

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 one is better as in any democratic society, there should be the right to freedom of speech and proposal 2 contravenes this right. further more, it reduces the diversity on information which reduces the pool of information from which citizens can form their own point of view
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 - i. Proposal 1 preserves rights as it allows those who do not publish truthful information to still preserve their ability to do so.
 - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2 promotes opportunity for expression as those the wealthier folks or politicians might be more suited to spread disinformation, thereby crowding out the average citizen
 - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2 preserves access as it ensures the pool of information in the digital sphere is of high quality
 - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
 - i. Proposal 2 ensures better diversity of views as it reduces the amount of disinformation that might be a distraction away from truthful and honest points of views by citizens.
 - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
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