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Heidi Ehman might have stepped from a recruiting poster for young Republicans .

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" I felt kind of safe , " she says .

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When the Supreme Court opened the door this year to new restrictions on abortion , Ms. Ehman opened her mind to Democratic politics .

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Now she leads a grassroots abortion-rights campaign in Passaic County for pro-choice Democratic gubernatorial candidate James Florio .

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" This is one where I cross party lines , " she says , rejecting the anti-abortion stance of Rep. Florio 's opponent , Reagan-Republican Rep. James Courter .

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" People my age thought it was n't going to be an issue .

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Polls bear out this warning , but after a decade of increased Republican influence here , the new politics of abortion have contributed to a world turned upside down for Mr. Courter .

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Unless he closes the gap , Republicans risk losing not only the governorship but also the assembly next month .

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Going into the 1990s , the GOP is paying a price for the same conservative social agenda that it used to torment Democrats in the past .

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New Jersey 's own highest court remains a liberal bulwark against major restrictions on abortion , but the U.S. Supreme Court ruling , Webster vs. Missouri , has engaged voters across the nation who had been insulated from the issue .

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Before July , pro-choice voters could safely make political decisions without focusing narrowly on abortion .

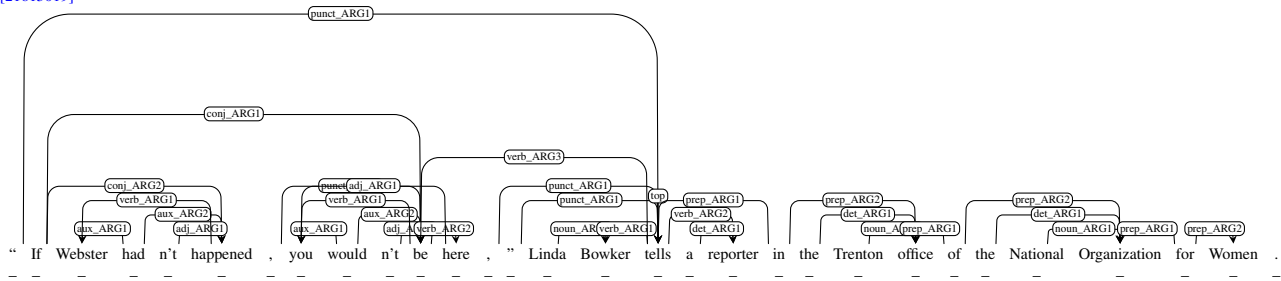
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Now , the threat of further restrictions adds a new dimension , bringing an upsurge in political activity by abortion-rights forces .

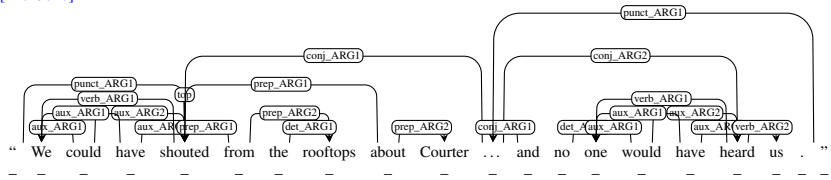
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A recent pro-choice rally in Trenton drew thousands , and in a major reversal , Congress is defying a presidential veto and demanding that Medicaid abortions be permitted in cases of rape and incest .

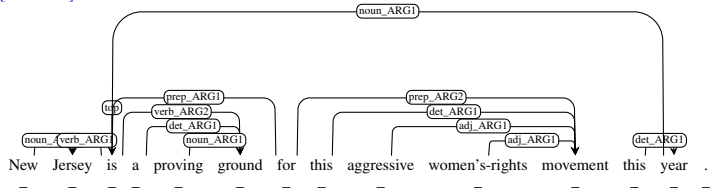
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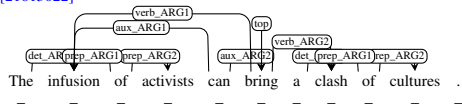
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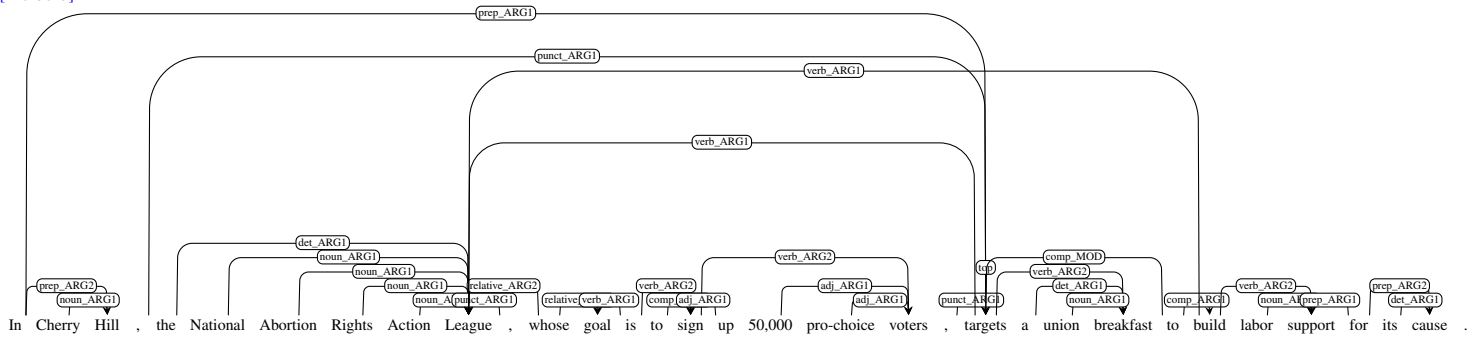
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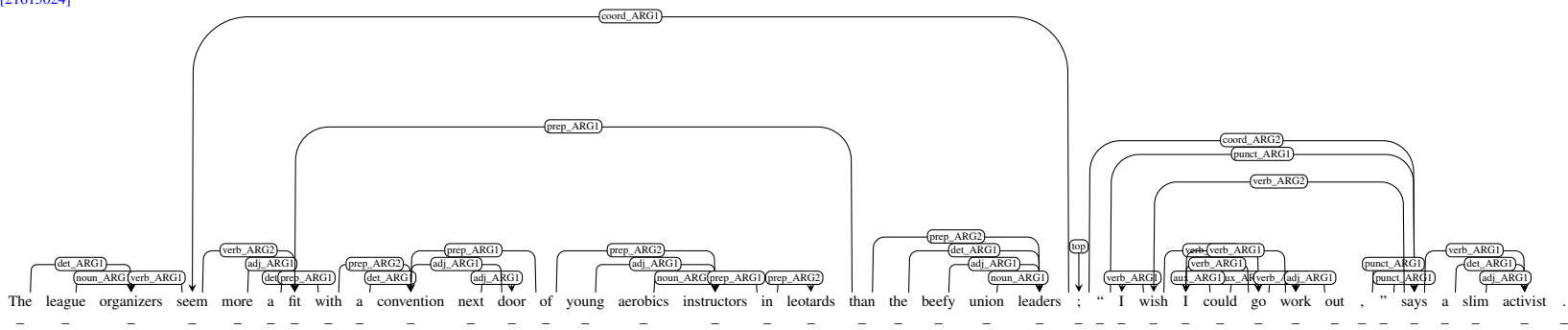
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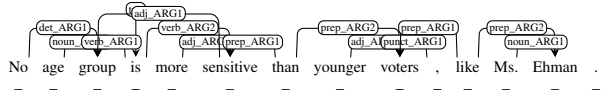
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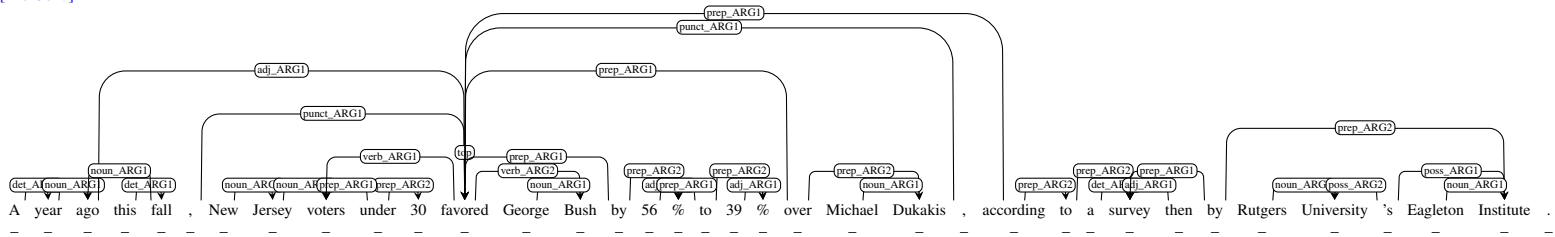
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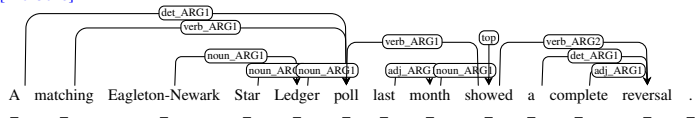
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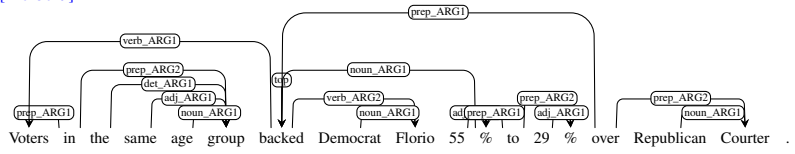
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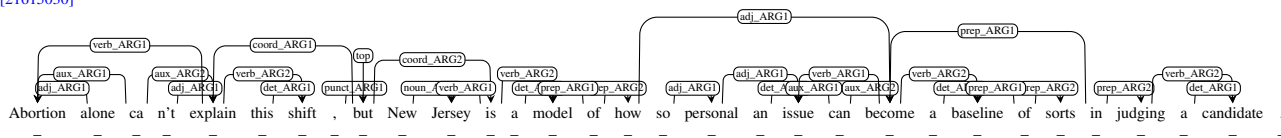
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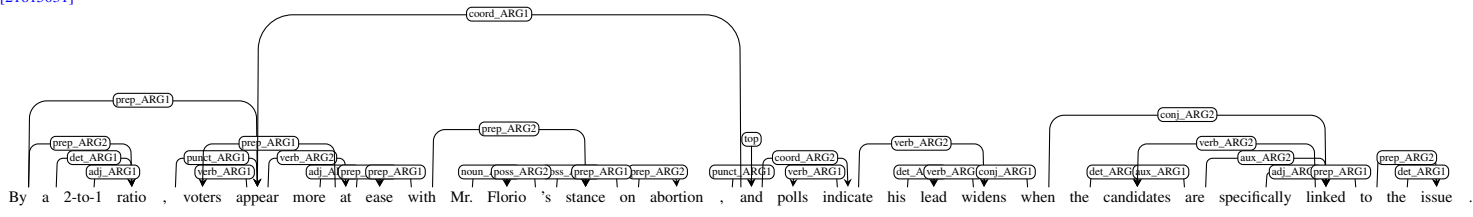
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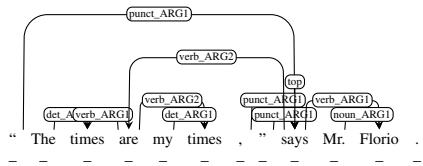
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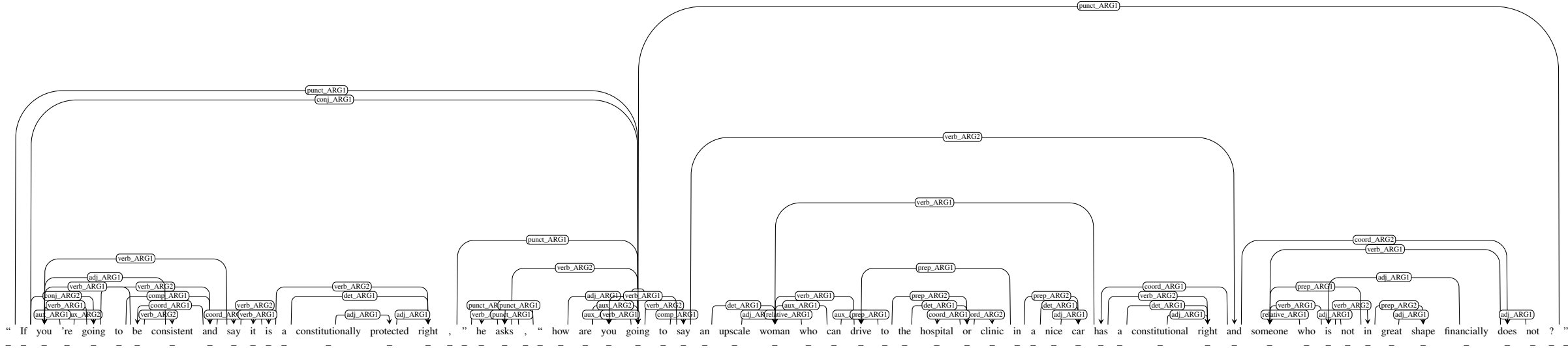
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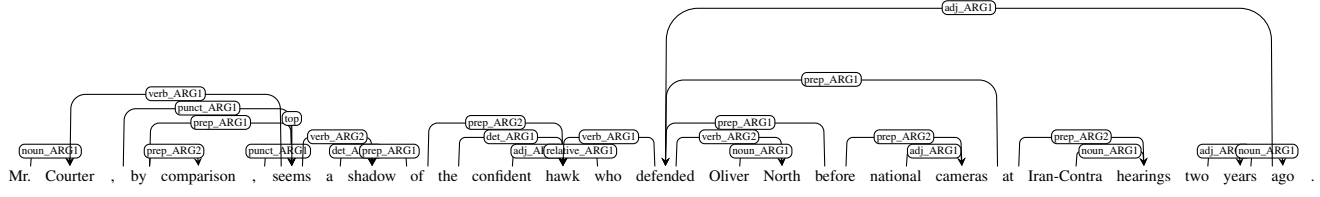
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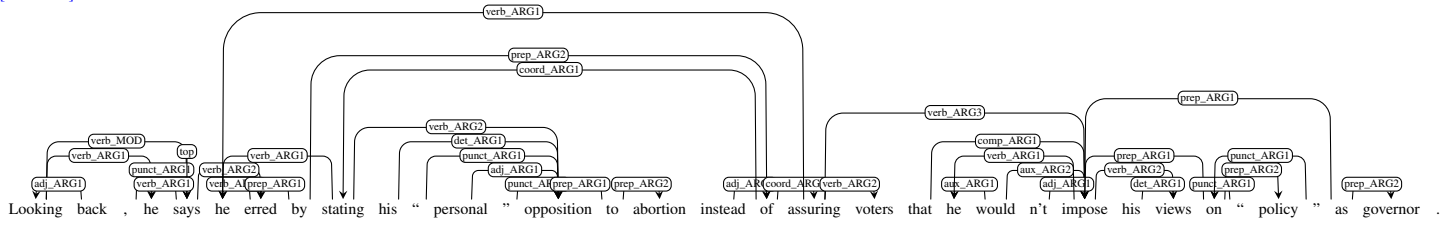
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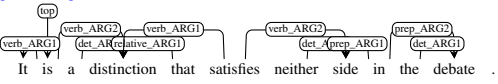
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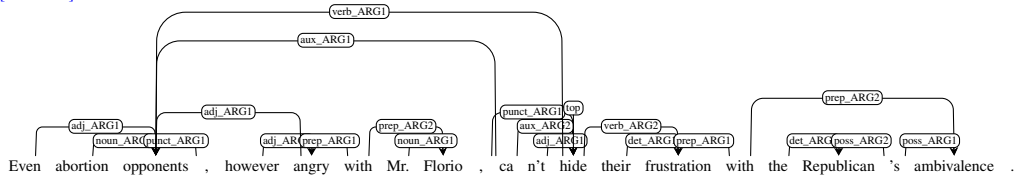
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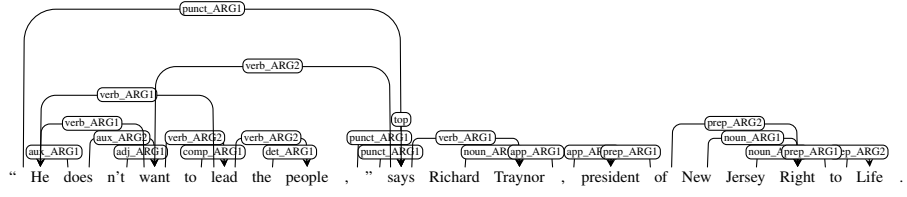
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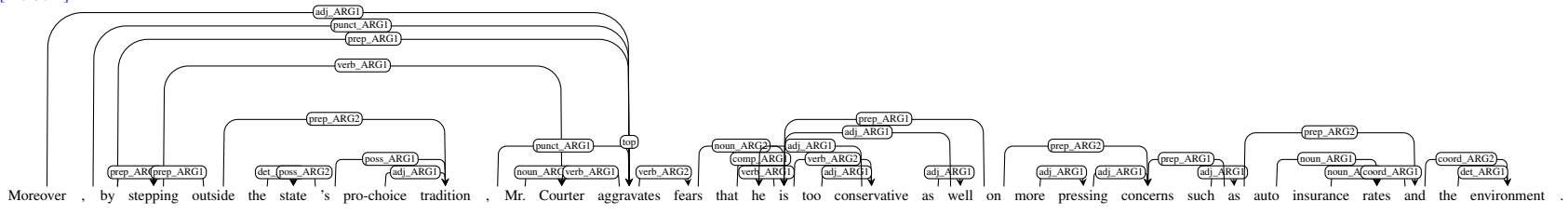
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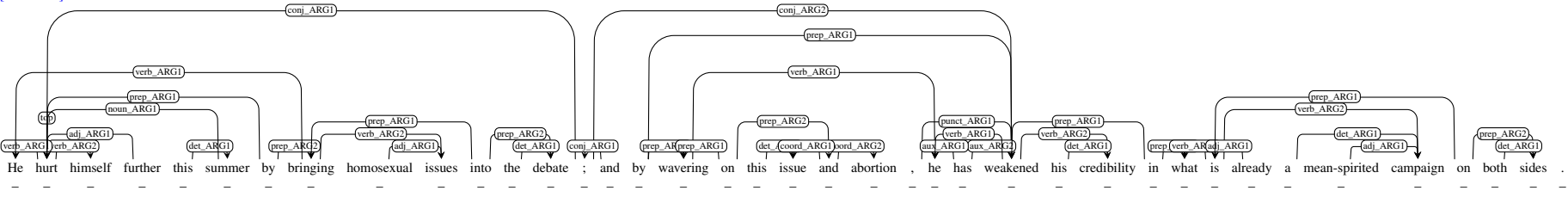
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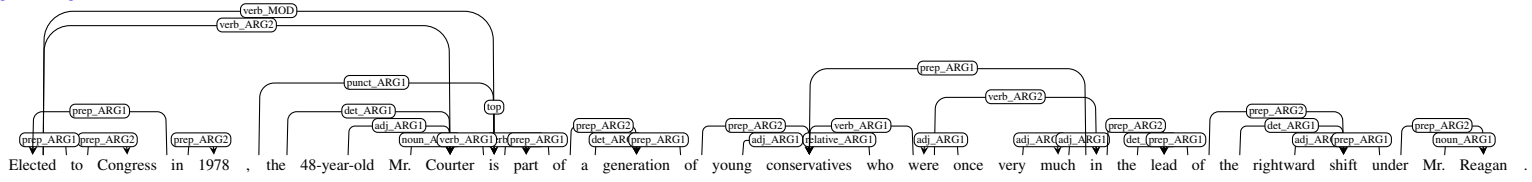
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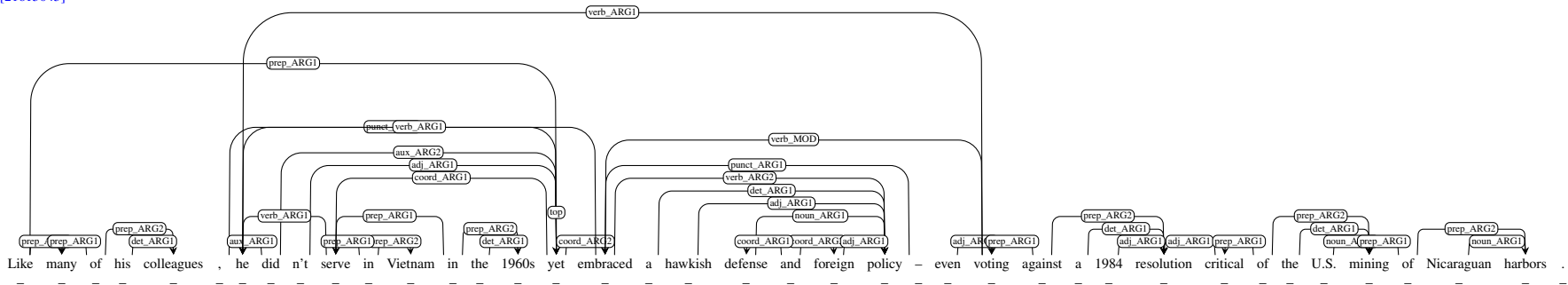
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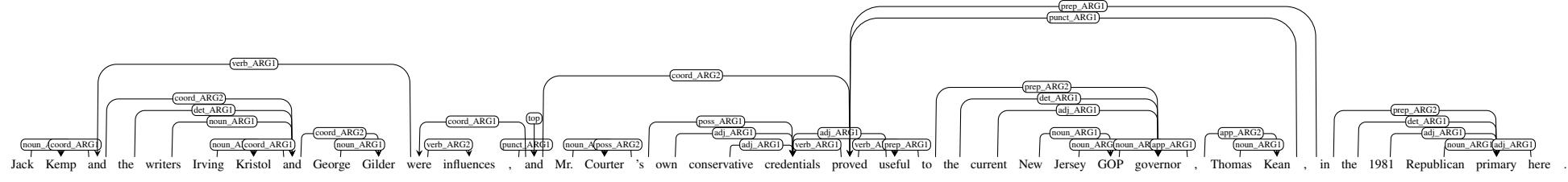
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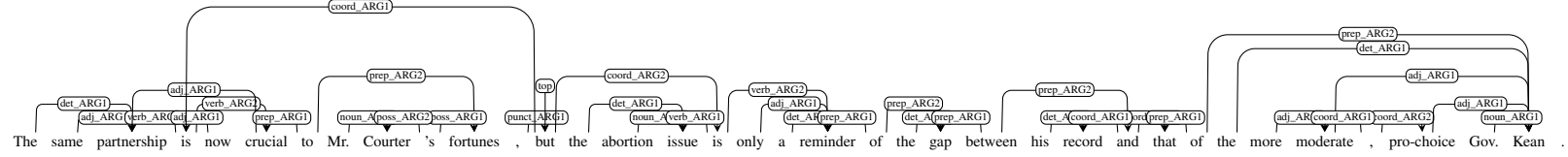
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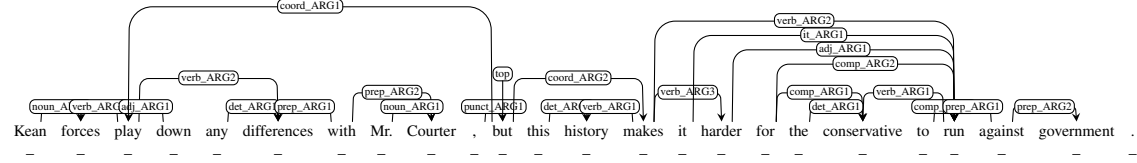
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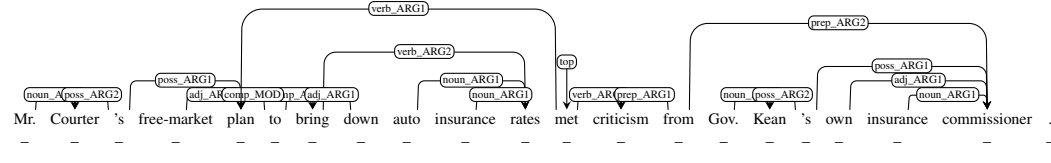
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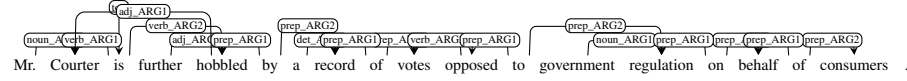
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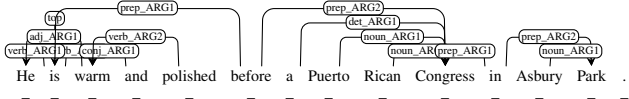
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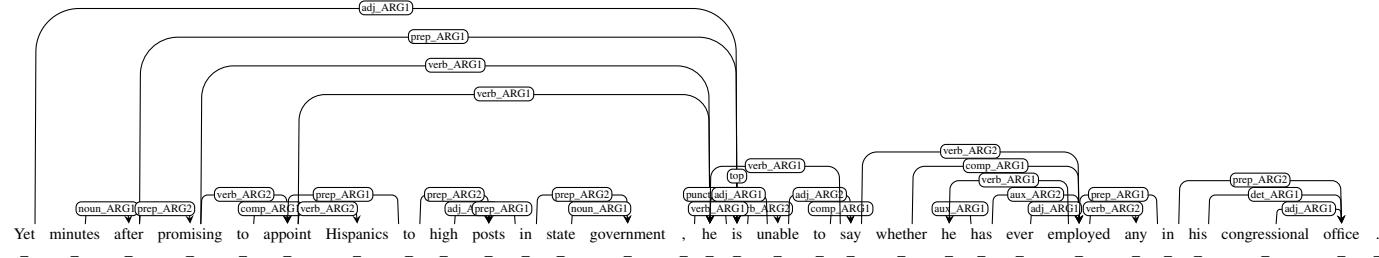
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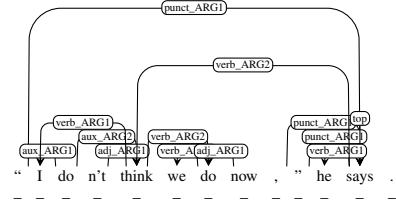
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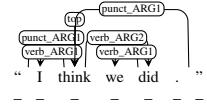
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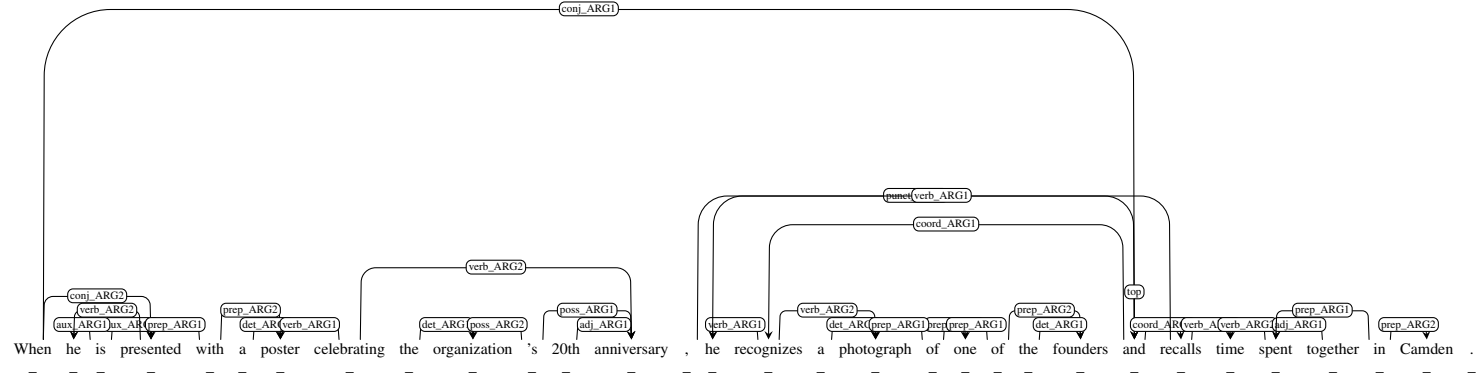
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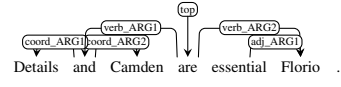
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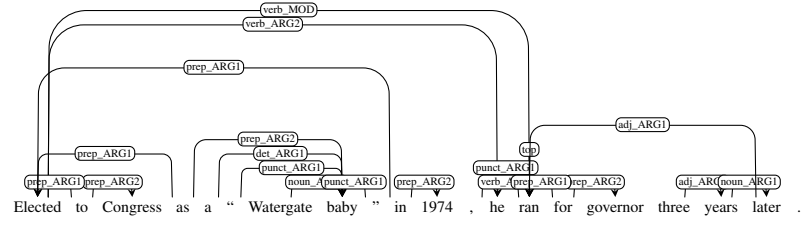
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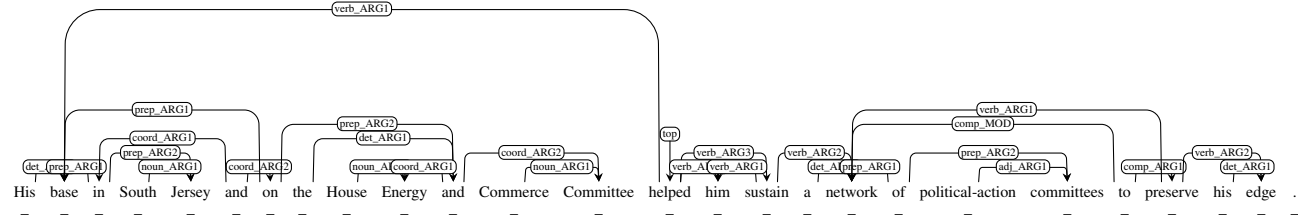
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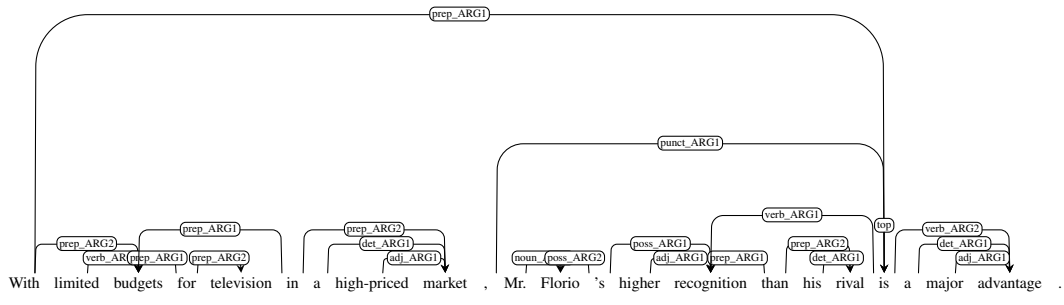
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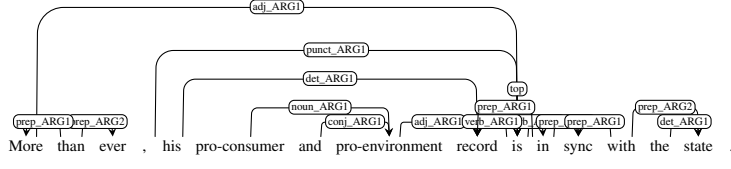
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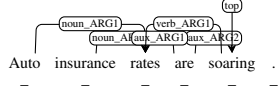
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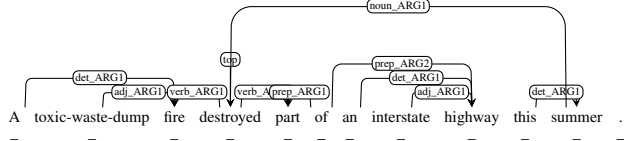
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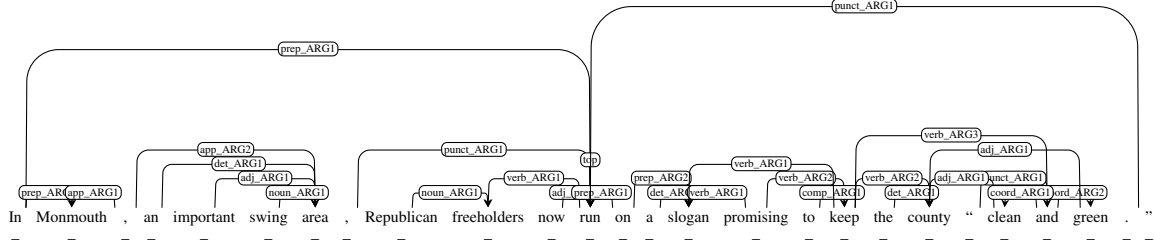
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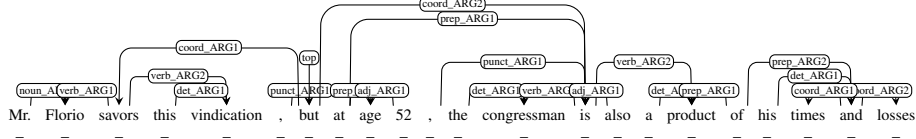
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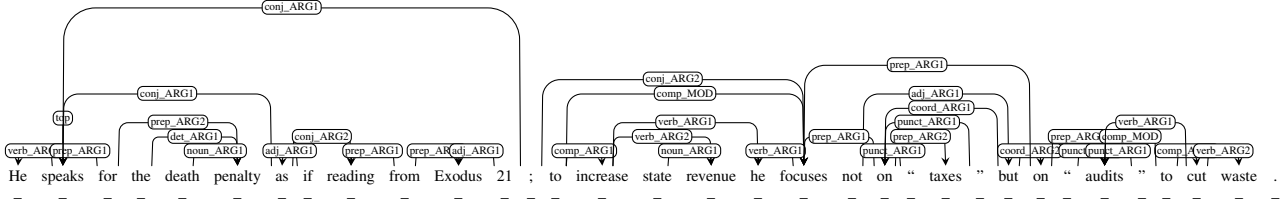
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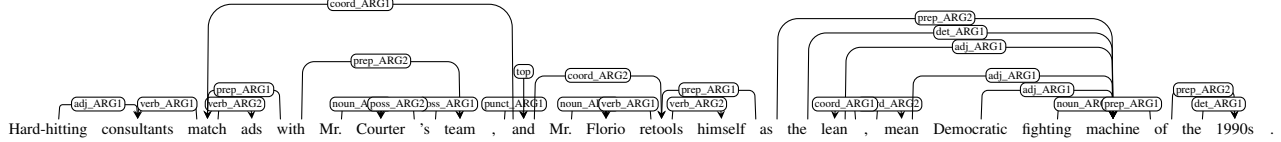
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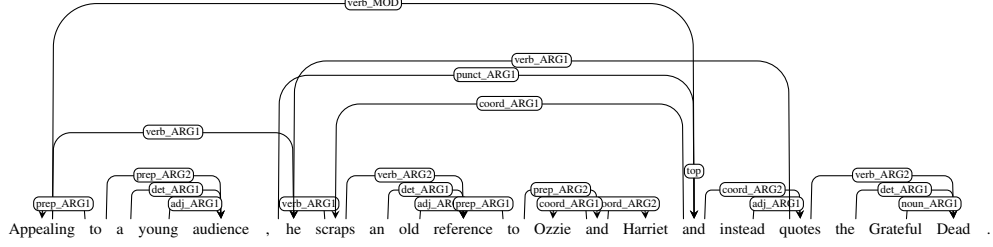
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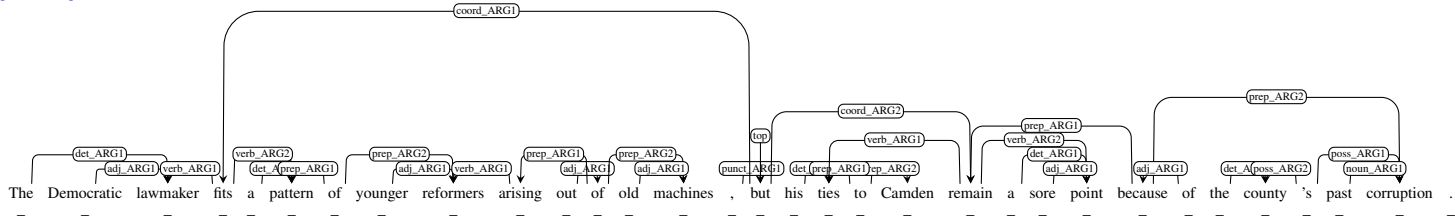
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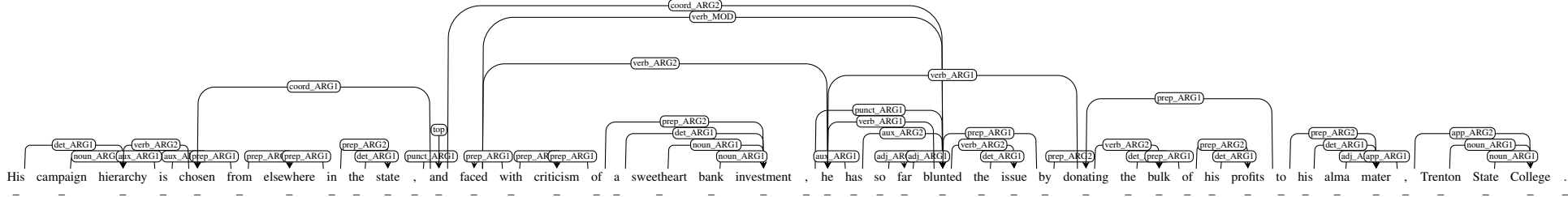
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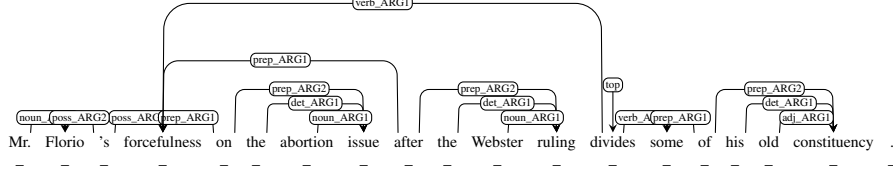
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