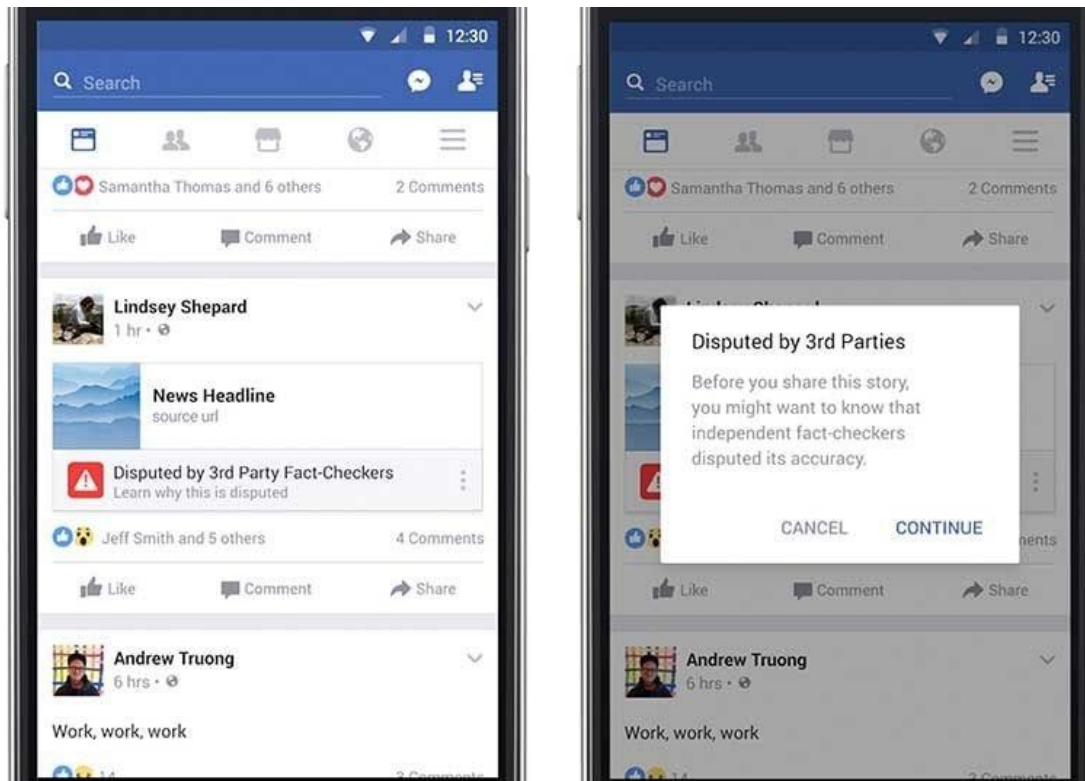# Facebook and Fake News

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. People should be able to assess information when presented with and not have some shady private company determine what is real and what is not. We should not aim at censoring but invest in education in math and science that empowers people.
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, since it informs but does not censor.
   b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
      i. Proposal 1, since it informs but does not censor.
   c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
      i. Proposal 1, since it does not delete posts.
   d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
      i. Proposal 1, since it informs but does not censor.
   e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
      i. Proposal 1, since it informs but does not censor.