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Refined How-Might-We:

How might we provide a platform where people from different cultures and background can converse in a respectable manner if a disagreement between their point of views were to rise up?
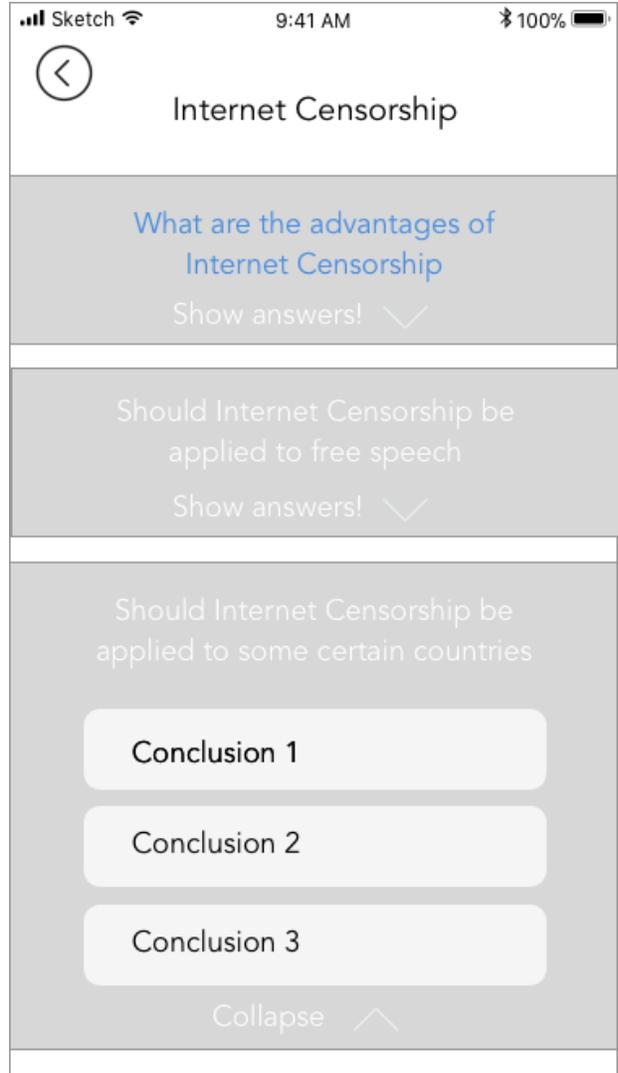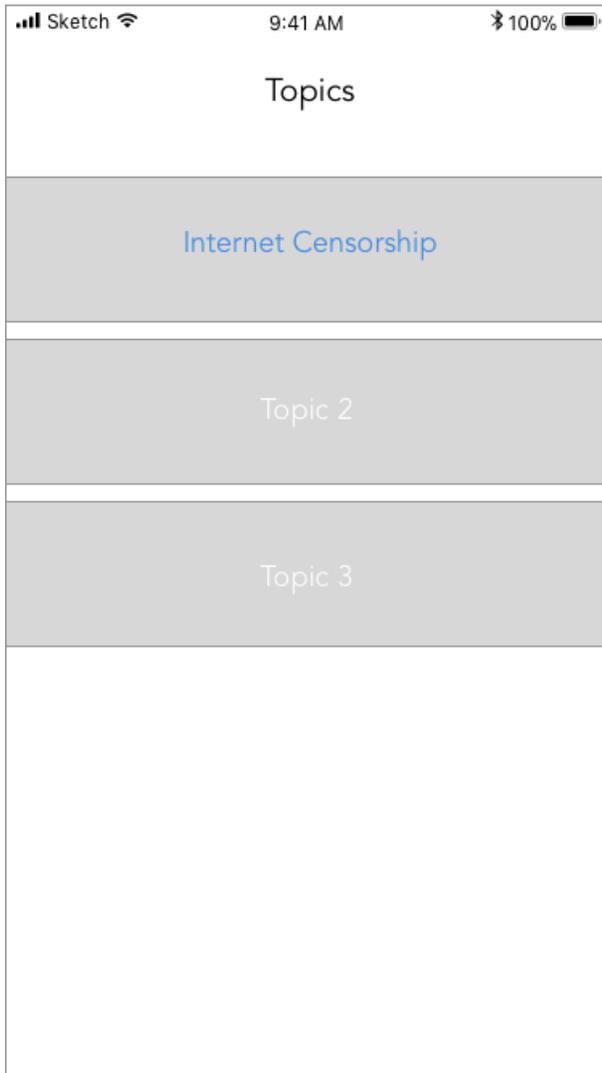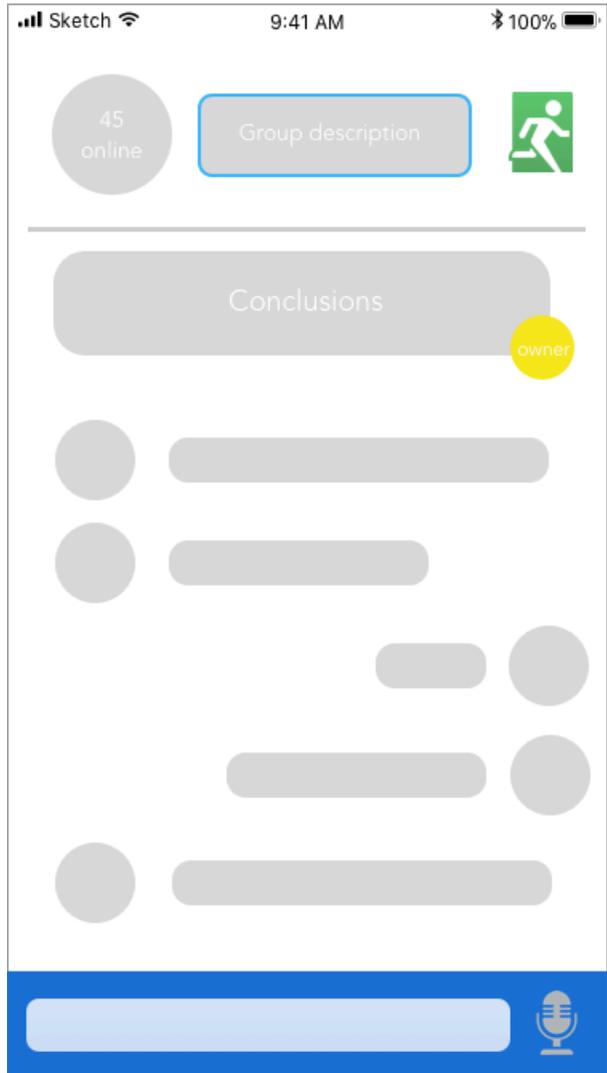

5 Dark Horse Ideas:

1. An anonymous chat platform with face and voice detection that detects the mood of the individual who is talking. This allows users to see what the speaker's current state of mood is. It's easier to avoid intense arguments if users are able to see the other individuals emotions so they they can change their behavior/tone.

2. In the app, there will be an option for people to choose to either support or go against the topic that they chose. Once selected a side, the user will placed in the respective group. Then there will be a selection of a random pair, which consist of one member from each side. They can then discuss and share their opinions with that person. The person whom the user talk to will have his/her background kept hidden at the point of conversation, so that there will be no judgement or bias. Afterward, the pairs will be shuffled so that each user on each side will get to share their ideas with a different user on the opposing side.

3. The app will have an approval rating for each user based on their previous rounds of debate. This approval rating will be from aggressive leaning to mediate/passive leaning. The application will then apply a "matchmaking" system based on users' attributes like "aggressiveness", to combine individuals who are more aggressive based on their records to someone who is more mediating and passive. This way it will prevent heated conflicts as there will be always be another individual who can mediate the discussion.

4. In the app, there will topics where each one will have a list of questions. People who have the similar standing will discuss and come up with a common/unanimous answer (i.e grouping in the same chat room). Ideally, if there are >= 2 standings, answers will be clustered in a way that distinct answers will stand out from each other. The final goal is not to come up with a debate winner, just to list up very distinct opinions. This greatly helps sort and group up different opinions into one.

5. Implement an "instant reaction" feature. When the chat/debate is live, once any participant make an argument, the others can show instant reactions to the current argument ---- e.g, users like, dislike, feel angry about, or stay neutral towards the argument. It will be easier for the mediator to see what people react to each other and make better judgment to control the debate.

Darkhorse Prototype:

We picked number 4 as our prototype idea, it avoids the most common debate (having a positive and negative side) and it's hard to get a common ground. By using groups and polls we allow users to get a common idea through voting. It also doesn't create a winner or a loser, it instead just creates an argument that can be continued further based on user input.

Topics

Internet Censorship

Topic 2

Topic 3

Internet Censorship

What are the advantages of Internet Censorship
Show answers! ⌄

Should Internet Censorship be applied to free speech
Show answers! ⌄

Should Internet Censorship be applied to some certain countries

Conclusion 1

Conclusion 2

Conclusion 3

Collapse ⌃

Select a group

What are the advantages of Internet Censorship

45 | Group description | Join

15 | Group description | Join

25 | Group description | Join

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Conclusions

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What are the advantages of Internet Censorship

Group description & conclusions

126 likes 24 dislikes

Group description & conclusions

75 likes 36 dislikes

Group description & conclusions