

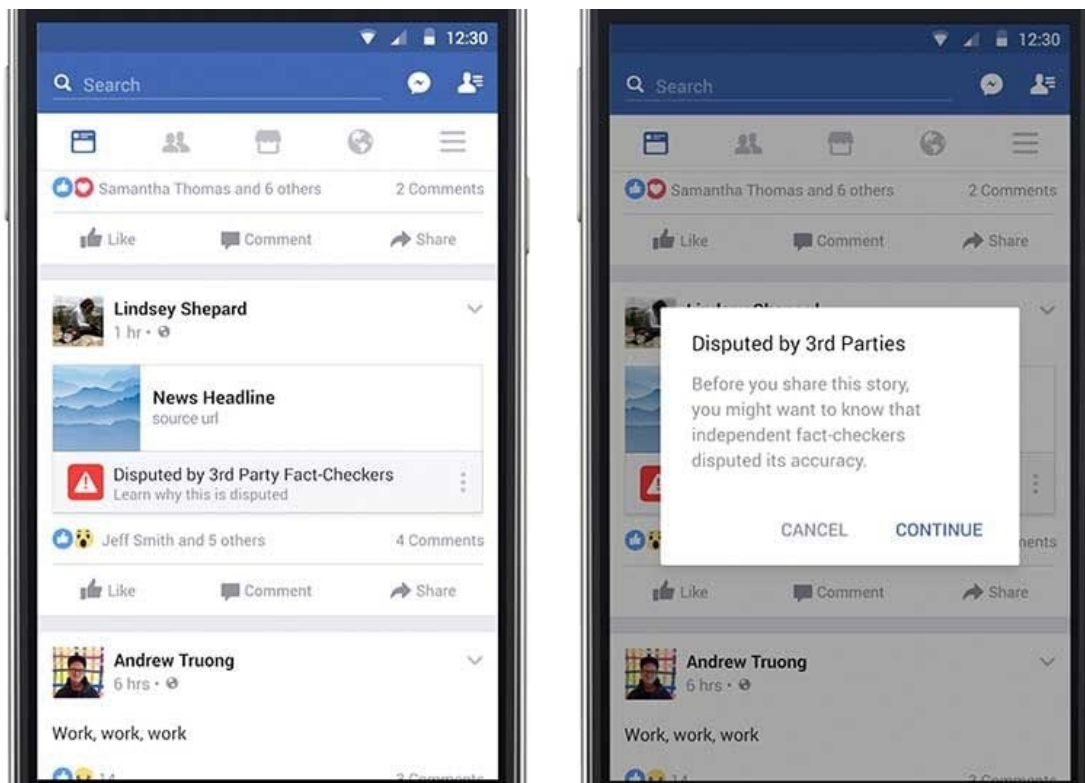
Facebook and Fake News

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 best preserves the five rights for a democratic public sphere as it guarantees rights of expression, diversity, and access for everyone. Every user can post whatever they want and other users have the right to access these posts, on other hand, Facebook guarantees that any fake news on the platform is flagged for everyone. I think this approach is better than content restriction.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1; because it enables users to share whatever they want.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1; enables users to access all news and views. It also guarantees that every user is informed if a piece of news is fake or not by red-flagging fake news.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1; the availability of fake news provides a diversity of opinions that helps users form a more accurate and clear point of view.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1; the presence of all news on the platform, including fake news, provides a fertile environment for communication and discussion about the ideas presented, which raises new concerns on the scene.