

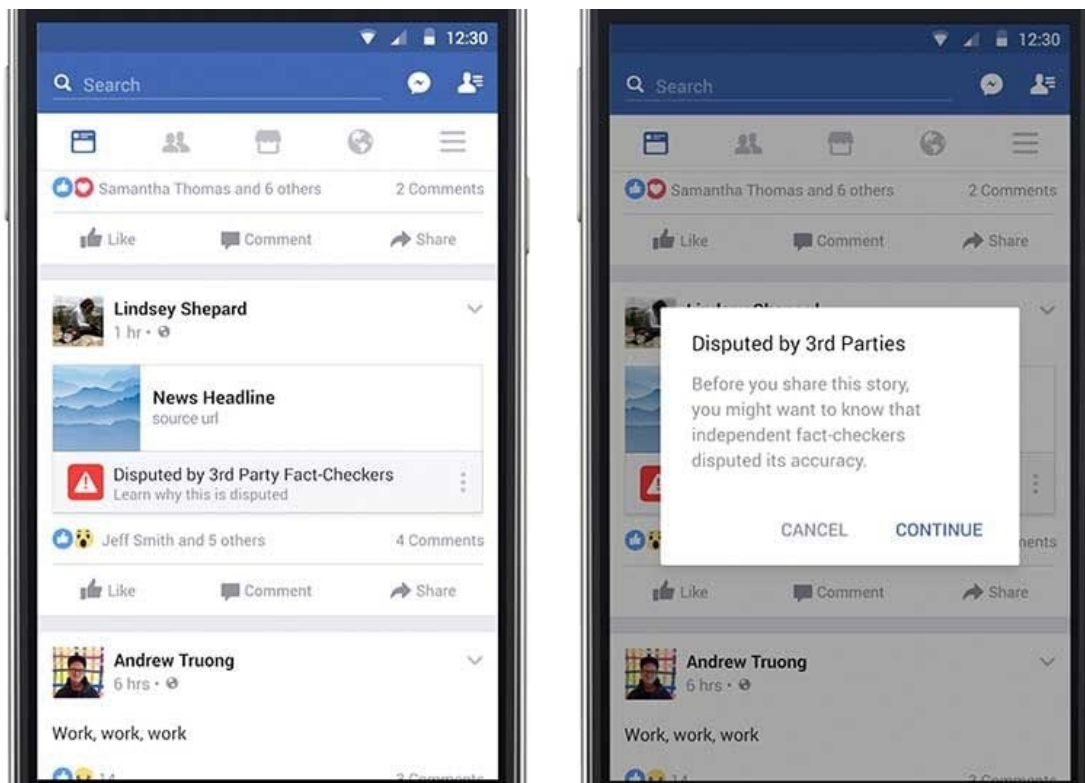
Facebook and Fake News

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 is the better in my opinion. I believe that people should be able to post whatever they would like however. I think the public should be notified in some way that the information in the post is incorrect. I also like the idea of the credibility colors. The only problem I foresee with either proposal is that people within the echochamber will not have trust in facebook and will dismiss the alert. However, for the general public i believe it would be beneficial.
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 people still have the right to discuss and post any text that they chose. To completely block them from posting would be to deny the informal pathe of democratic decision making.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Opportunity for expression means that every one has an equal chance to express their views on matters concerning any public issues. Proposal 2 would block some people from expressing their views there for Proposal 1 would be a better choice.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. I still believe Proposal 1 would be a better choice. Access just means that every person has the ability and access to get information on topics of public issues that are reliable. Every person with proposal one still has access to reliable information; they would only be alerted that the individual facebook post contains false information; it is then up to the individual person to seek out more accurate and truthful information. Maybe facebook could also have a page designed by the same fact checker that provided links to reliable information from all viewpoints and political sides regarding current topics of public interest. This way people had easier access to more reliable information on the given subject.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Because Diversity focuses on the individual's ability to easily access information from the other viewpoint I think proposal 1 is still best. Once again simply blocking people from posting fake news would take away a conflicting viewpoint. It is important to hear from conflicting viewpoints to understand not only the other side but your own beliefs.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Because the goal of Communicative Power is to provide a space for open conversation, mutual understanding proposal 1 is still the better choice. On these posts individuals would be able to find others who agree with them as well as those who disagree leading to conversations that can hopefully be productive. However, blocking certain posts would not allow for this conversation to occur.