

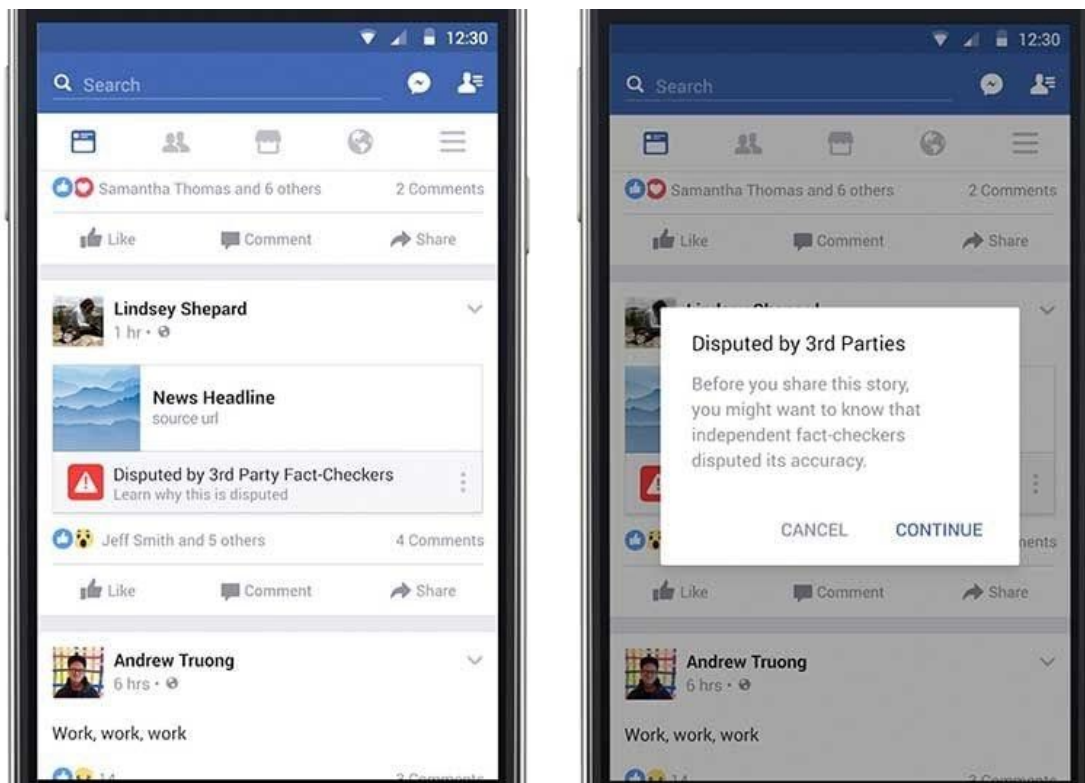
Facebook and Fake News

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. In Proposal 2, I feel like the solution flirts with censorship.
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. The other option could be an affront to liberties of expression and association, even if it's fake.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. Not only it informs that the content is fake, but allows other people to discuss it.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2. If the fake content is not there anymore, It becomes easier for the users to get quality and reliable information from that environment.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. If you maintain all the ideas, you're allowing everyone to see, think for themselves, connect with each other and etc. Which allows us to connect more and more to a 'snowball effect'.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. If every "wrong" idea is deleted, there is no progress anymore. In order to improve, people need to absorb ideas that go against what they believe. Like the coronavirus exemple during lecture 10, where the "wrong" idea about the disease turned out to be the right one, disseminated purely on the internet.