

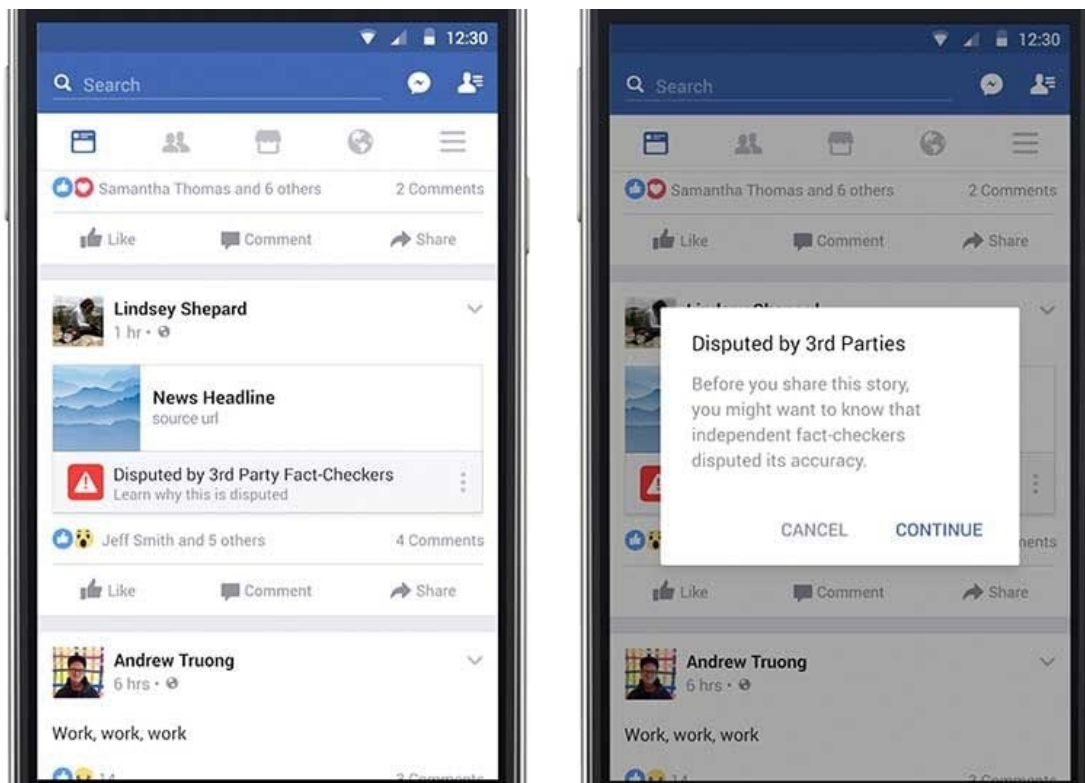
Facebook and Fake News

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 seems more fair to me. I think it is better because it allows the audience to form their own opinion on a given topic.
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. Rights are preserved by Proposal 1. Proposal 2 limits liberties of expression, mentioned in definition of Rights, by preventing people from sharing their opinions and ideas.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. Opportunity and Expression also mention freedom of censorship, so Proposal 2 is in opposition to this idea.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. It provides feedback from fact-checkers which allows users to pay attention to potentially misleading information instead of only thoughtlessly receiving it.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. Preventing controversial opinions from being shared is against the idea of access to competing views.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1. It allows people to discuss different views and by this discussion, to create associations between each other.