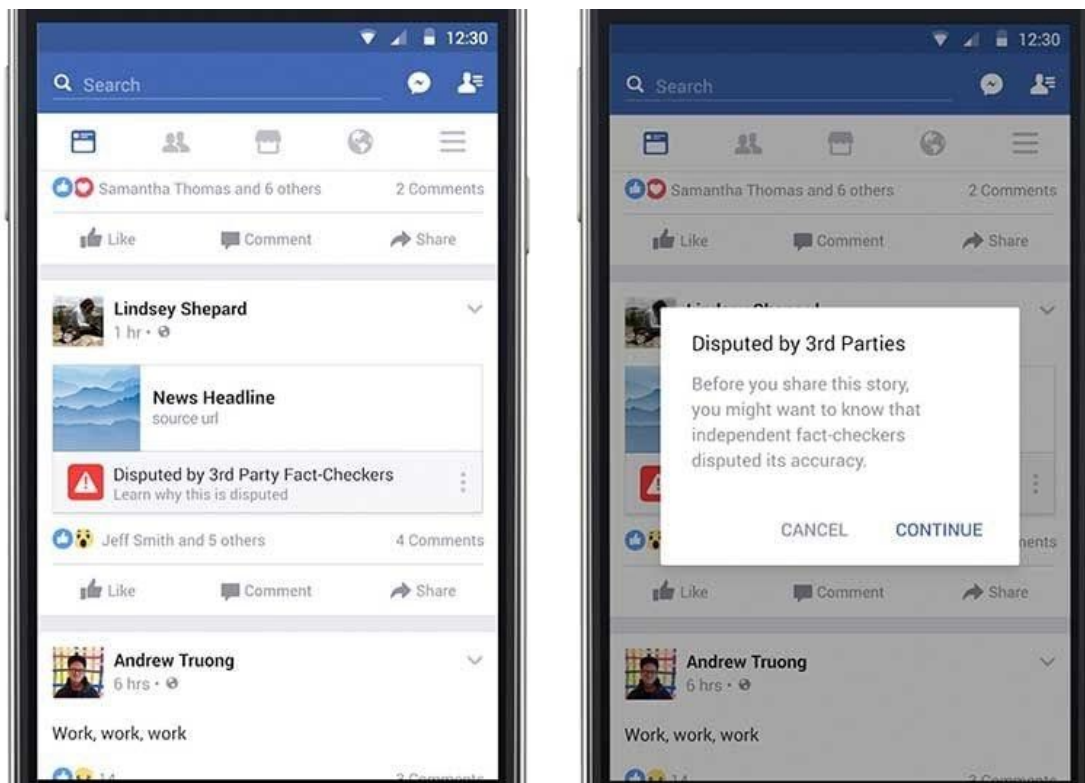
Facebook and Fake News

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. As much as I want to say that proposal 2 is better, I can't. I think ultimately proposal 1 is better. I would love to see misinformation and fake news go away so the gullible and lazy don't just believe everything that brushes against their eyeballs. The problem with proposal 2, and the reason I can't say it's the best, is that it restricts a form of free speech. And with that restriction, people are going to feel censored and that their first amendment rights are threatened. And one could argue that there is a group of people deciding what the public should be reading. With allowing the fake news to stay on the platform, yet be flagged as being disproved, you are putting the power in the hands of the reader to decide what they want to do with that information.
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. I think proposal 1 best preserves and promotes Rights because it doesn't suppress the right to expressive liberty through censorship, which I feel proposal 2 is doing. Proposal 1 is still allowing citizens to bring their ideas to the conversation.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Again proposal 1 best preserves the Opportunity for Expression because it is providing everyone the ability to participate in public discussion as completely censoring them would do.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Access gives everyone good and equal access to reliable information, while both proposals do that, proposal 1 at least leaves competing views in and posts that are proven to not be true are marked as such, which might arguably give more credit to the information that they do read that isn't marked as "disputed"
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 best preserves this because it leaves in a wider range of views that are being presented. Maybe someone reading a competing view, while maybe not accurate and labeled as such, would give the reader a deeper understanding of what the other side of the conversation believes and possibly why they believe that. That would promote a more diverse understanding of competing views and dare I say even deepen debate topics.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Lastly, proposal 1 best fits this because it provides the chance to explore other ideas and again provide a deeper understanding of why those views might be challenging the mainstream idea.