

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. In my opinion Proposal 1 is better. Using Proposal 1 we don't neglect any of the five rights and opportunities for a democratic public sphere.
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 preserves Rights, because this method doesn't treat the "problematic content" as something that should be out of the platform, but keeps it there with a note.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 preserves the Opportunity for Expression. I think not hushing somebody is not only good but also it is something that shouldn't be done.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2 promotes the Access right. A person should have a reliable source of information, and eliminating the unreliable ones would help in filtering them.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 preserves the Diversity right. It is doing it by not stopping some people from seeing and/or posting any content that would be(or not) questioned about its correctness.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1 promotes the Communicative Power right. If we use Proposal 2 when some information is published that is unknown by many of the public, we may find ourselves in a situation - shutting down posts that are correct, but unpopular. Proposal 1 provides an environment for branching different theses and thinking about something different from the mainstream.