

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
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. It ensures users have the right to express their views freely without being censored by the third-party fact-checkers or applications.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. All individuals have the equal opportunity to express their thoughts as the wealthy or powerful one unable to control the public by suppressing others.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. Through the proposal, the public could access and be informed on all points of views regarding public matters.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. The users could still publish their own views, and others could access with equal chances on those wide range of thoughts and thus interpreted.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. All individuals could access and communicate with other users with similar interests and ideas through an open and censorship-free platform.