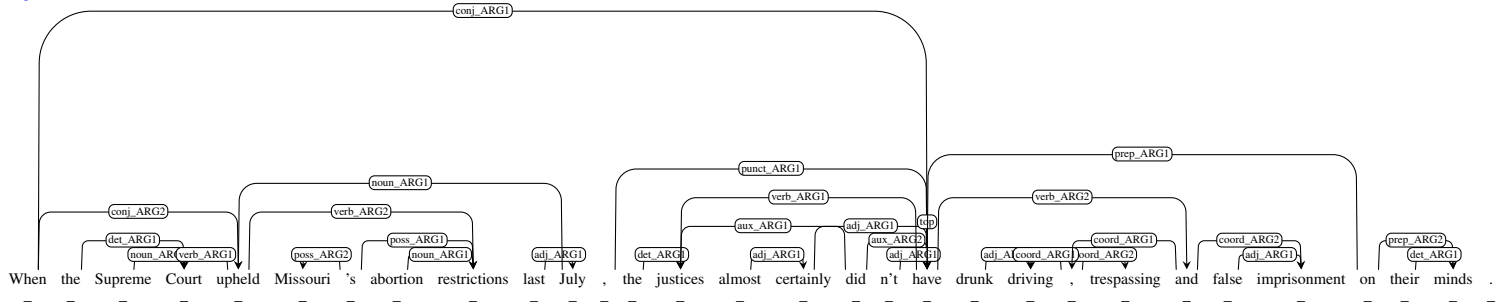
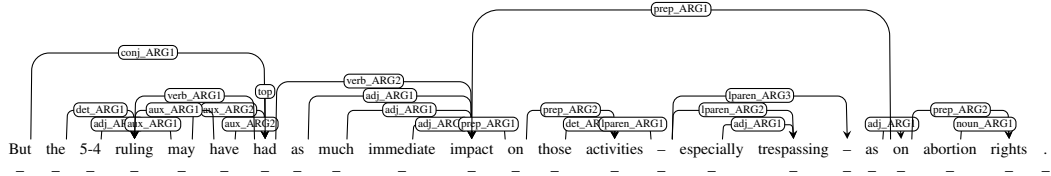


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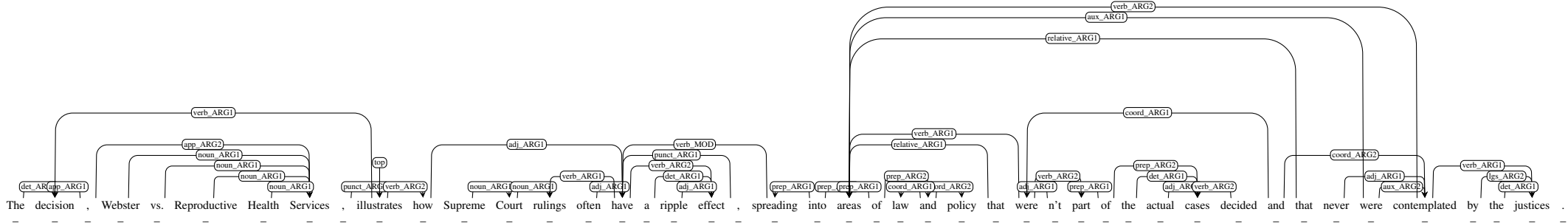
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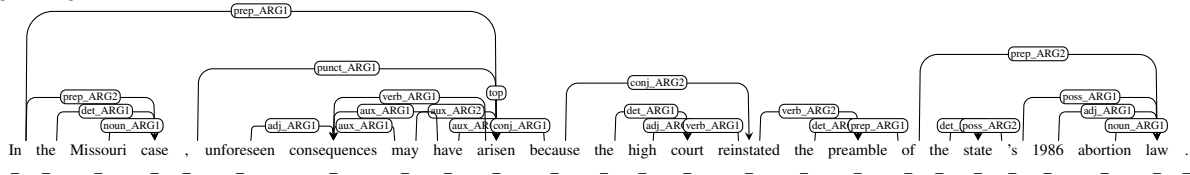
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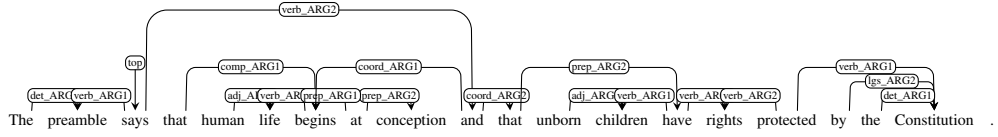
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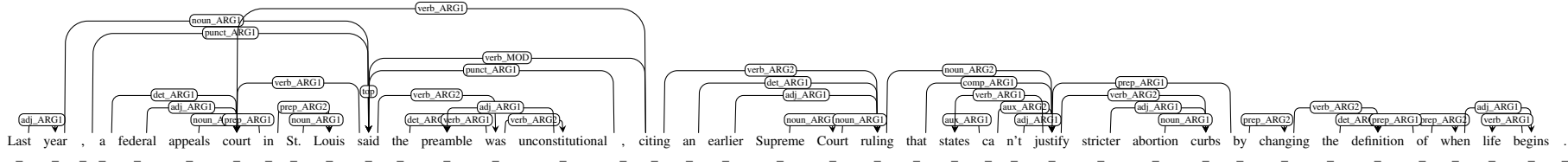
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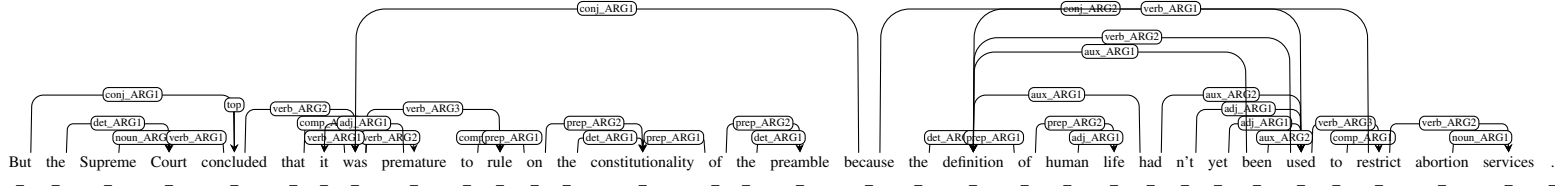
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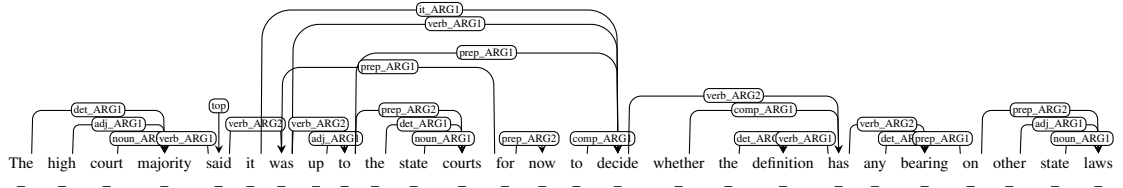
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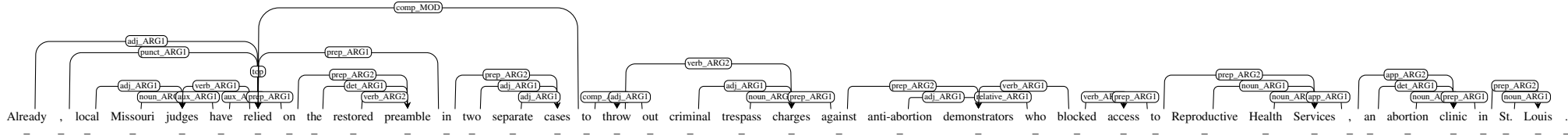
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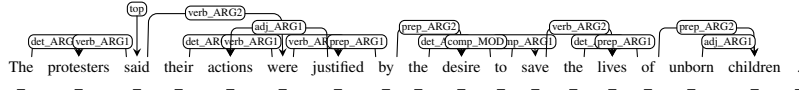
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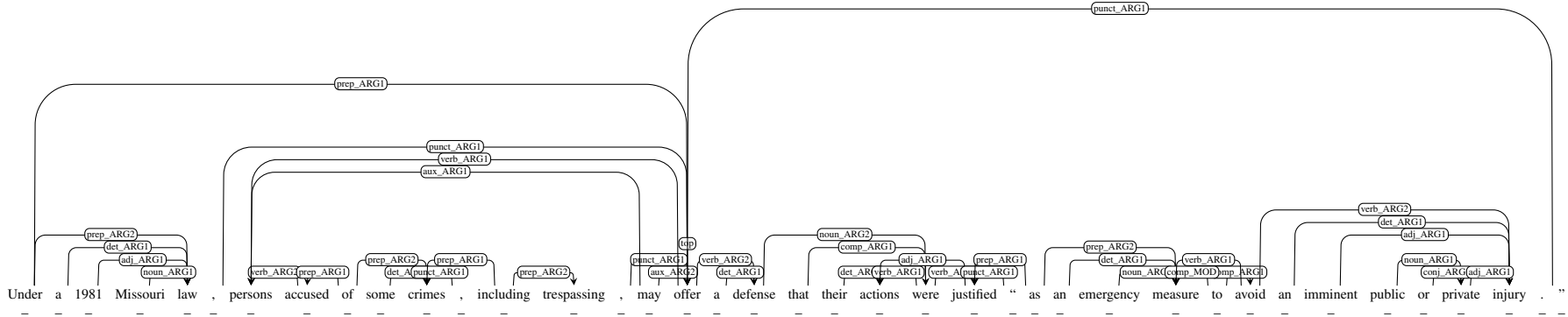
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Relying on the preamble's statement that a fetus is an unborn child, the two St. Louis County Circuit Court judges in August accepted the justification that the abortion clinic protesters were trying to save lives.

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In another case, a protester, Ann O'Brien, was convicted of trespass before the Supreme Court's Webster ruling.

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Last week, when her appeal was argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals, her lawyer also relied on the preamble.

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Roe vs. Wade was the Supreme Court's 1973 decision that recognized a woman's right to abortion.

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Mario Mandina, president of Kansas City Lawyers for Life, says that if abortion foes succeed in using the preamble to escape prosecution for trespass, "This will shut down abortion in Missouri."

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There's no risk to the protesters, and you can't keep an abortion clinic open if there are 3,000 people standing outside every day.

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That would be an ironic result of a case in which the Supreme Court expressly stopped short of overruling Roe vs. Wade.

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In two other cases, the possible consequences of the Supreme Court ruling appear even more unintended.

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In one, the lawyer for a 20-year-old resident of Columbia, Mo., who was charged with drunk driving, argued that his client should be treated as a 21-year-old adult because his actual age should be calculated from conception, not from birth.

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A Boone County judge rejected the motion, but Daniel Dodson, a Jefferson City lawyer, says he has appealed.

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