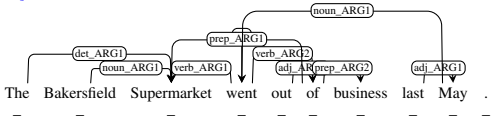


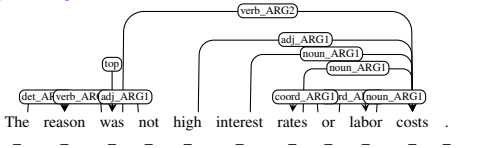
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[21450001]



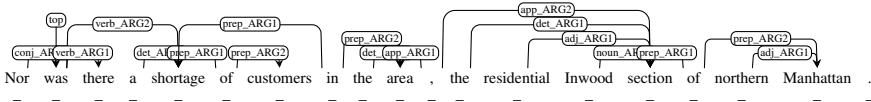
The Bakersfield Supermarket went out of business last May .

[21450002]



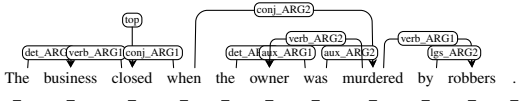
The reason was not high interest rates or labor costs .

[21450003]



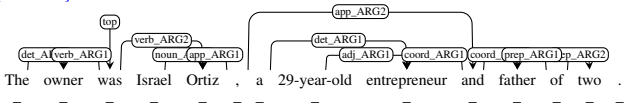
Nor was there a shortage of customers in the area , the residential Inwood section of northern Manhattan .

[21450004]



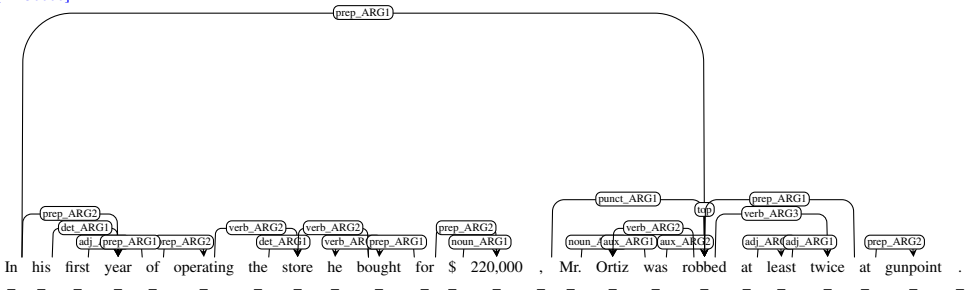
The business closed when the owner was murdered by robbers .

[21450005]



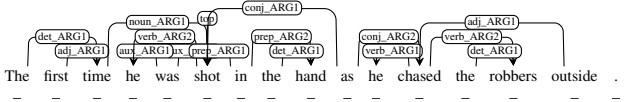
The owner was Israel Ortiz , a 29-year-old entrepreneur and father of two .

[21450006]



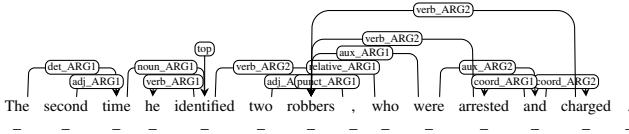
In his first year of operating the store he bought for \$ 220,000 , Mr. Ortiz was robbed at least twice at gunpoint .

[21450007]



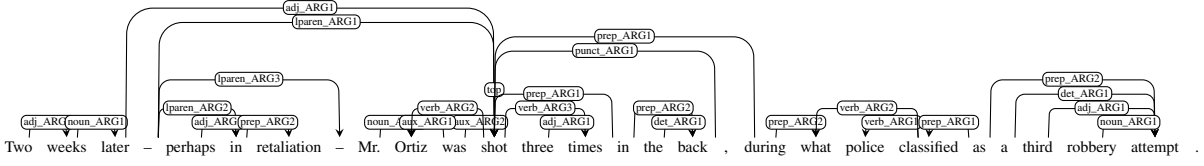
The first time he was shot in the hand as he chased the robbers outside .

[21450008]



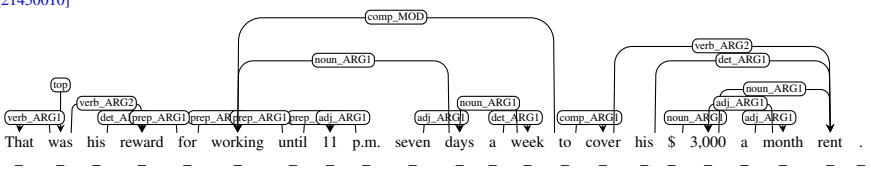
The second time he identified two robbers , who were arrested and charged .

[21450009]



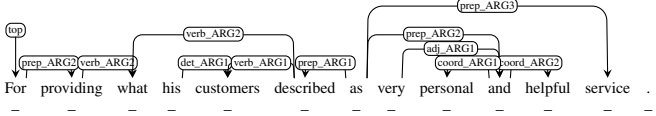
Two weeks later - perhaps in retaliation - Mr. Ortiz was shot three times in the back , during what police classified as a third robbery attempt .

[21450010]



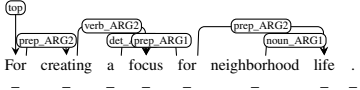
That was his reward for working until 11 p.m. seven days a week to cover his \$ 3,000 a month rent .

[21450011]



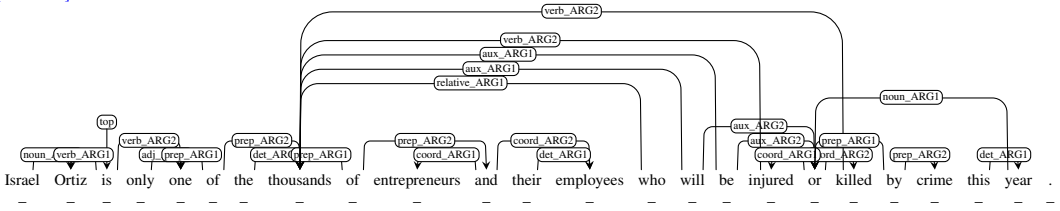
For providing what his customers described as very personal and helpful service .

[21450012]



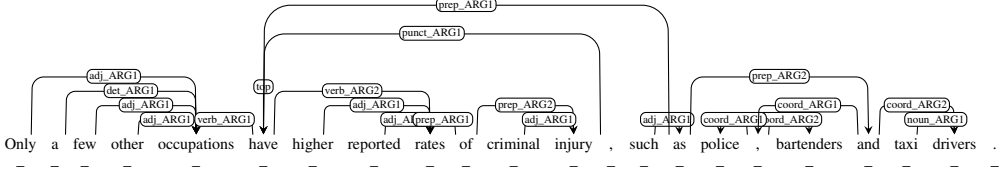
For creating a focus for neighborhood life .

[21450013]



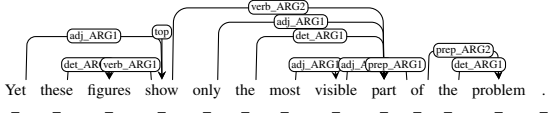
Israel Ortiz is only one of the thousands of entrepreneurs and their employees who will be injured or killed by crime this year .

[21450015]



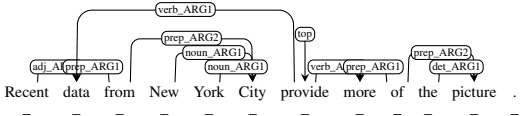
Only a few other occupations have higher reported rates of criminal injury , such as police , bartenders and taxi drivers .

[21450016]



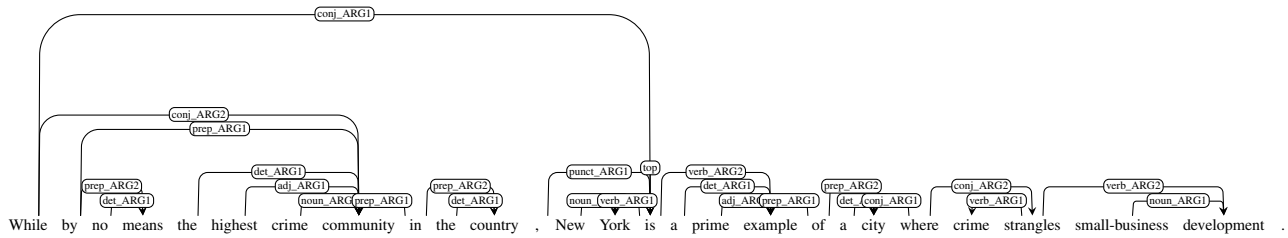
Yet these figures show only the most visible part of the problem .

[21450017]

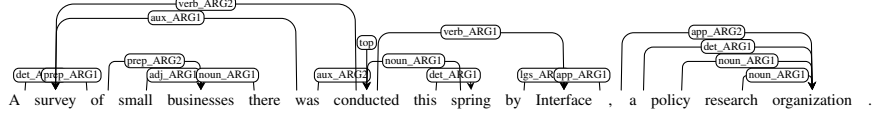


Recent data from New York City provide more of the picture .

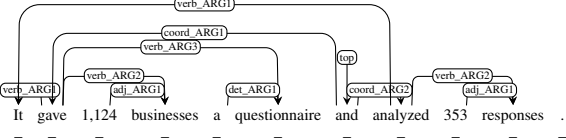
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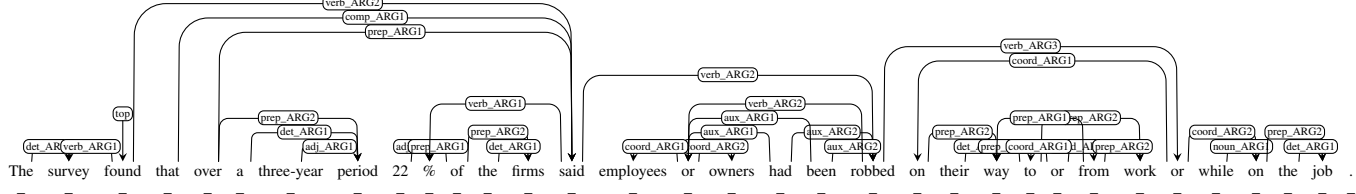
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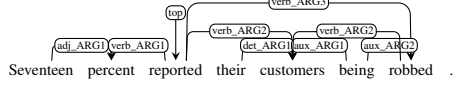
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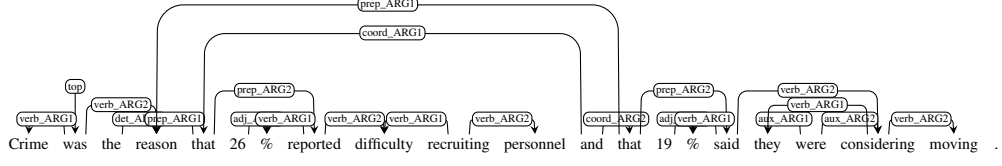
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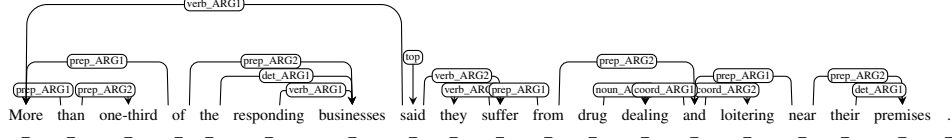
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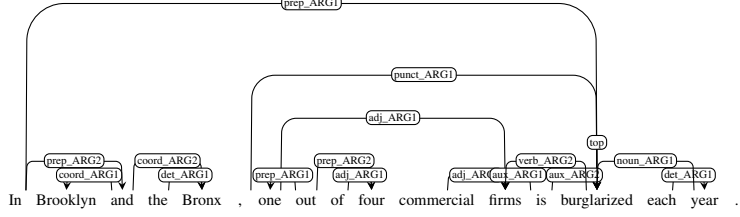
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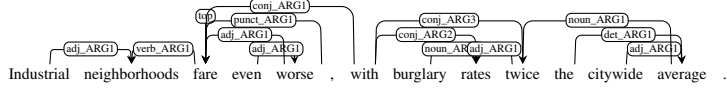
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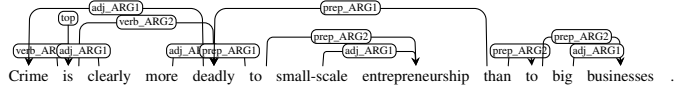
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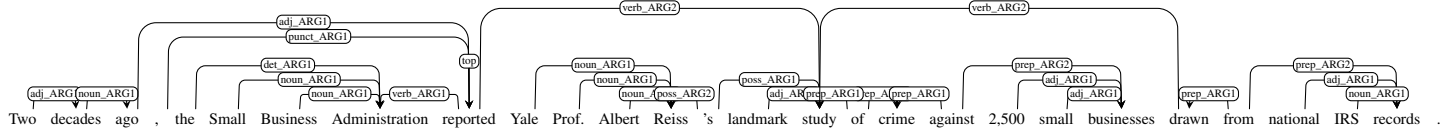
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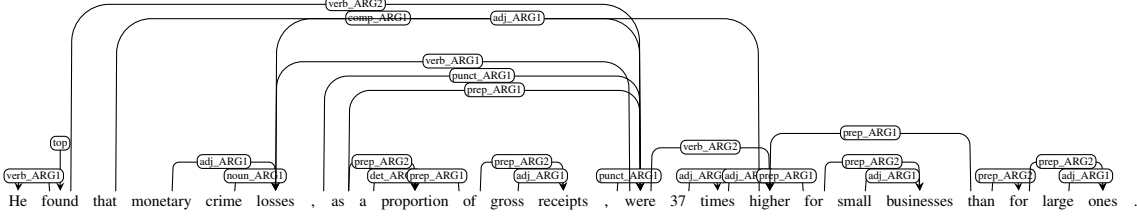
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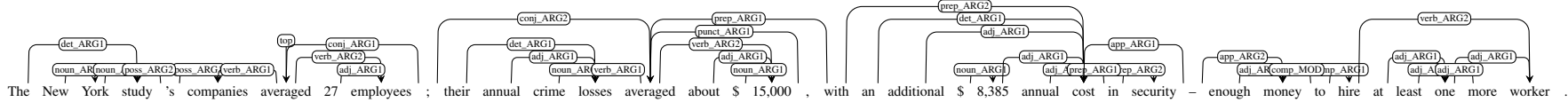
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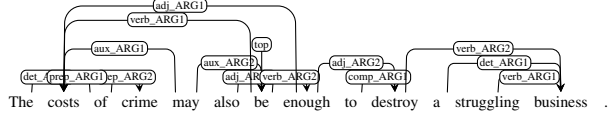
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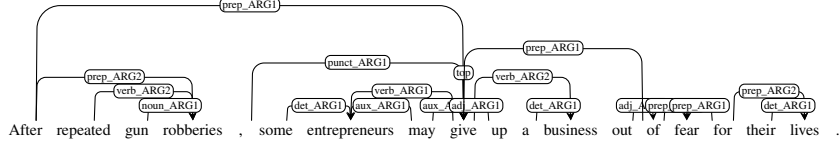
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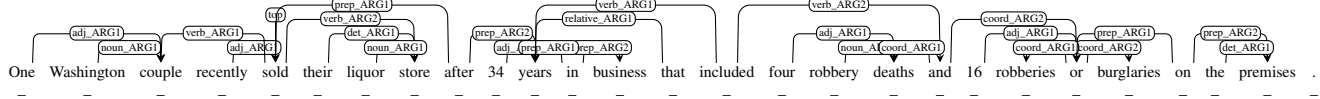
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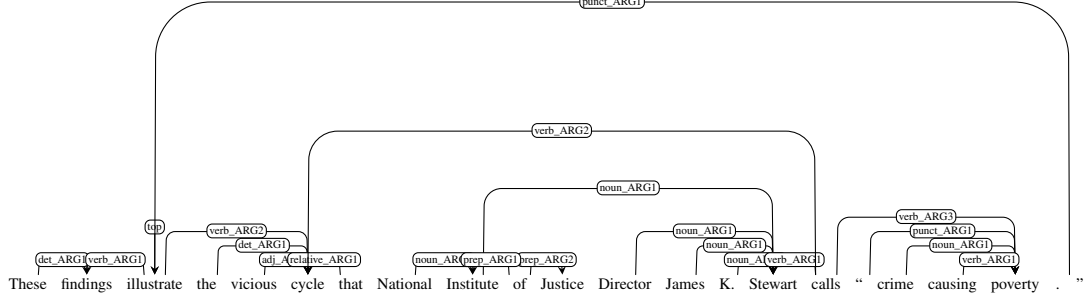
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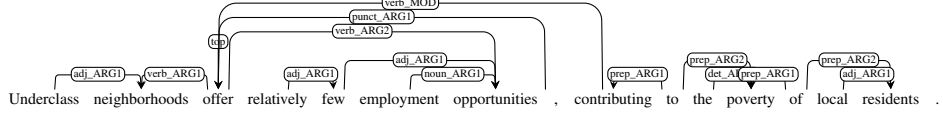
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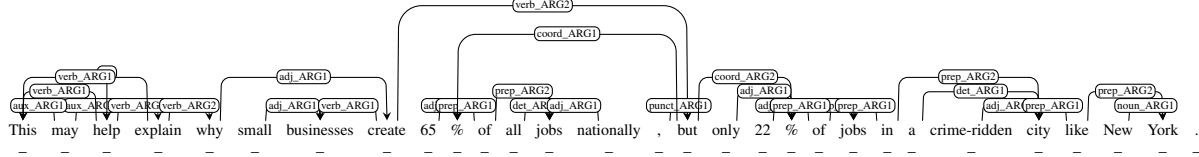
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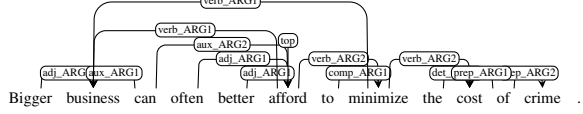
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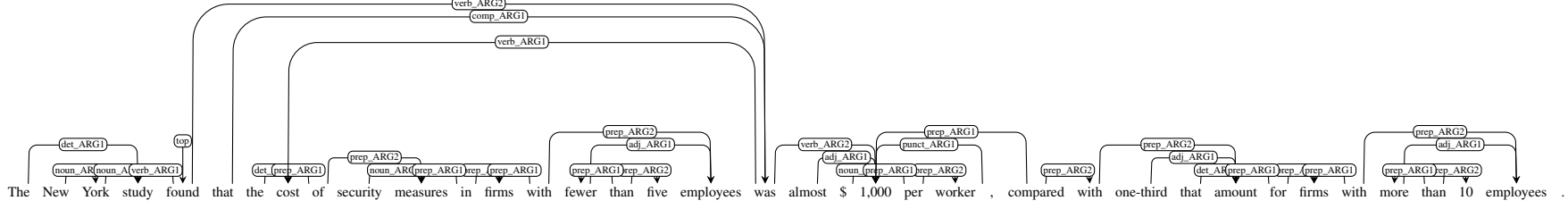
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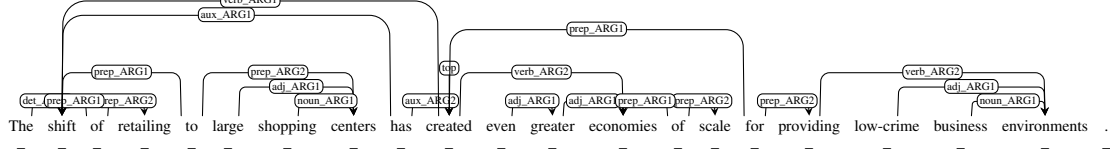
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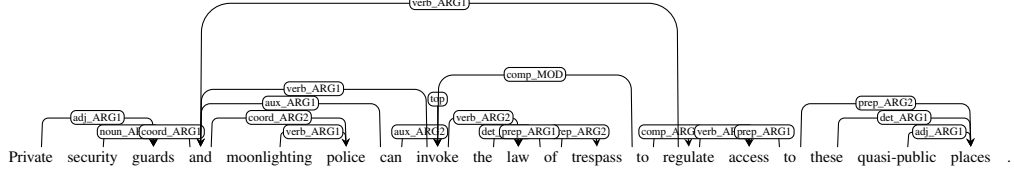
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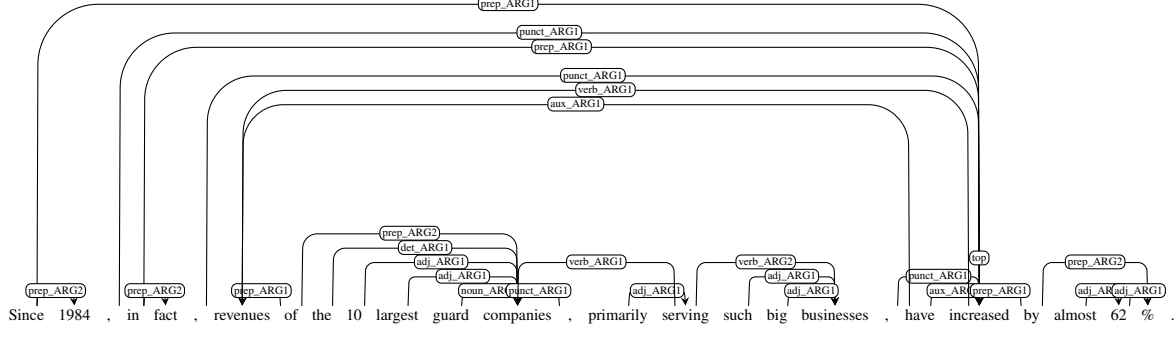
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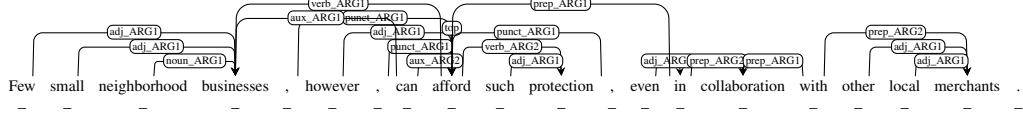
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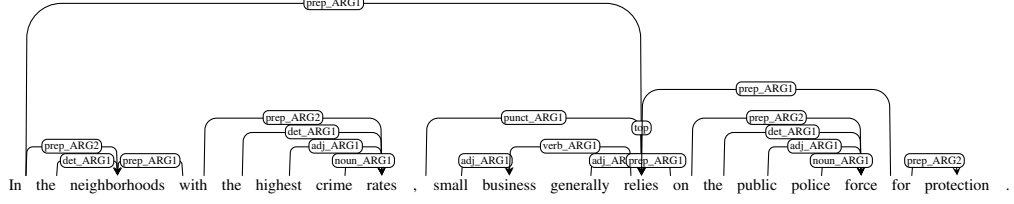
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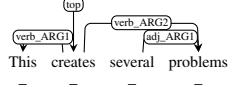
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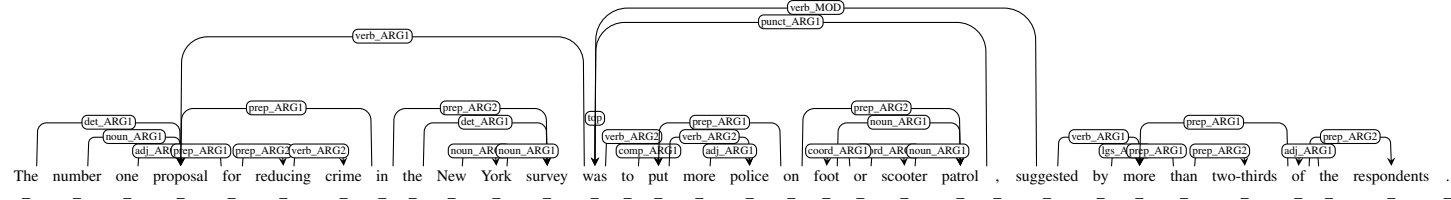
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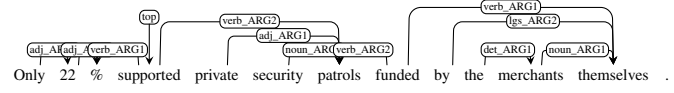
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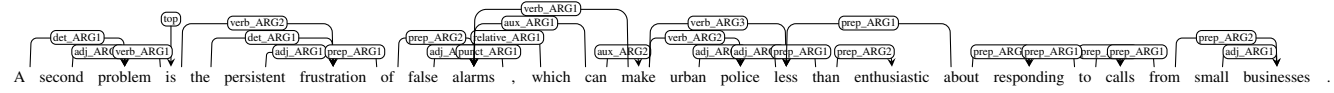
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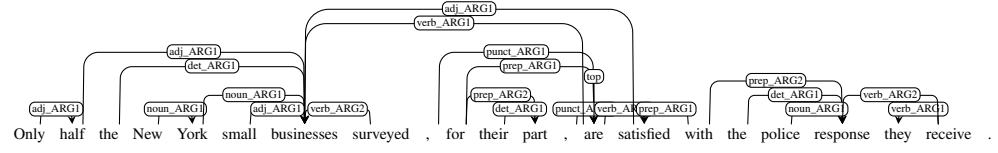
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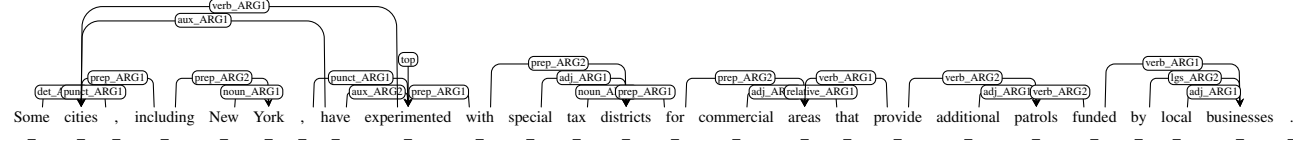
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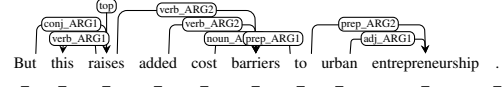
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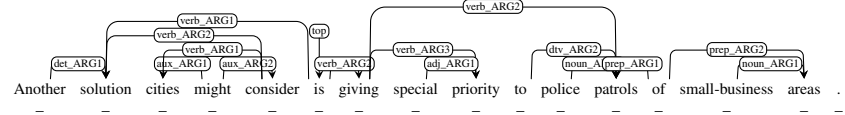
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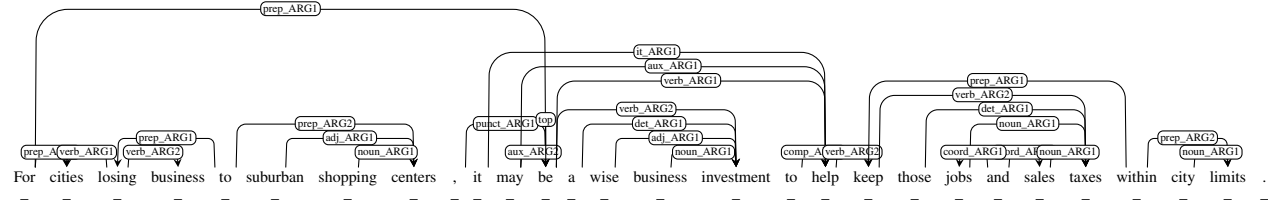
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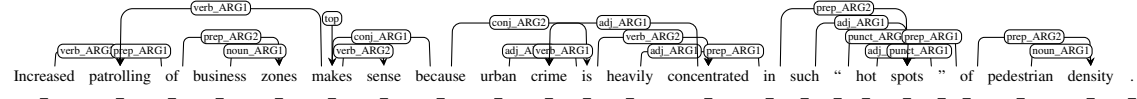
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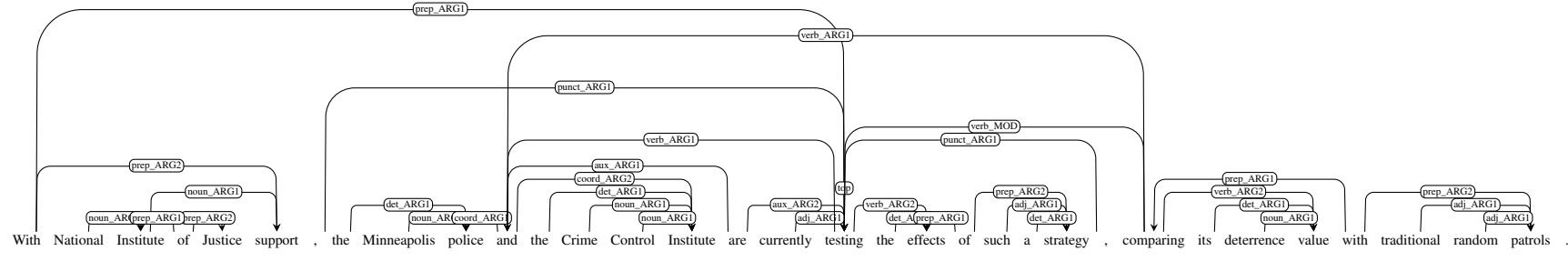
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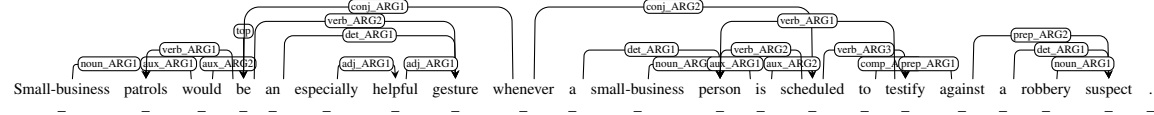
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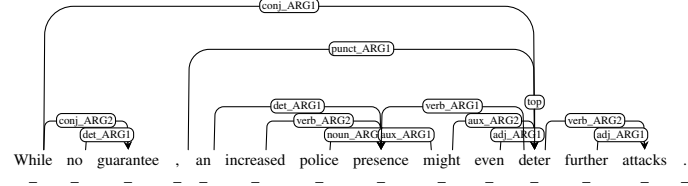
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