

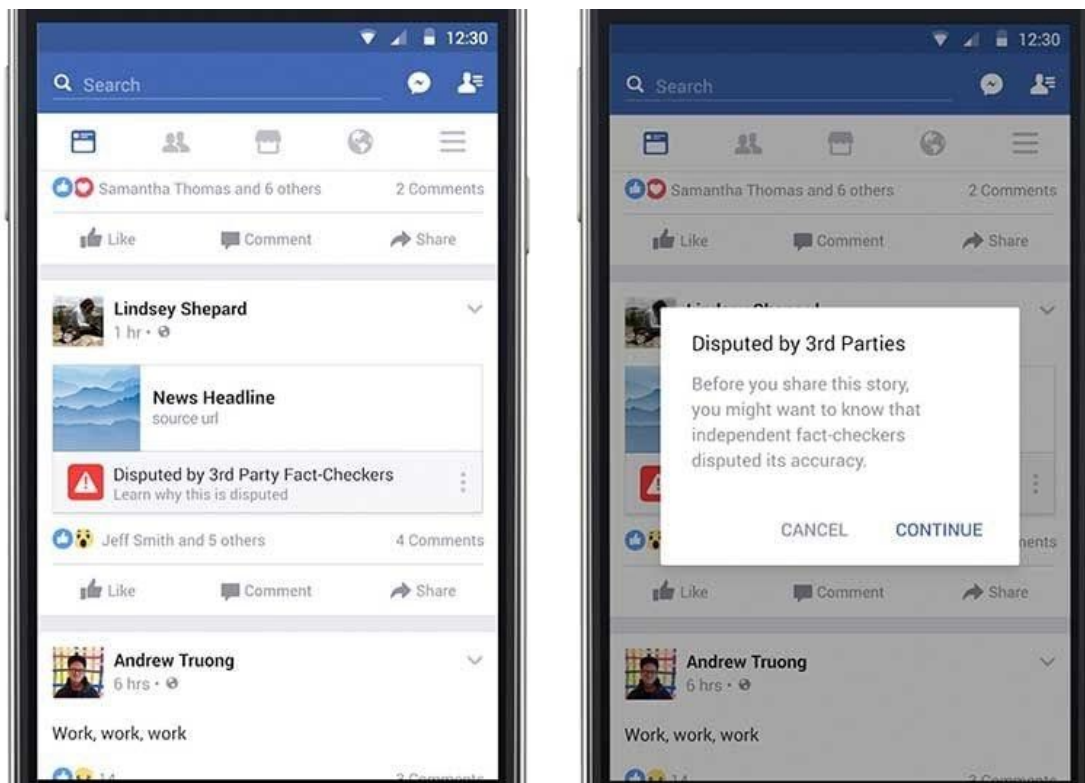
Facebook and Fake News

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. I believe that Proposal 1 is a better option, because I think that it is enough to inform people that some news is fake rather than take it down from the platform altogether.
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, because it only informs the user whether the information is fake and does not remove it from the platform.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because it allows all posts to be read regardless of their content, rather than remove a part of it
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because sometimes even there may be mistakes and something that is not fake news may be taken down, which in turn will strip the user of the ability to read it.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because if the third-party fact-checkers are biased then they can only flag something that they disagree with, unlike in proposal 2's case where they have the ability to remove the information from the platform.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. I believe that both Proposals do it equally,