

# 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 Proposal 1 is better. I believe everyone has the freedom to have their own perceptions and judgements on things. People are allowed to follow whatever religion they choose, which in my opinion are mostly also inaccurate at this point due to everyone placing their own perceptions on retelling the stories to the point where what was the initial message has been diluted. In the same manner, anyone has the right to express themselves however they choose, even if it is wrong based on inaccurate facts, just like religion. Some might argue that can lead to separation and segregation, and in some cases violence, but the same can be said so of religion. If they choose to start adding those types of messages("Disputed by 3rd parties"), they should be fair across the board and do that for every message out there, including religious beliefs.
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](#)?enecccnfcelrhndngdheuluvuedhfcvduvfenklthtc
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  - a. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Rights? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1 since it will still allow people to express their beliefs how they choose.
  - b. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Opportunity for Expression? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1 because it's hard to keep track of how much censorship can be influenced by people of power for their own gains and benefits.
  - c. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Access? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1 will still give access to people for anything they want to access. You never know if any of the things being labeled as "disputed by 3rd party" are actually accurate.
  - d. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Diversity? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1. You can't have one without the other. There has always been and will always be a balance in the universe, good vs bad, positive vs negative ect. No matter how much you try to eliminate one side, it's always going to be there. Just like you can't divide a magnet into a north and south pole, every time you split it, both sides will be there.
  - e. Which proposal best preserves or promotes Communicative Power? Why?
    - i. Proposal 1, for all reasons stated in all of the above.