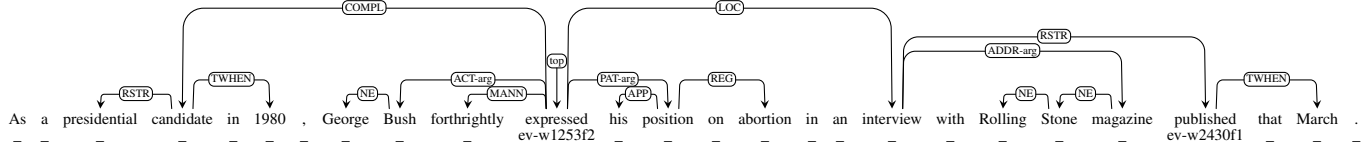
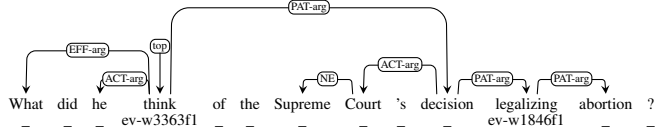


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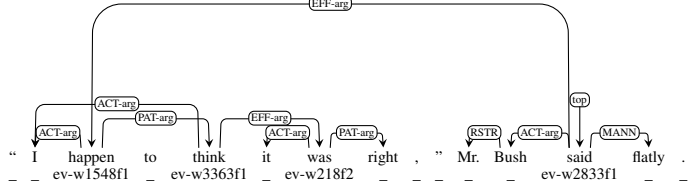
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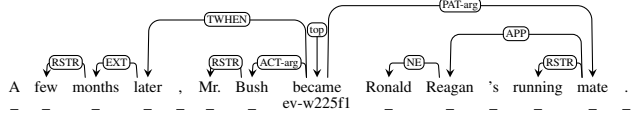
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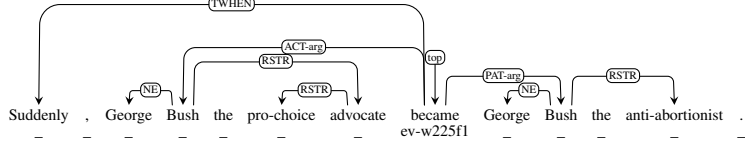
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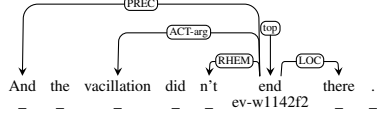
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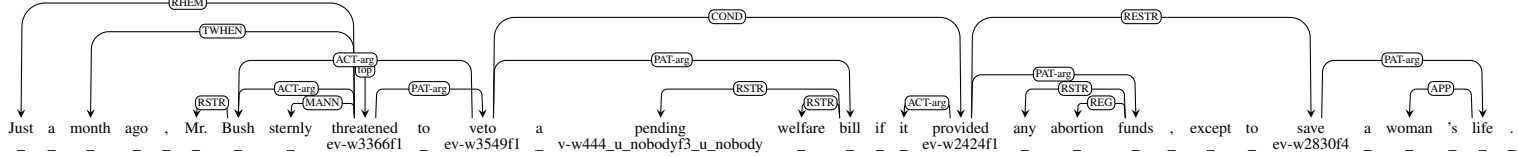
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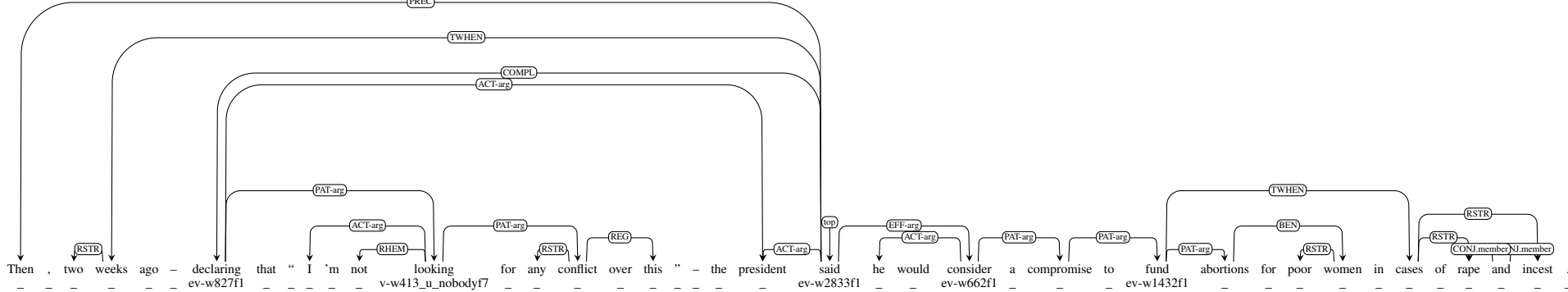
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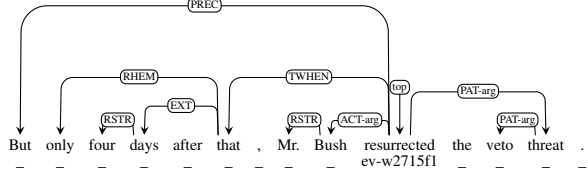
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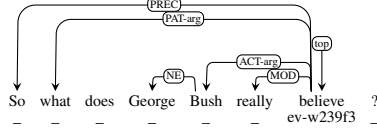
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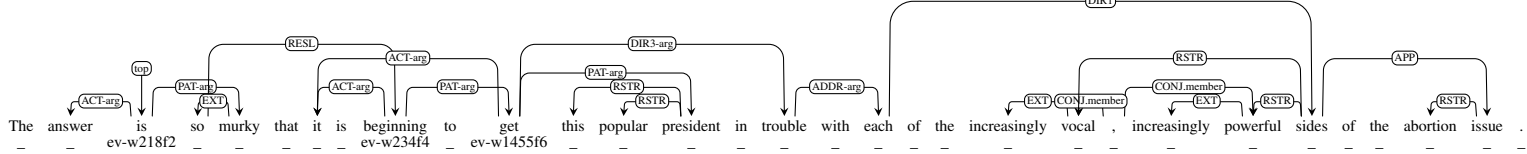
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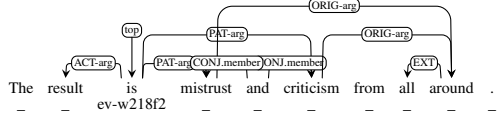
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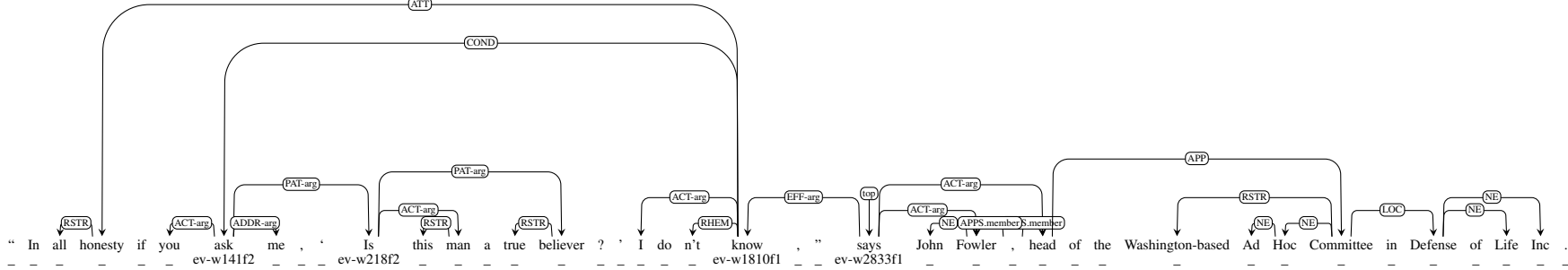
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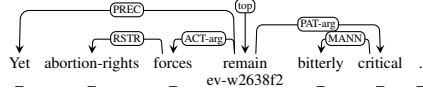
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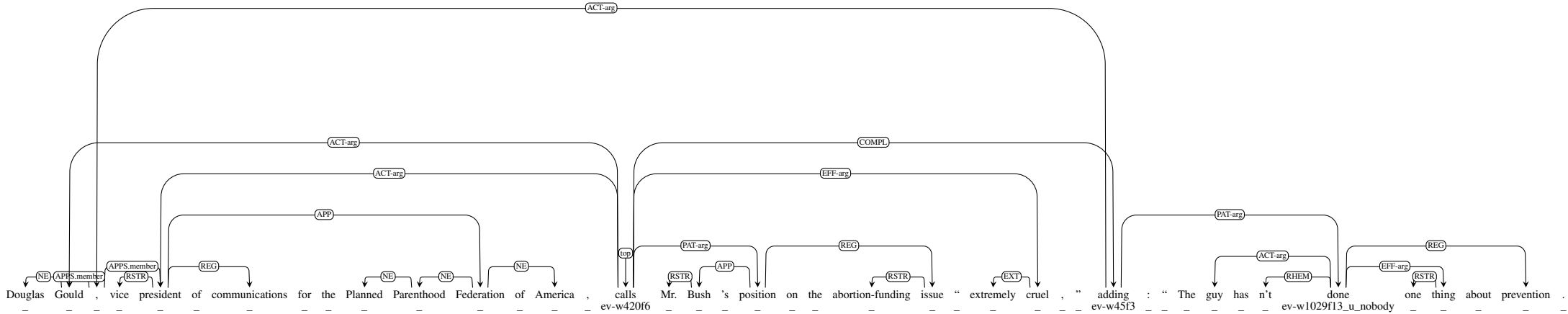
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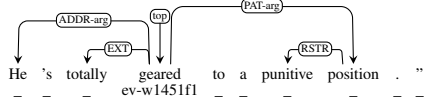
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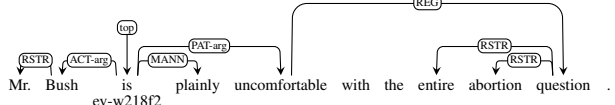
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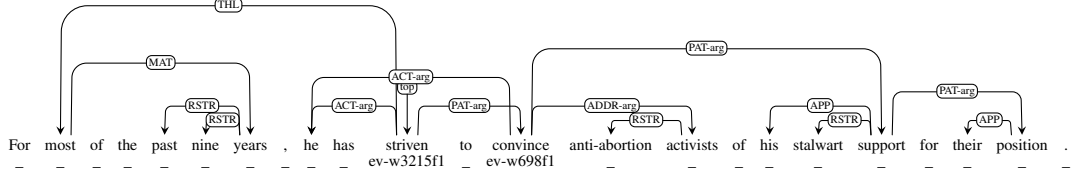
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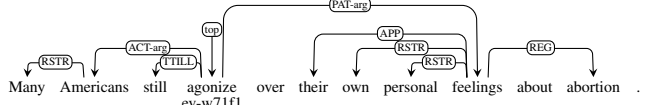
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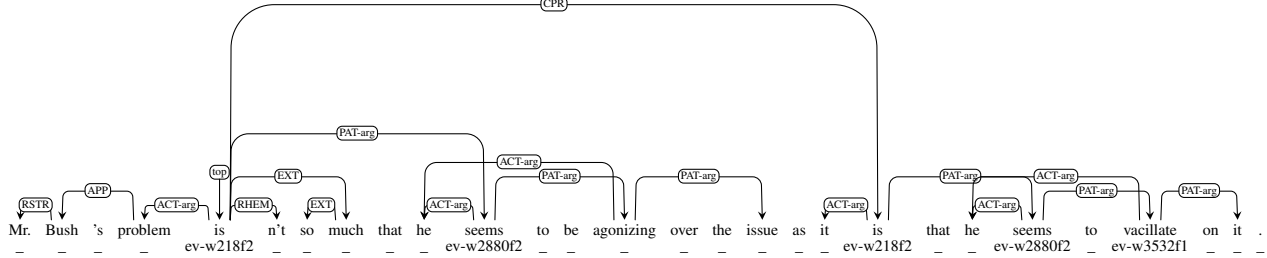
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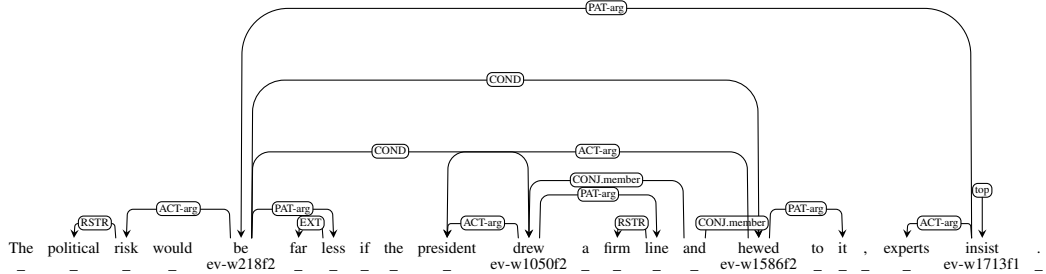
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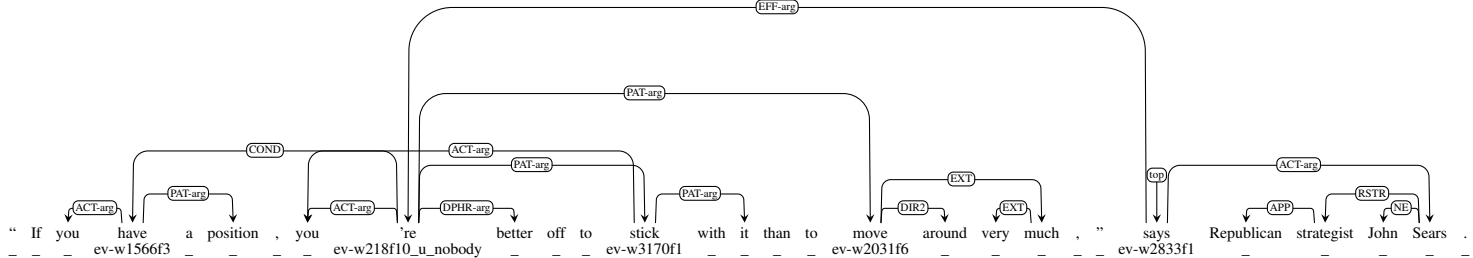
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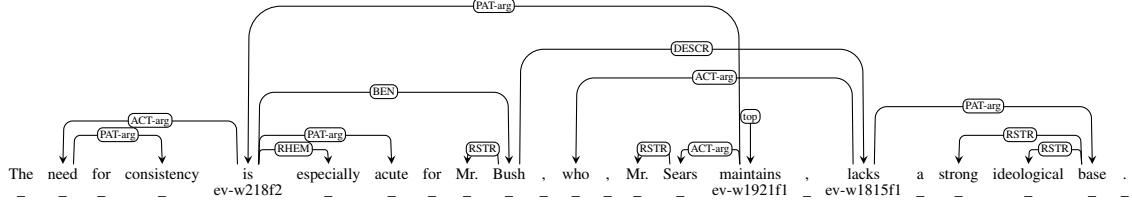
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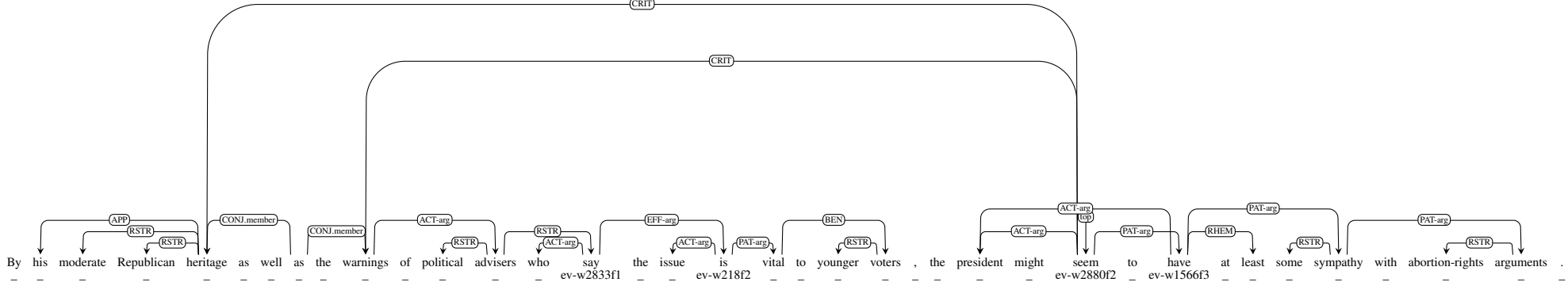
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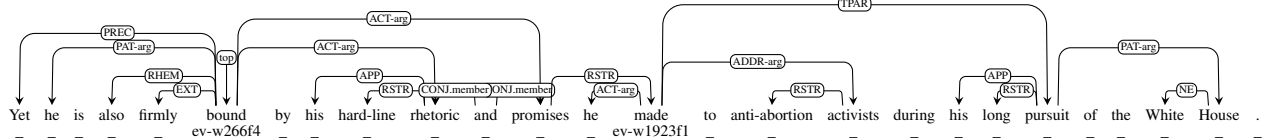
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On many issues — flag-burning , for instance — his keen political sensitivities overcome such conflicts .

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But Mr. Bush and his advisers miscalculated the politics of the abortion issue , failing to grasp how dramatically the abortion-rights movement would be aroused following last summer 's Supreme Court decision to restrict those rights in the Webster case .

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" It was one of the quickest changes in public attitudes I 've ever seen , " says former Reagan pollster Richard Wirthlin .

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These days , when others raise the subject of abortion , the usually loquacious president can be close-mouthed almost to the point of curtness .

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Ten days ago he was asked to amplify the reasons behind his anti-abortion stance .

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" My position is well-known and well-stated , " he replied .

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A close look at his record over the last 15 years suggests that Mr. Bush has well-stated his views — on all sides of the issue .

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In 1974 , as the U.S. representative to the United Nations , he wrote an introduction to a book on world population in which he boasted of his leadership during his term in Congress in expanding family-planning services for the poor .

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In his Rolling Stone interview in 1980 , Mr. Bush volunteered his abortion-rights remarks to contrast himself with his rival , Ronald Reagan .

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In addition to supporting the landmark Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion , Mr. Bush said he opposed the constitutional ban on abortion that Mr. Reagan was promising to promote .

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As Mr. Reagan 's running mate , though , Mr. Bush plunged headlong into the anti-abortion position , endorsing a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion .

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Throughout the early 1980s , Mr. Bush was quoted sometimes supporting federal funding for abortion in cases of rape and incest and sometimes opposing it .

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At the GOP convention last year , he again came out for an amendment with exceptions for rape , incest and life endangerment .

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His rhetoric gathered momentum as he rolled into office , affirming his " firm support of our cause " during an anti-abortion rally three days after his inauguration last January .

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He again urged passage of a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion .

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But when the high court ruled in the Webster case in July , the president began to lower the volume .

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When the ruling was handed down , the vacationing president dispatched Chief of Staff John Sununu to issue a statement and refused to answer questions himself .

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He did later threaten vetoes over legislation restoring the District of Columbia 's right to use its own tax money to fund abortions for poor women and over restoring funding to the United Nations Population Fund .

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But in the months since then , while trying to drum up support for other issues - such as an anti-flag-burning constitutional amendment - he has shied away from talking about abortion .

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What few comments he has initiated have been oblique , such as urging " greater efforts toward the protection of human life " at a meeting of Catholic lawyers in Boston last month .

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The White House has likewise avoided any involvement in Florida 's recent special legislative session on abortion , which anti-abortion forces had regarded as a key test of their ability to get state lawmakers to toughen abortion restrictions .

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The session failed to enact any new curbs .