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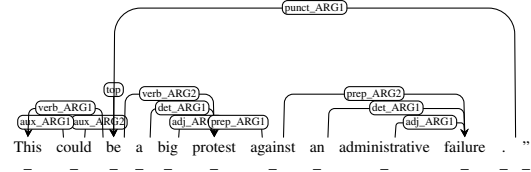
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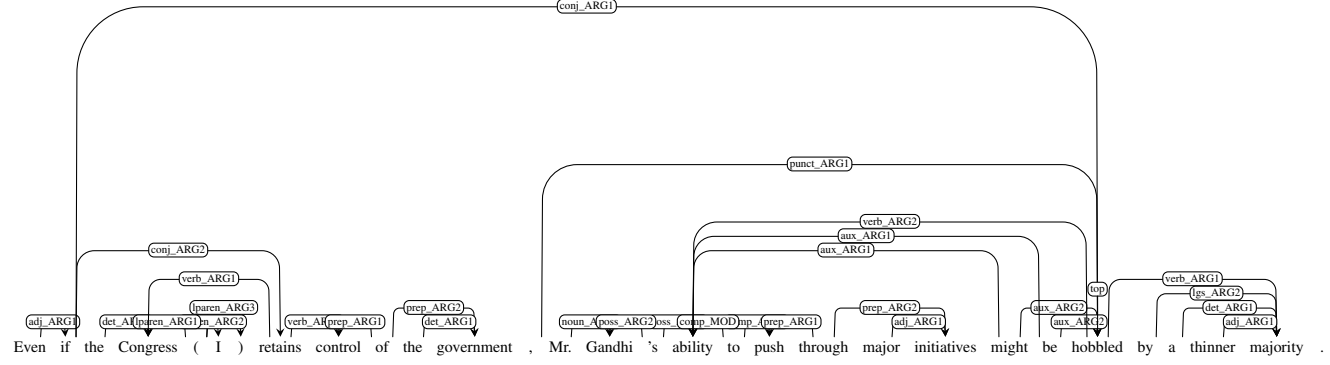
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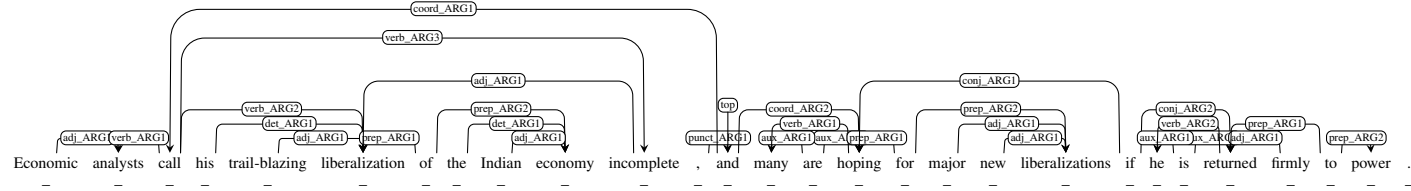
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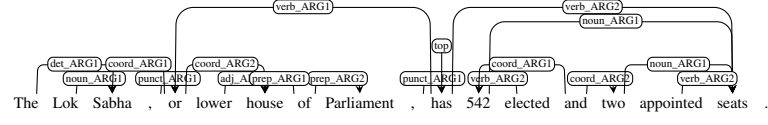
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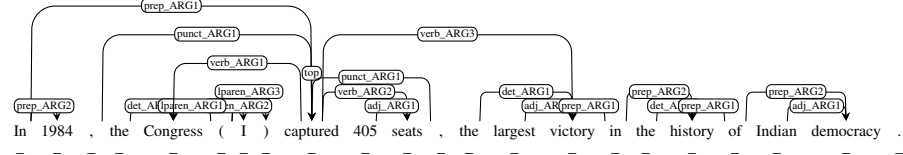
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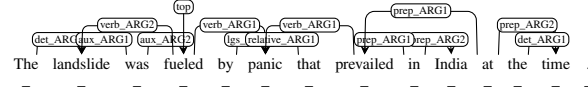
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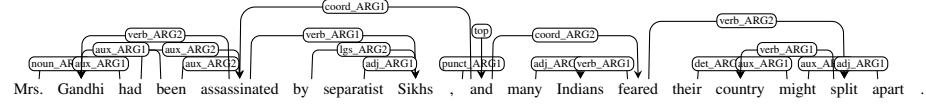
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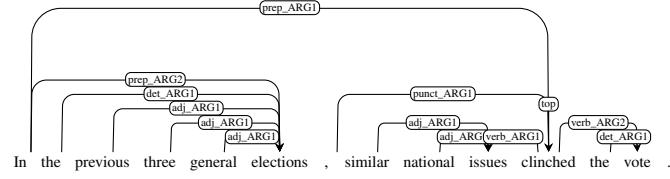
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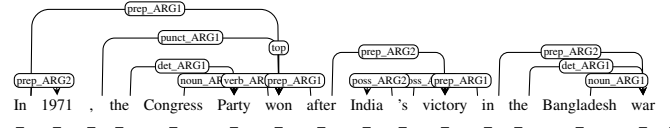
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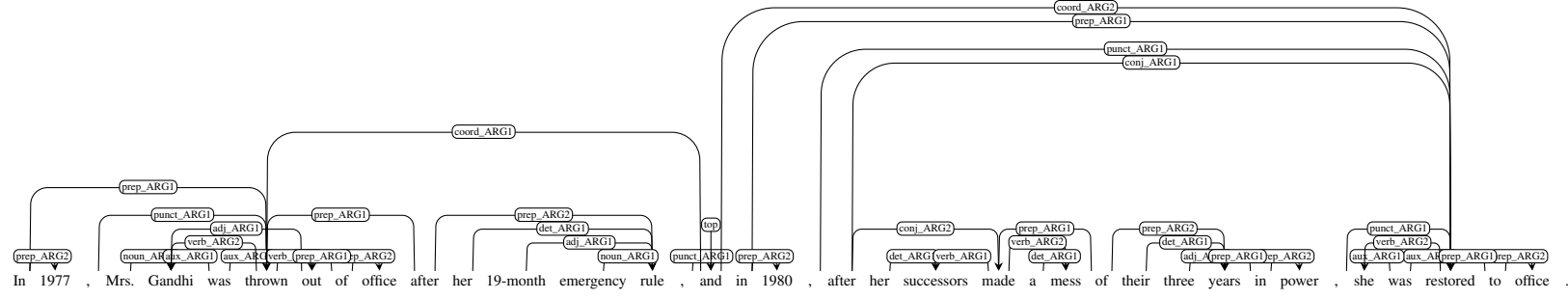
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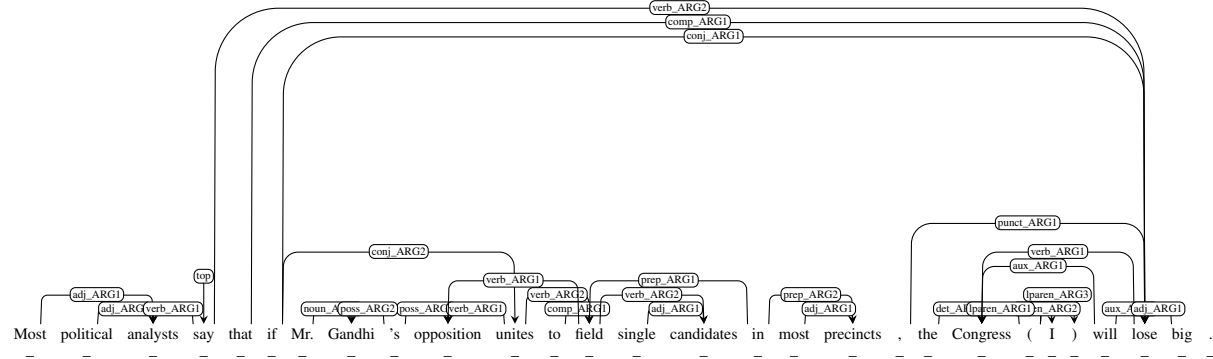
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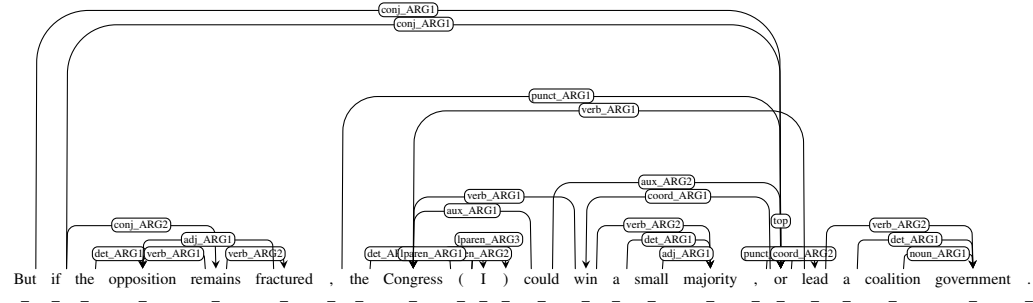
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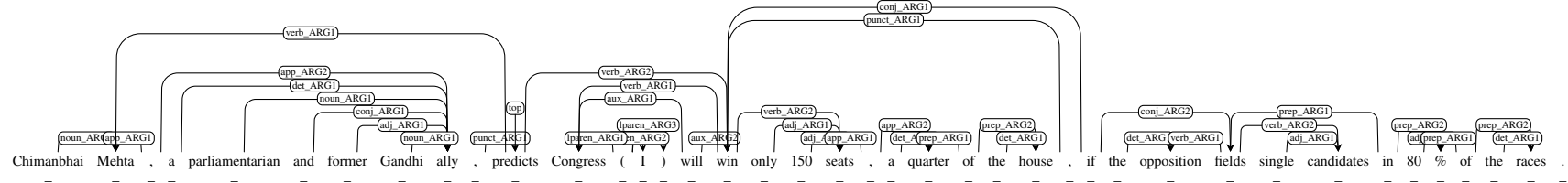
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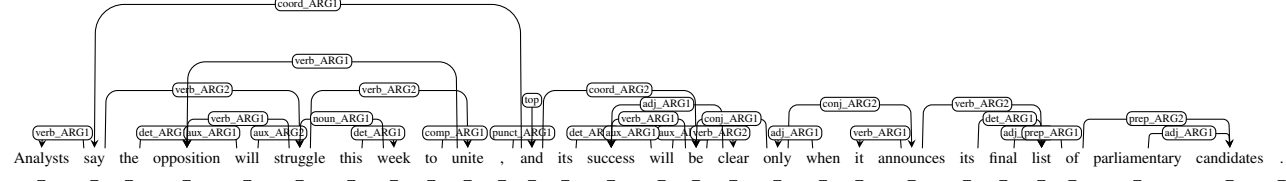
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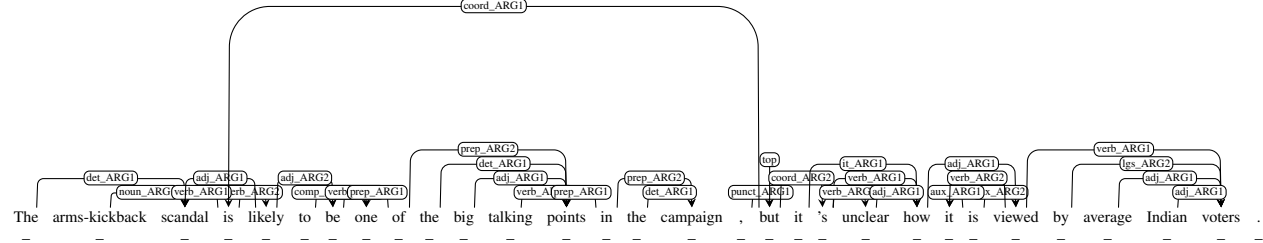
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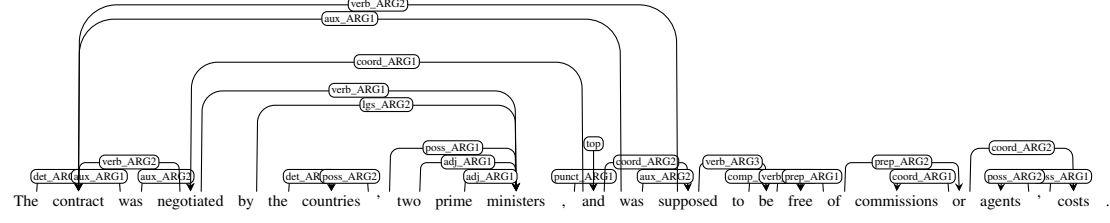
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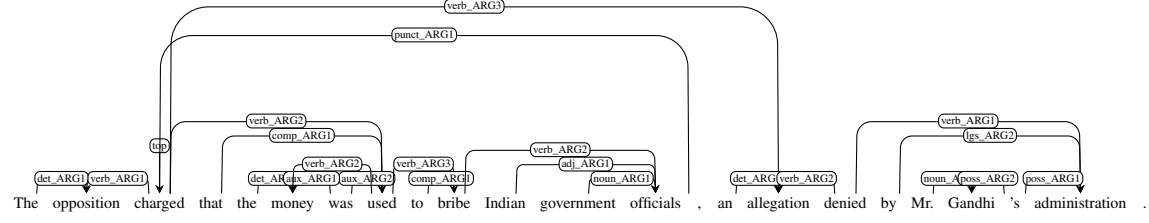
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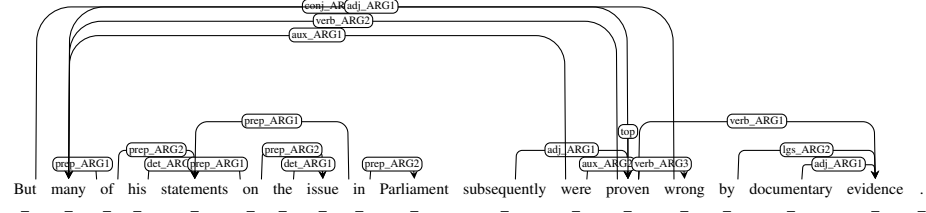
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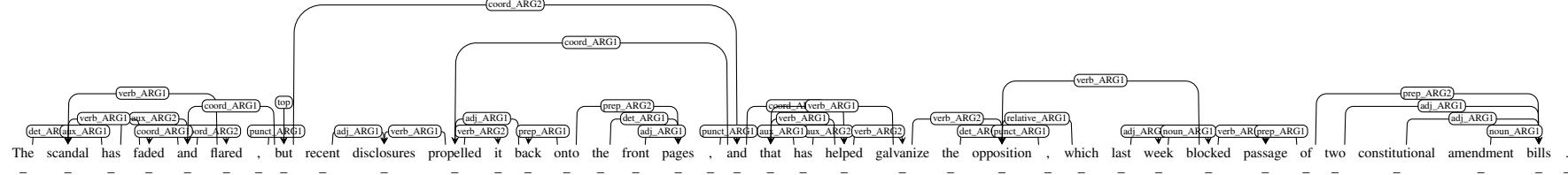
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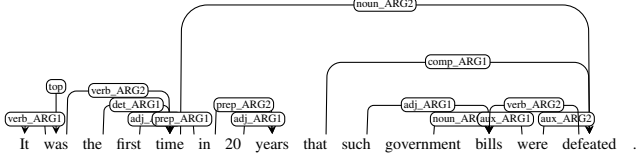
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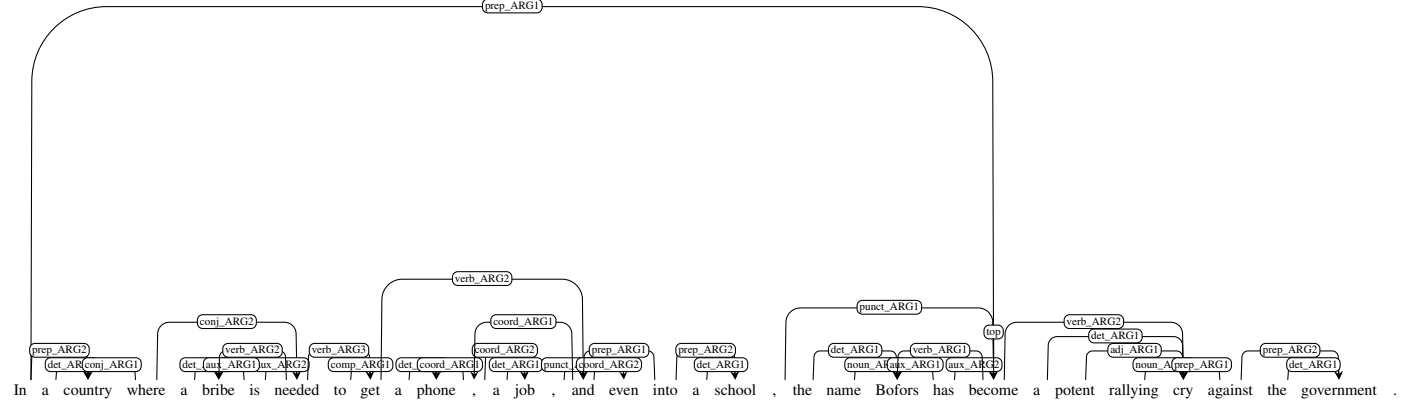
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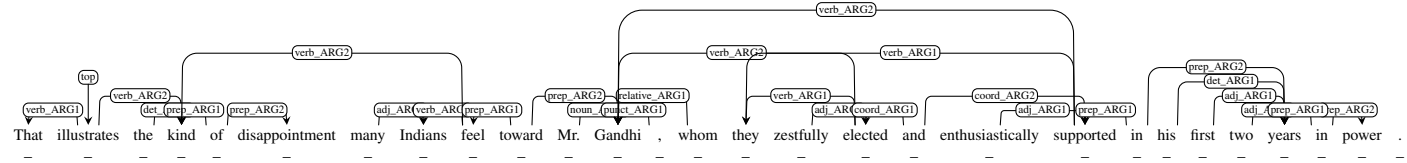
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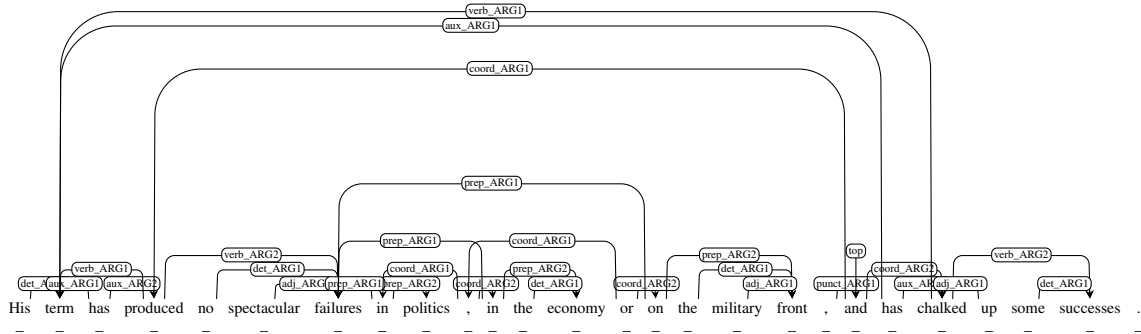
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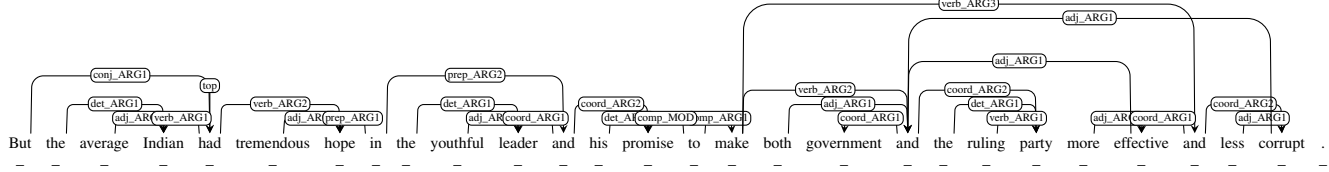
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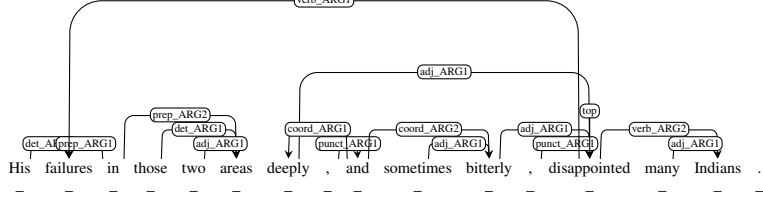
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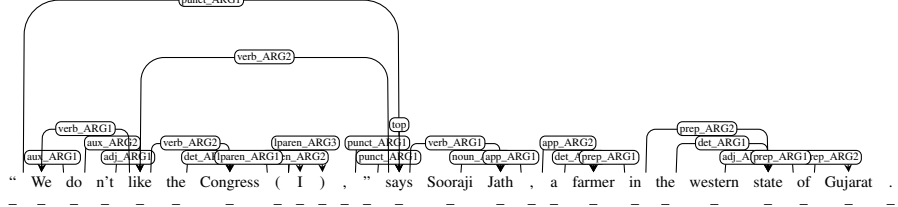
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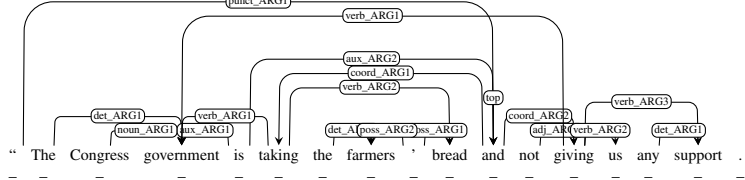
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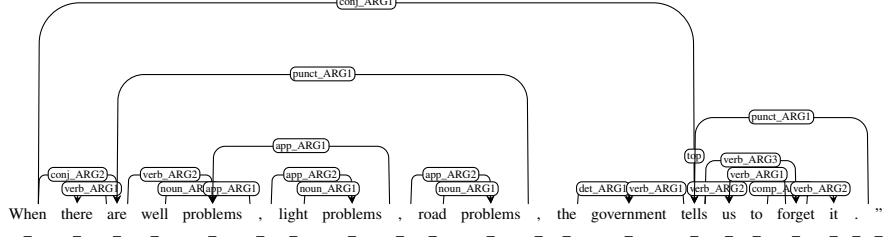
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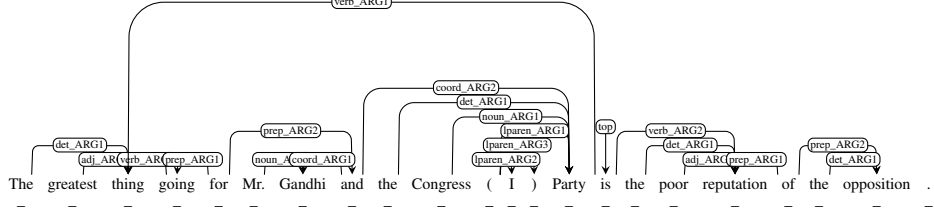
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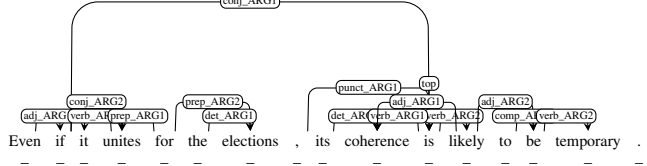
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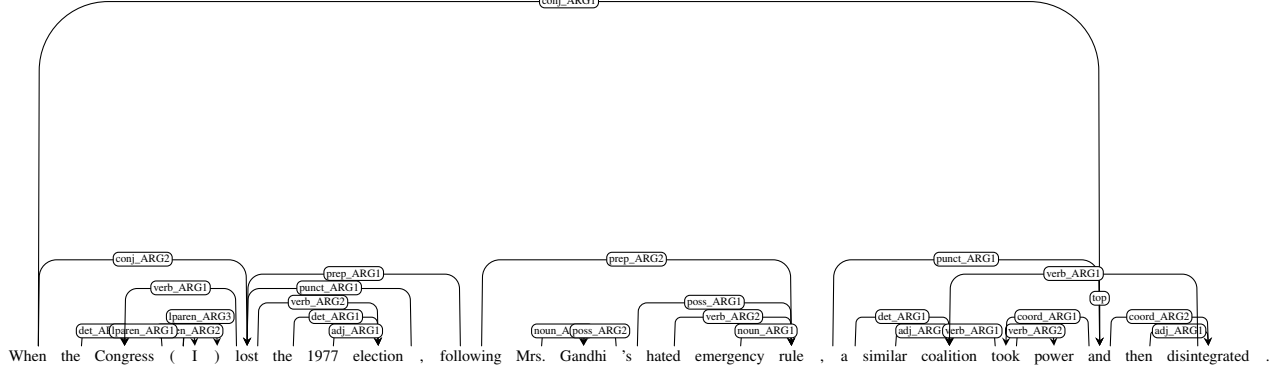
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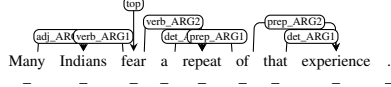
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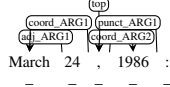
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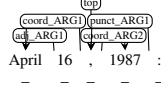
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Swedish National Radio reports that about \$ 40 million - nearly 3 % of the total contract - was paid by Bofors as commissions to middlemen .

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June 1 , 1987 :

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Sweden 's National Audit Bureau releases its report confirming payment of about \$ 40 million to unidentified Indians .

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The report says that investigations were severely hampered by lack of cooperation from Bofors .

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Bofors says it ca n't disclose the names of the middlemen because it would jeopardize industrial confidentiality .

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Aug. 6 , 1987 :

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That is the truth . "

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Aug. 26 , 1987 :

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Bofors admits payments of \$ 41 million to middlemen .

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April 22 , 1988 :

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The Hindu newspaper publishes facsimiles of bank documents for foreign-exchange remittances and letters between Bofors and certain private companies related to the sale of the guns to India .

[22041068]

April 26 , 1988 :

[22041069]

A parliamentary investigative committee dominated by the Congress (I) Party concludes that there were no middlemen in the deal and no payment to any Indian individual or company .

[22041070]

July 18 , 1989 :

[22041071]

The comptroller and auditor-general of India reports serious lapses in the government 's technical and financial evaluation of the Bofors deal .

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Sept. 15 , 1989 :

[22041073]

Retired army Chief of Staff Krishnaswami Sundarji discloses in an interview that he suggested in May 1987 that the government cancel the Bofors contract .

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According to Gen. Sundarji , that would have forced Bofors to disclose the names of the middlemen who received kickbacks from the company .

His recommendation was rejected by the government .

The Hindu newspaper publishes the withheld portion of the Swedish National Audit Bureau's report.

The disclosures state that commissions were paid by Bofors to an Indian agent of the arms company.