

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 feel that Proposal 1 is better, because individual users in a big amount checking and verifying it makes it more reliable. I like to think about it the same way as I think about the bit coin open source code where the community helps reviewing the code and makes it more secure.
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 does not matter about our rights or not to say what we want on facebook for example, it is a private company, not a public space, where you can say whatever you want and do not expect that someone would care about it. Of course we need to certify that the juridic rights are all preserved, we can not justify an error with another.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because it does not prevent you to share something, it only prevents you from doing something wrong that might cause damage. A few weeks ago, facebook banned the president of Venezuela because he was promoting some kind of medicine to treat Covid, but without any statement or recommendation from the medical community, we can not even know what the damage could be if it was not rejected from the platform.
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because it does not private anyone.
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because it does not prevent any content from anyone.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
 - i. Proposal 1, because it allow you even if you post some fake news, to public it.