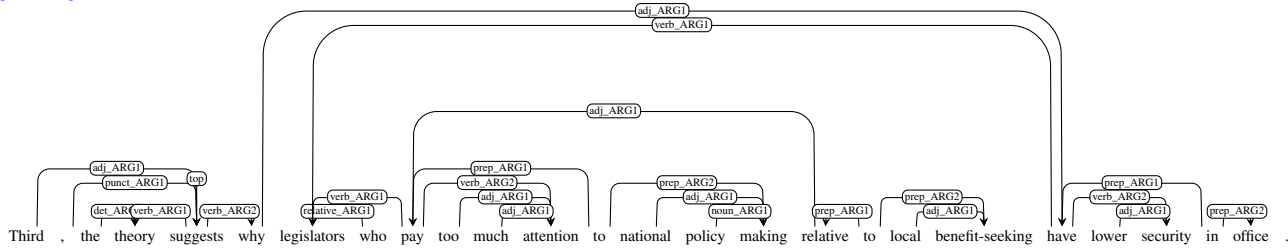


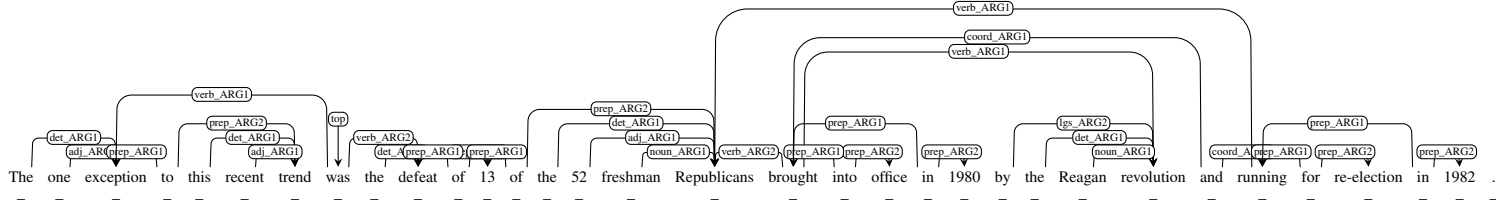
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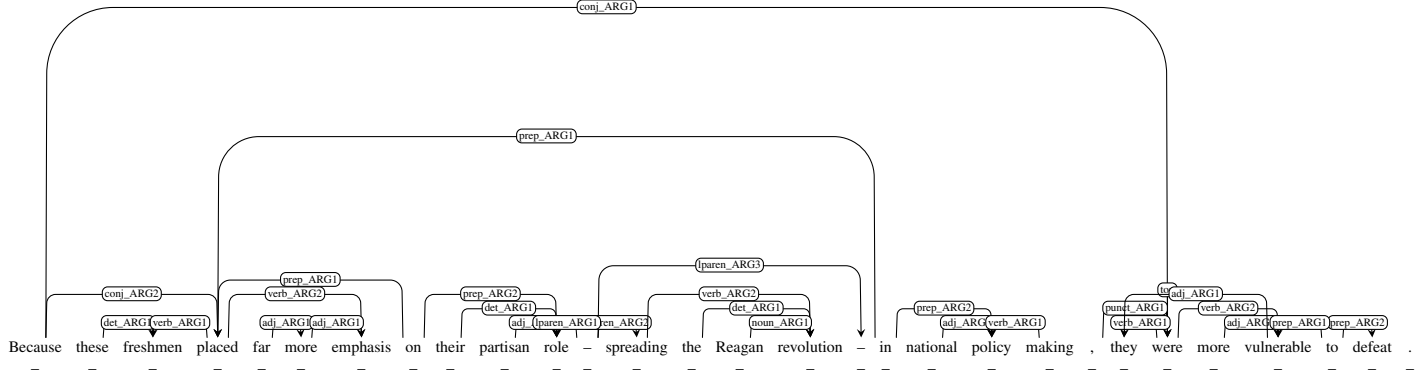
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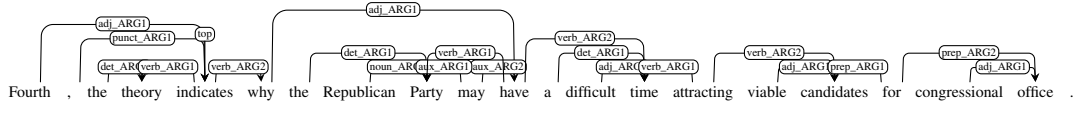
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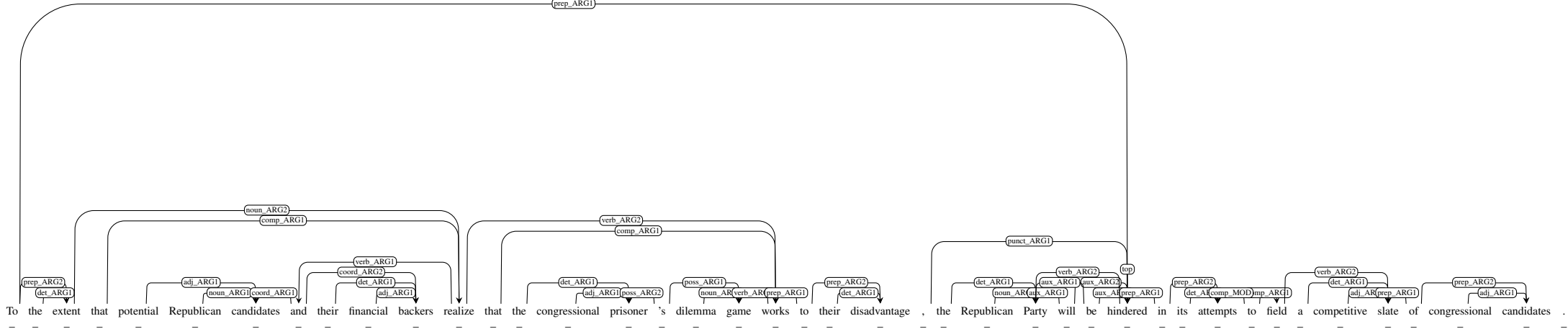
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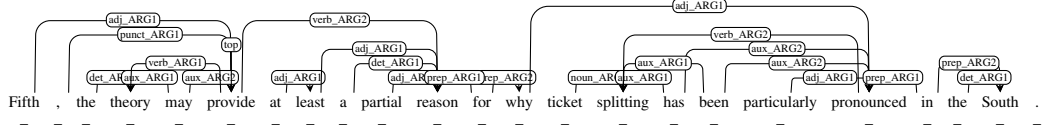
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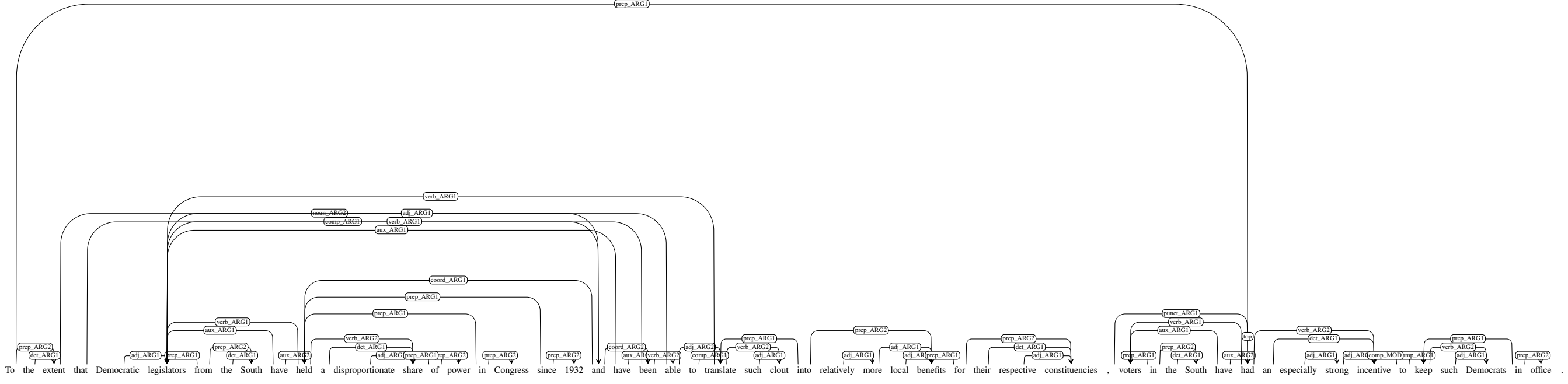
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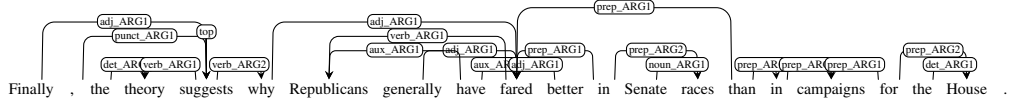
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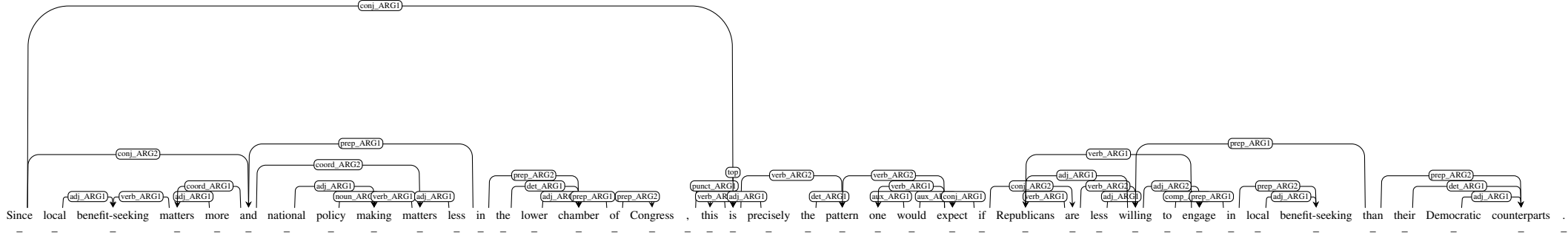
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Is there any empirical support for this theory ?

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Three pieces of evidence corroborate the key assumption that Democratic legislators are more willing to engage in local benefit-seeking than their Republican colleagues .

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To the extent that the primary duty of personal staff involves local benefit-seeking , this indicates that political philosophy leads congressional Republicans to pay less attention to narrow constituent concerns .

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This is indeed what the data indicate , particularly in the case of the House .

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The Democratic House attendance rate has not exceeded the Republican House attendance rate since 1959 .

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In sum , at both the federal and state government levels at least part of the seemingly irrational behavior voters display in the voting booth may have an exceedingly rational explanation .

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