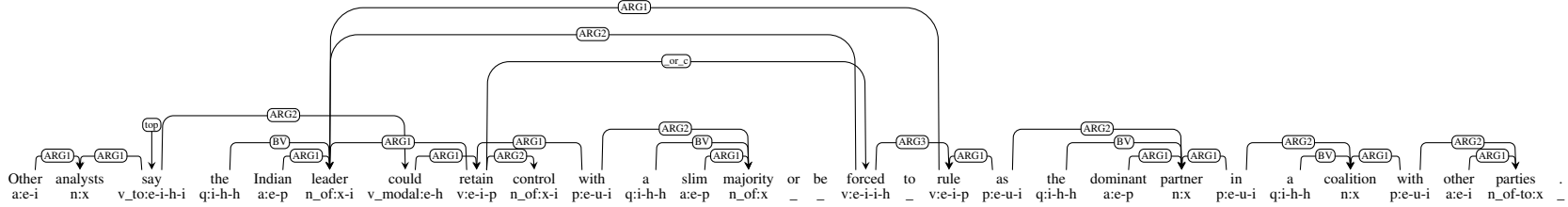
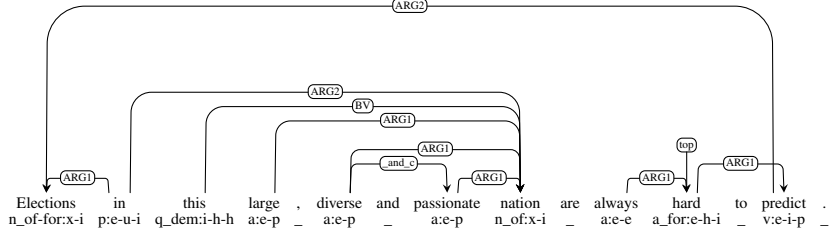


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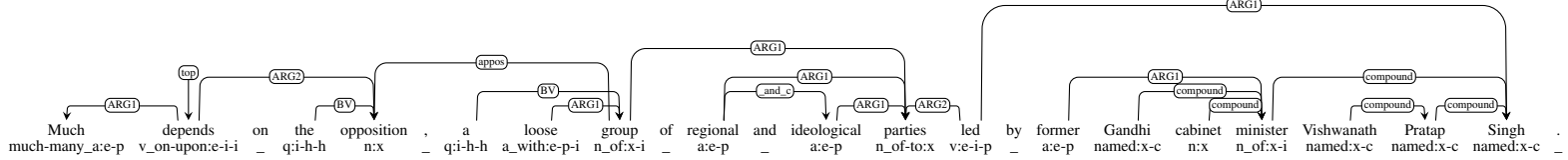
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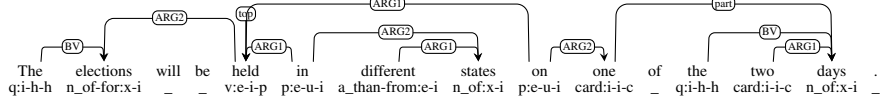
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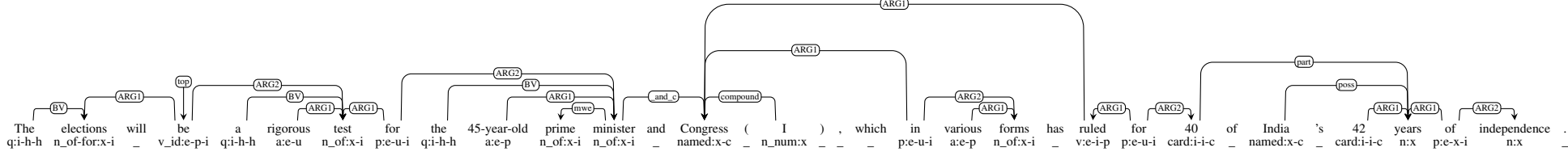
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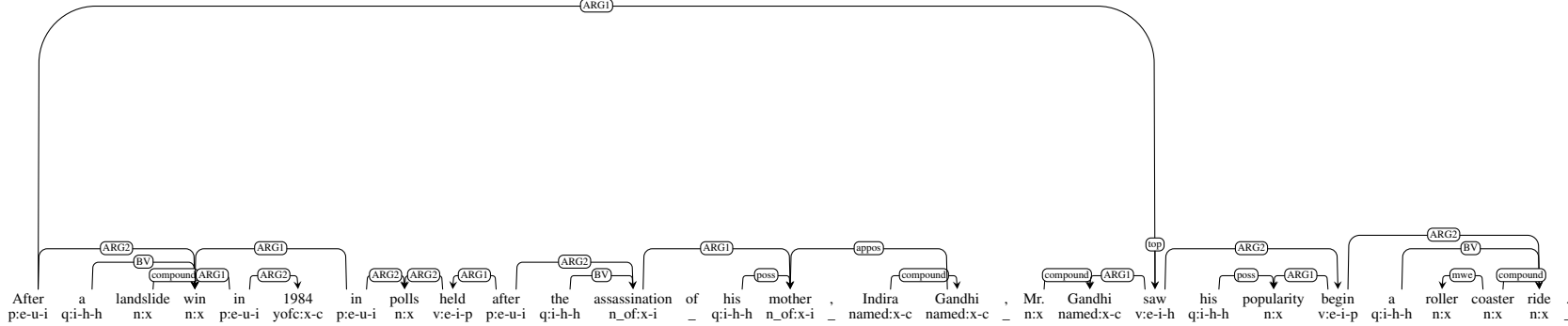
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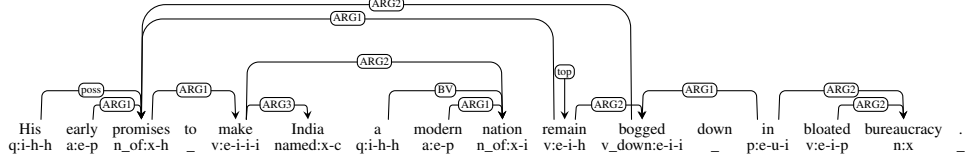
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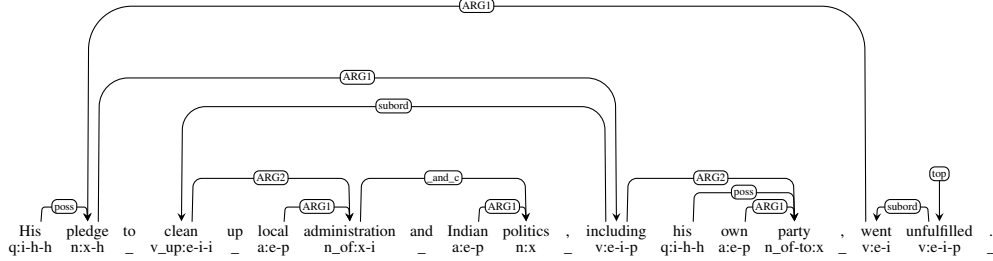
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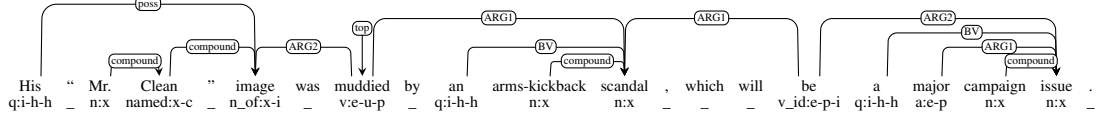
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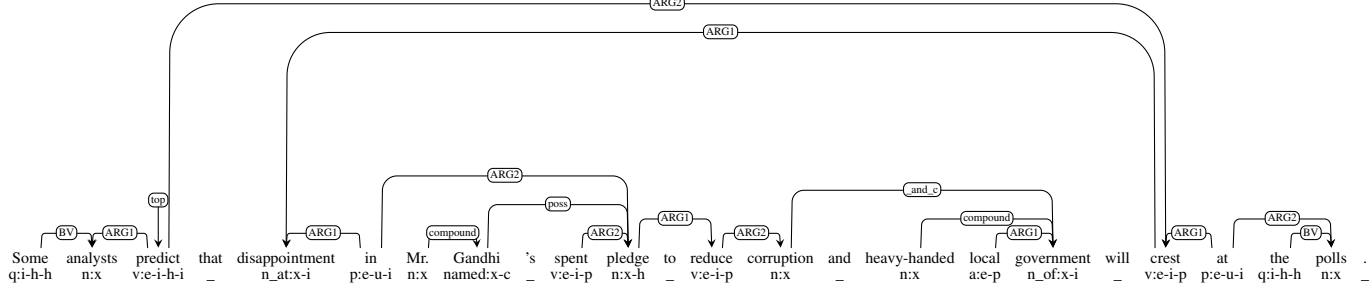
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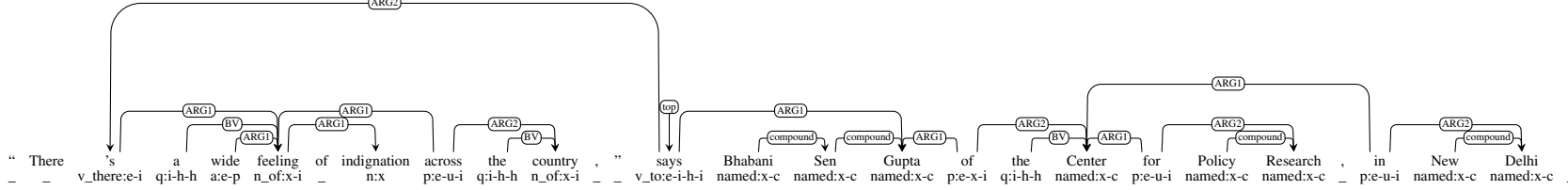
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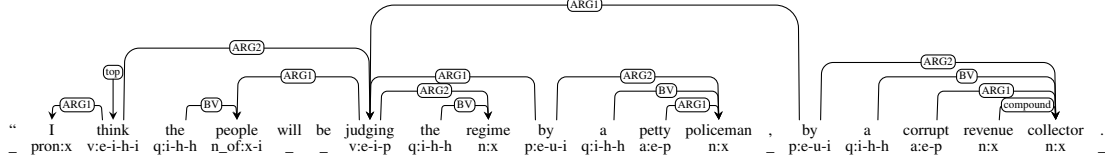
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This could be a big protest against an administrative failure . "

[22041018]

Even if the Congress ( I ) retains control of the government , Mr. Gandhi 's ability to push through major initiatives might be hobbled by a thinner majority .

[22041019]

Economic analysts call his trail-blazing liberalization of the Indian economy incomplete , and many are hoping for major new liberalizations if he is returned firmly to power .

[22041020]

The Lok Sabha , or lower house of Parliament , has 542 elected and two appointed seats .

[22041021]

In 1984 , the Congress ( I ) captured 405 seats , the largest victory in the history of Indian democracy .

[22041022]

The landslide was fueled by panic that prevailed in India at the time .

[22041023]

Mrs. Gandhi had been assassinated by separatist Sikhs , and many Indians feared their country might split apart .

[22041024]

In the previous three general elections , similar national issues clinched the vote .

[22041025]

In 1971 , the Congress Party won after India 's victory in the Bangladesh war .

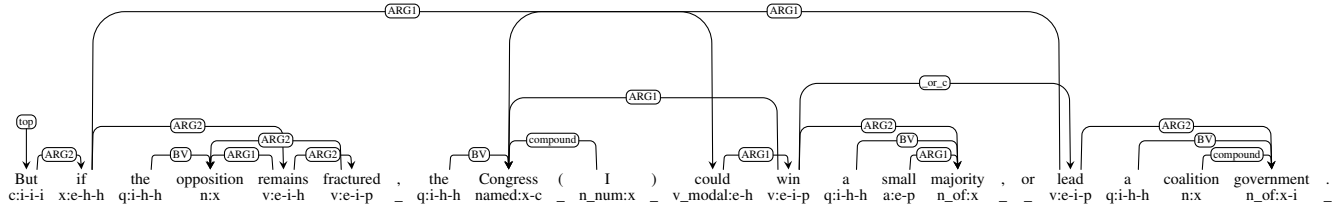
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In 1977 , Mrs. Gandhi was thrown out of office after her 19-month emergency rule , and in 1980 , after her successors made a mess of their three years in power , she was restored to office .

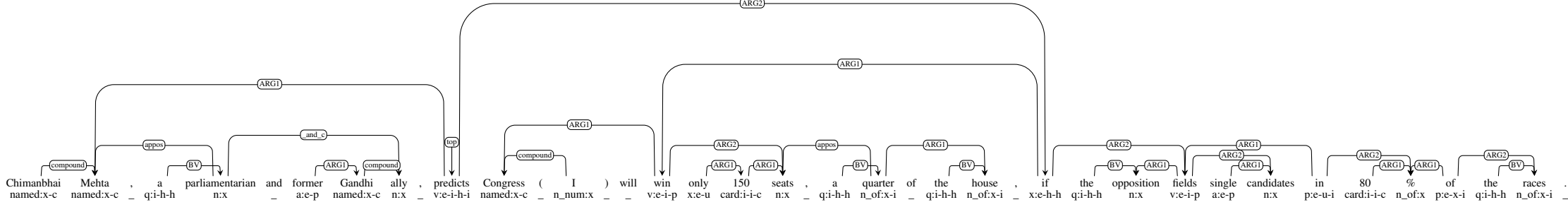
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Most political analysts say that if Mr. Gandhi 's opposition unites to field single candidates in most precincts , the Congress ( I ) will lose big .

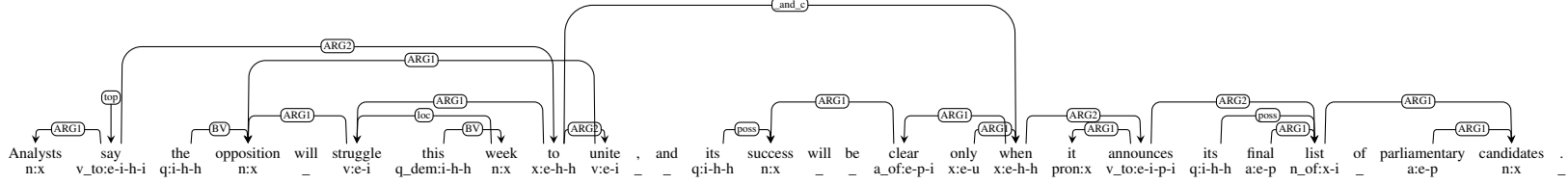
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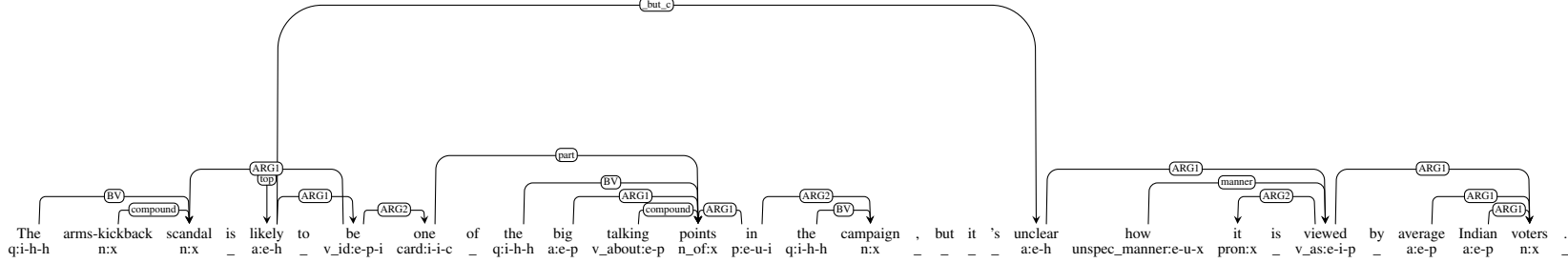
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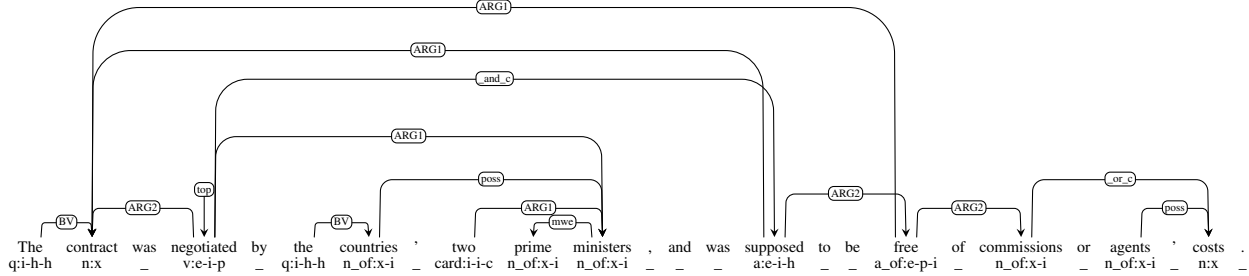
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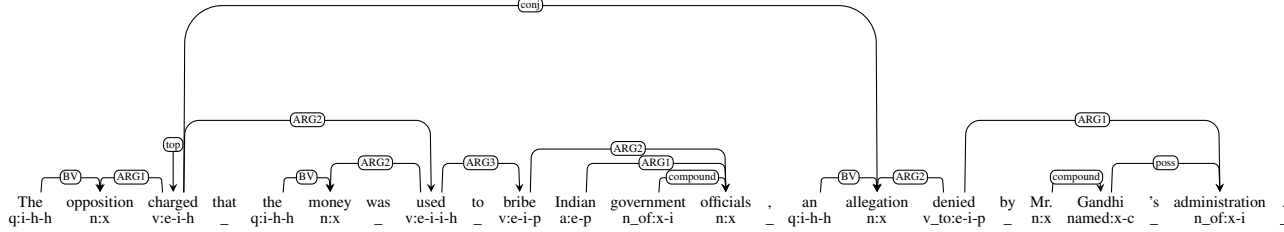
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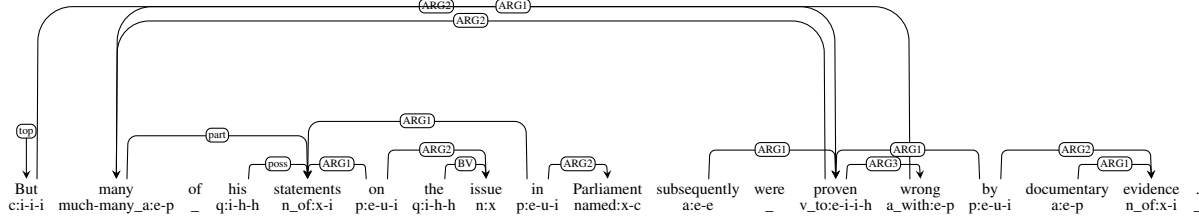
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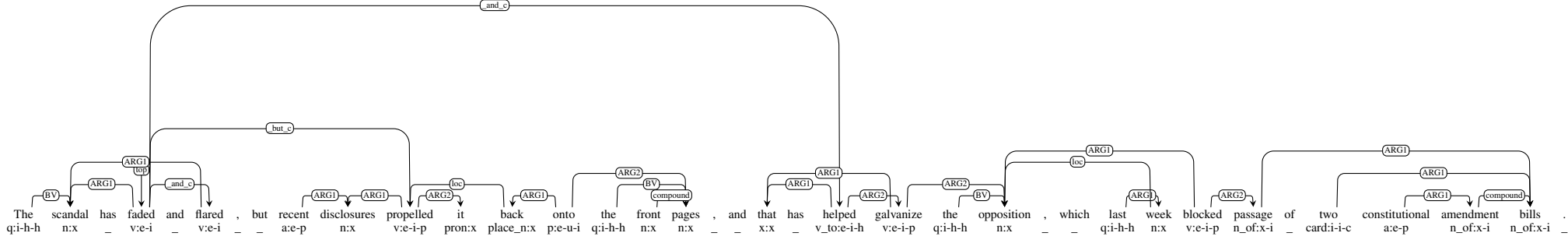
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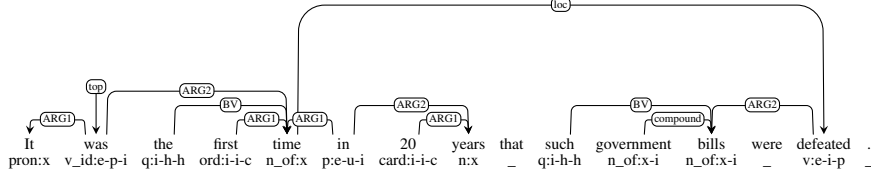
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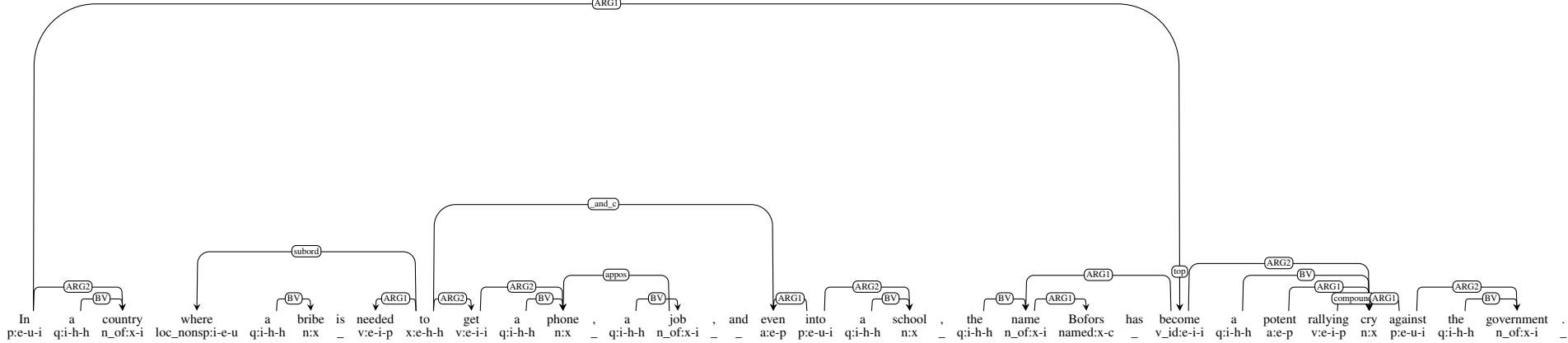
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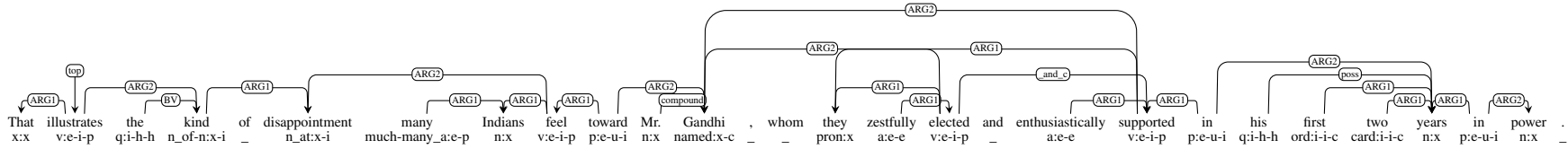
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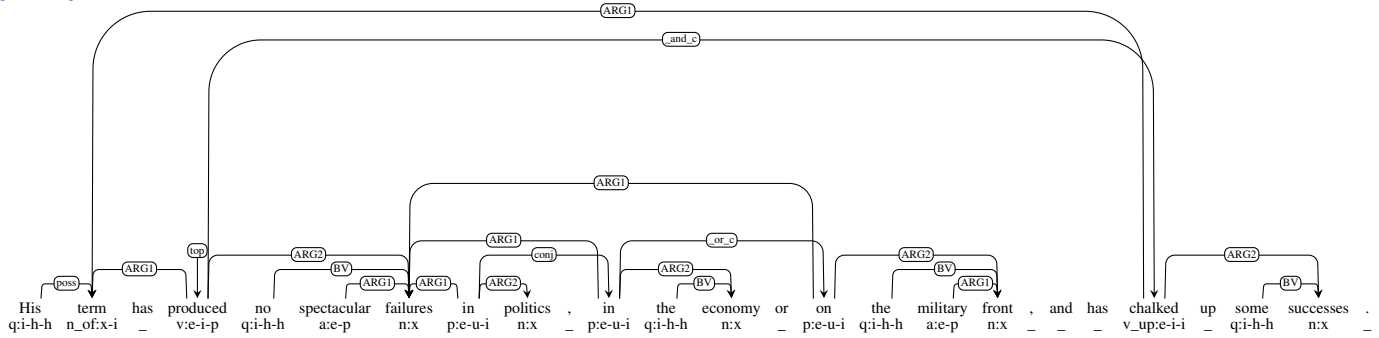
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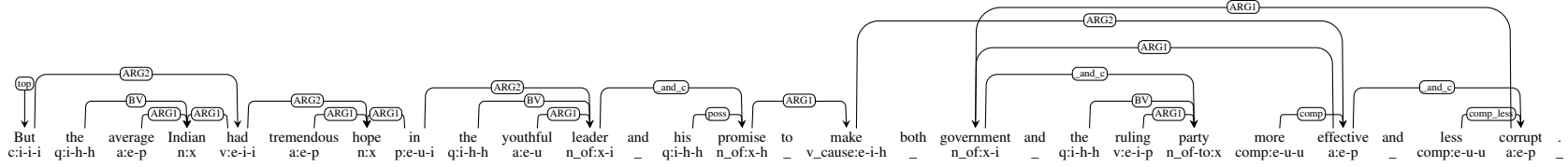
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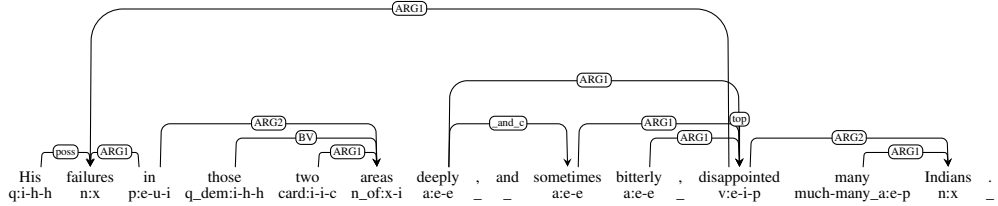
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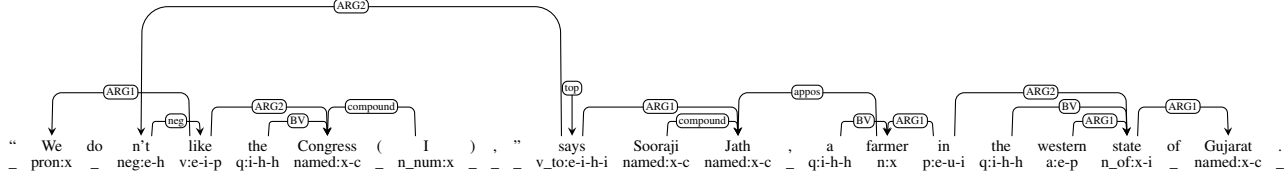
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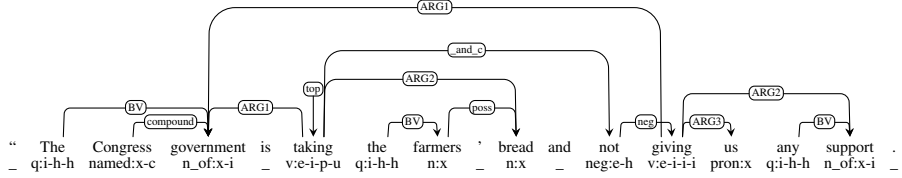
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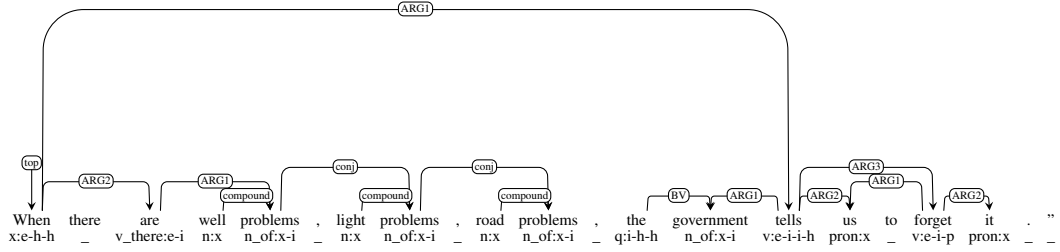
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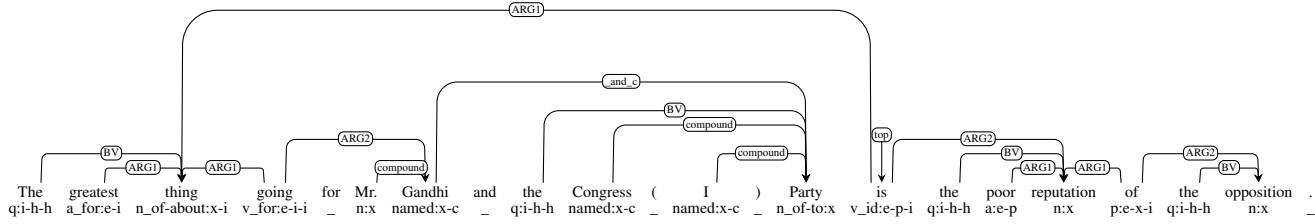
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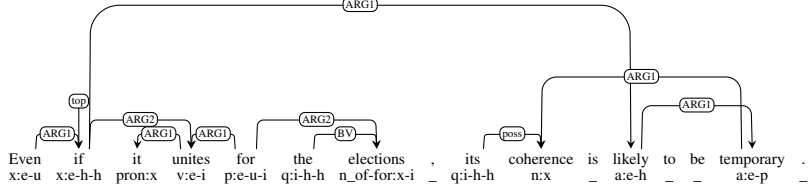
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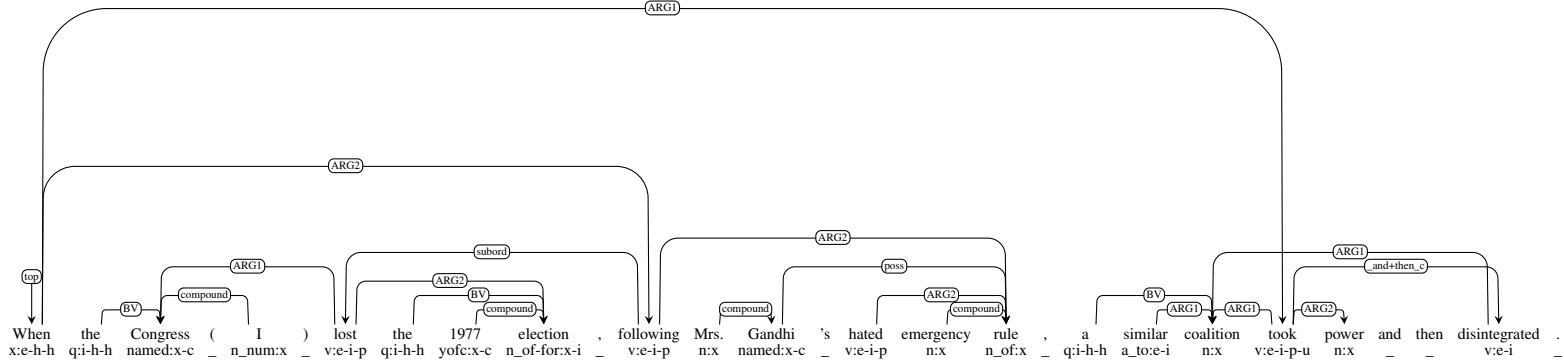
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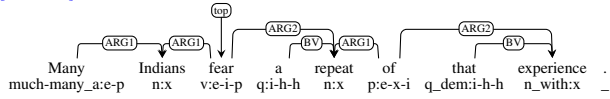
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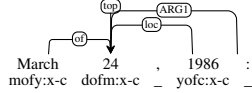
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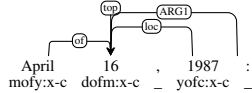
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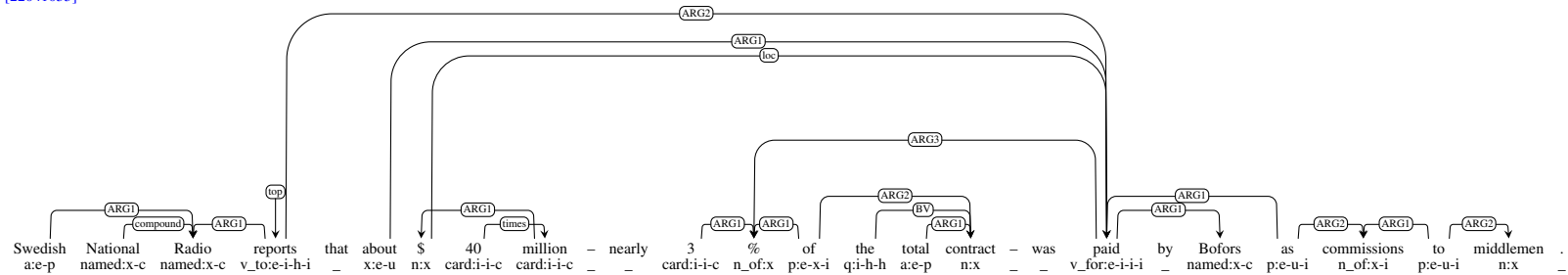
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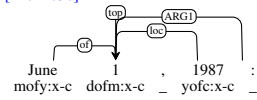
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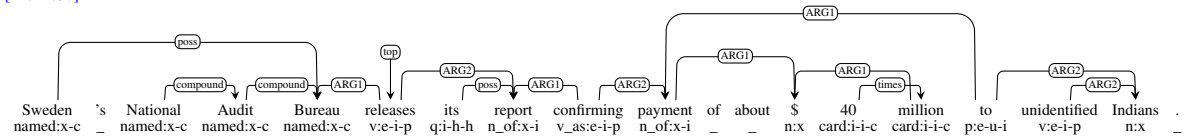
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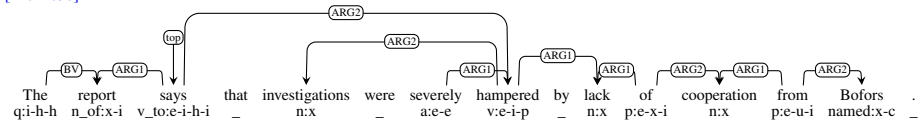
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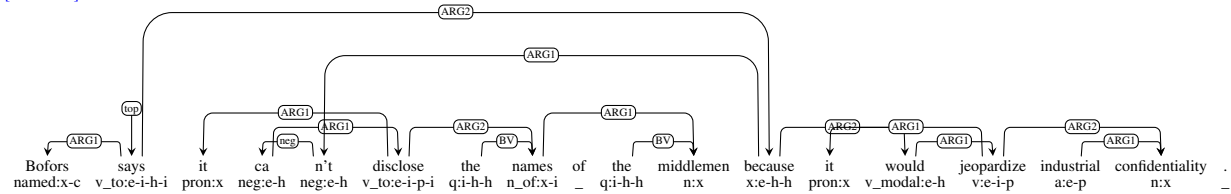
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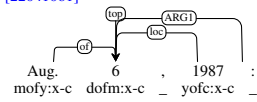
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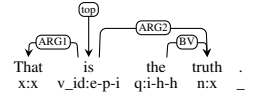
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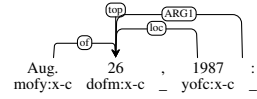
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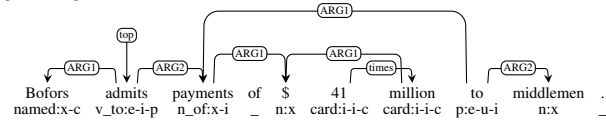
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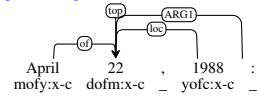
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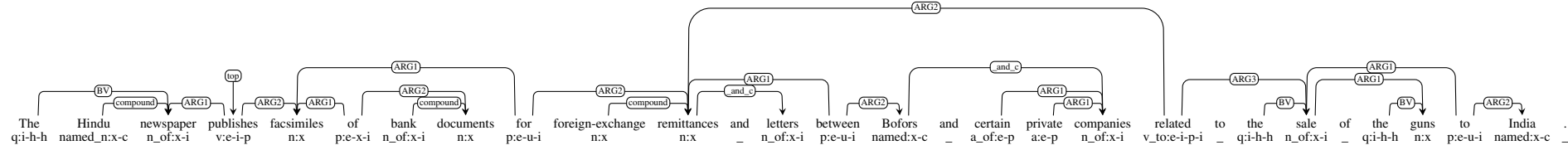
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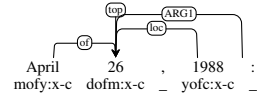
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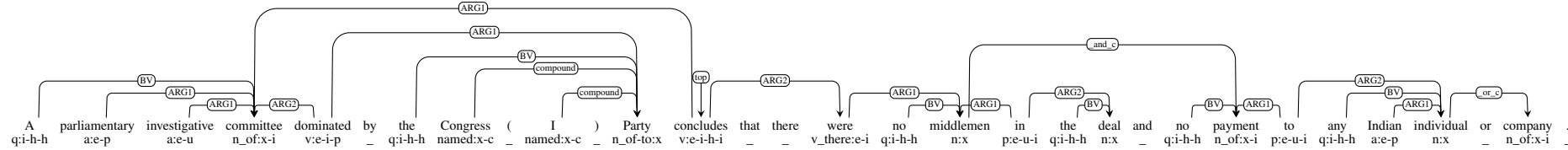
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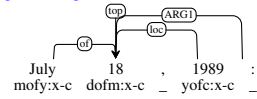
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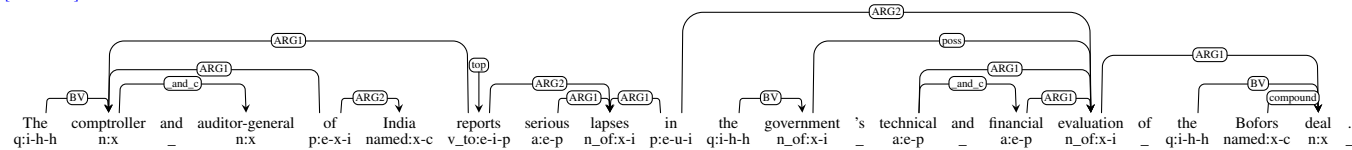
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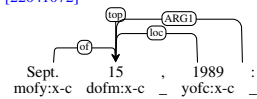
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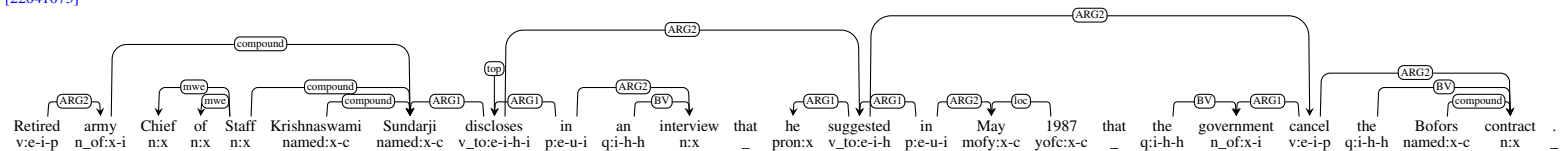
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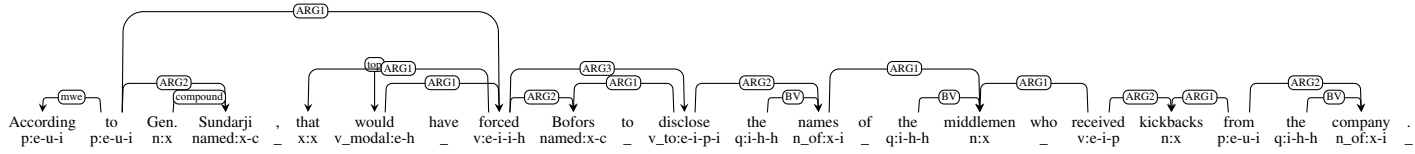
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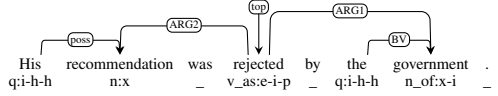
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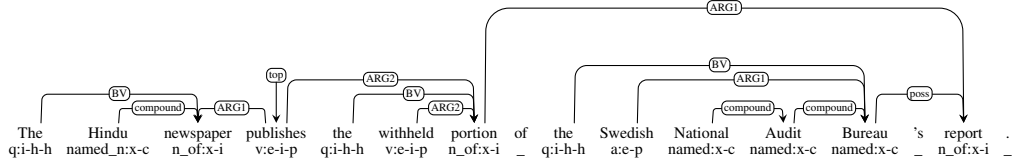
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