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# Legal Strategies for Combating Fake News and Misinformation

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The research question is implicitly clear but could be explicitly stated early in the introduction. Doing so would guide the reader through the paper with a clearer understanding of the study's objectives.

The paper is well-structured, but there are sections, especially in the discussion about Legal Frameworks and the Role of Digital Platforms, where the transition between subcategories could be smoother. Introducing brief summaries or transitional sentences at the end of each subcategory could enhance coherence.

While the literature review is comprehensive, incorporating recent studies that contrast or further support your findings could enrich the context. Specifically, expanding on the role of digital literacy in mitigating misinformation's effects would be beneficial.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the document.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The conclusion provides general recommendations for policymakers and platform operators. Making these recommendations more specific, possibly by suggesting concrete steps or examples of successful strategies, would enhance the paper's applicability.

The discussion effectively connects the study's findings with existing literature. Further illustrating these connections with direct examples from the interviews could enrich the narrative, showing how theoretical concepts play out in real-world applications.

The paper benefits from a solid literature review but could be strengthened by addressing potential counterarguments or limitations found in the referenced studies. This would present a more balanced view and highlight the study's contribution to ongoing debates.

While the methodology is clearly described, elaborating on the selection process for the semi-structured interview questions could increase transparency. Detailing how these questions were developed or adapted based on pilot interviews or expert feedback would add depth to the research design.

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## 2. Revised

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