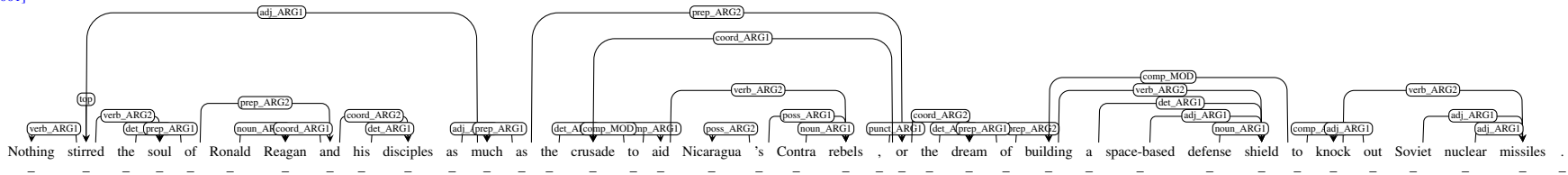
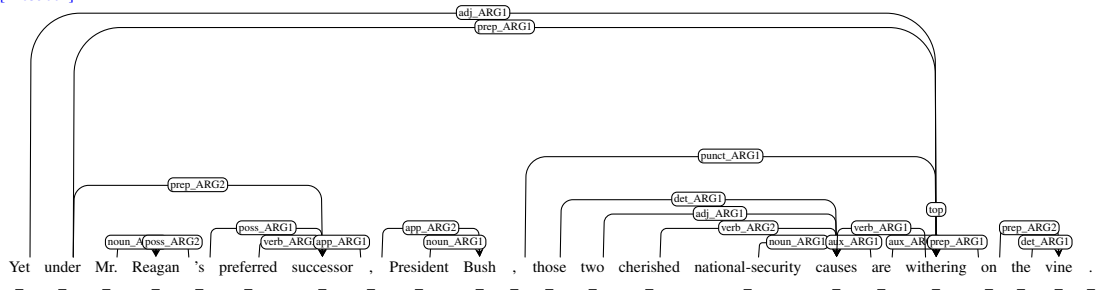


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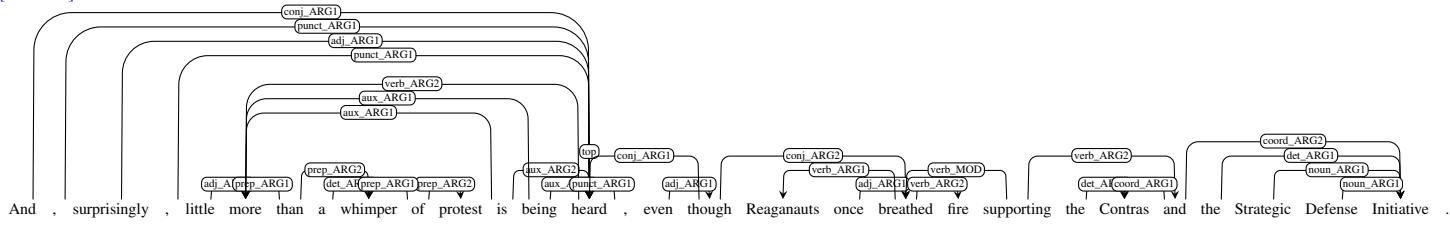
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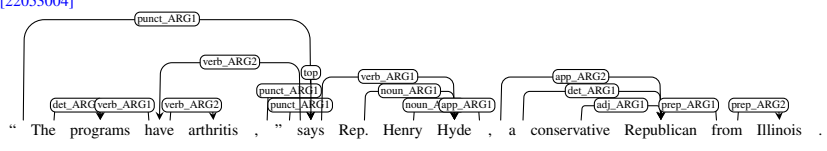
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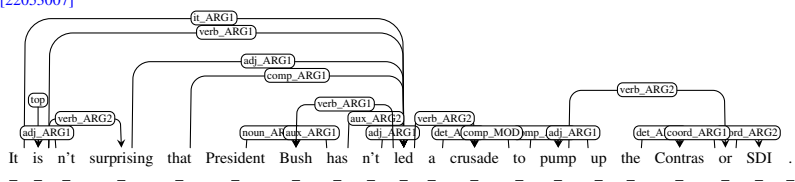
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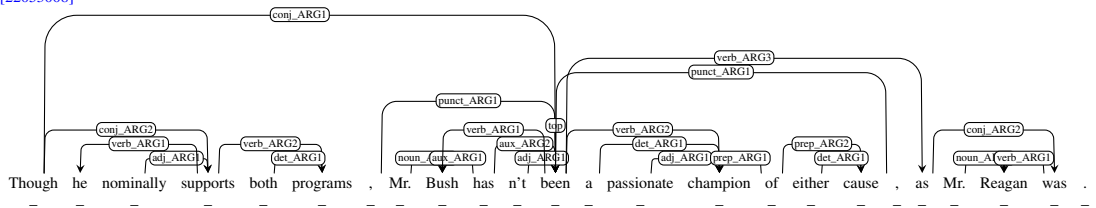
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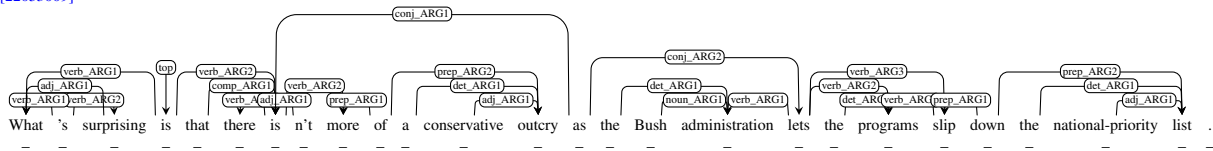
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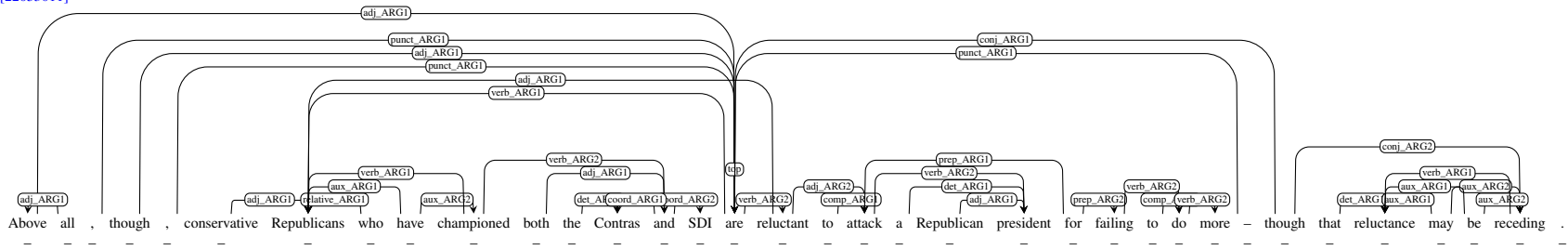
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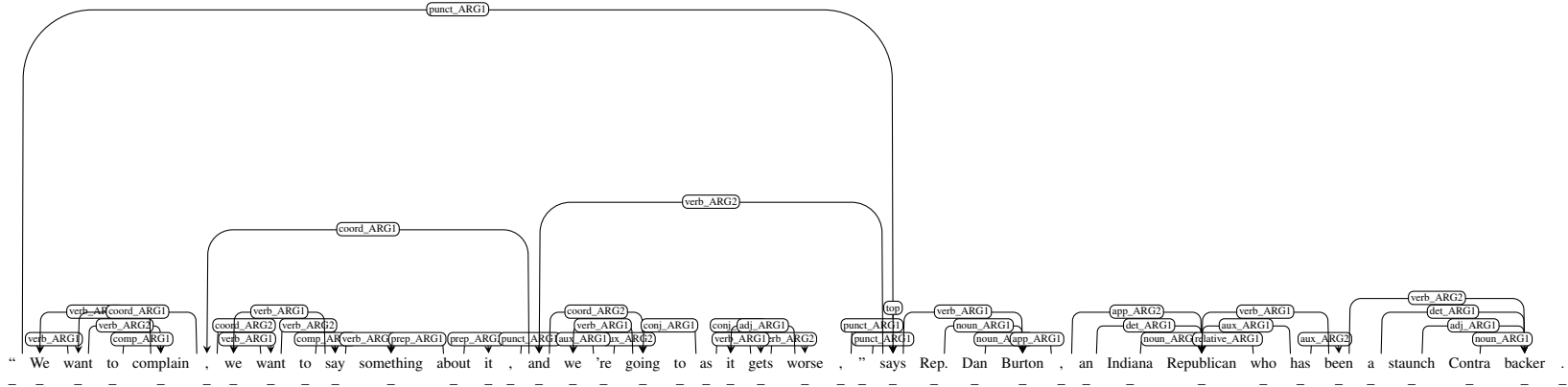
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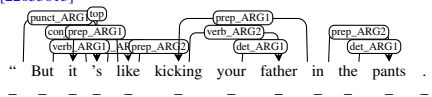
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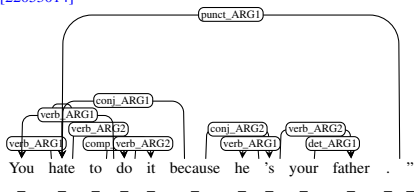
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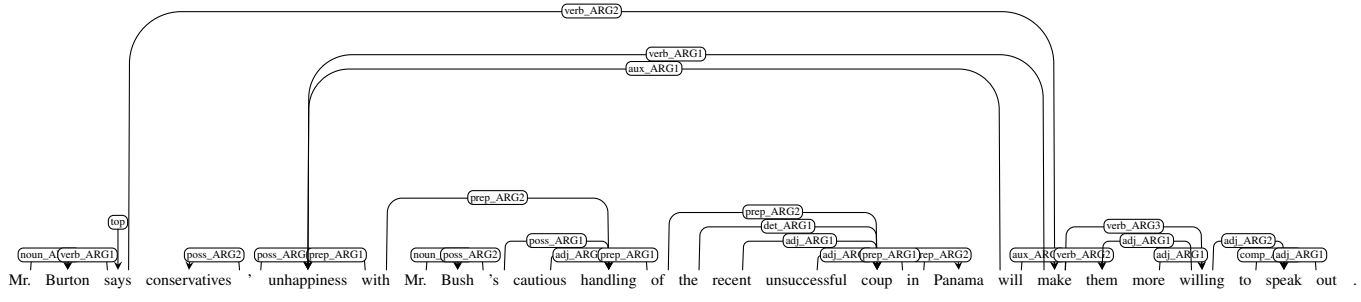
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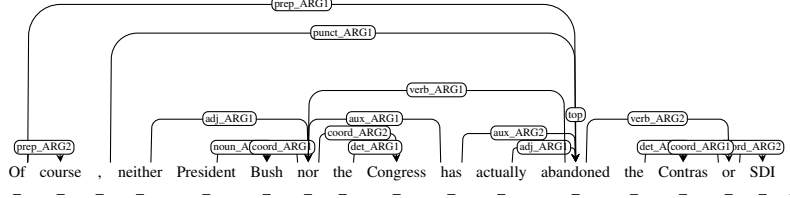
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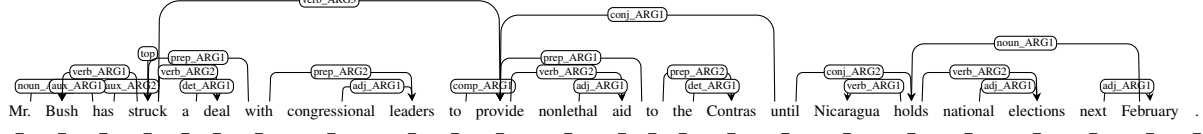
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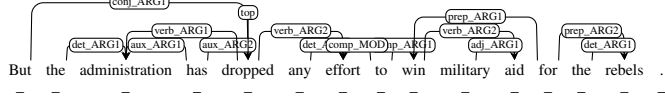
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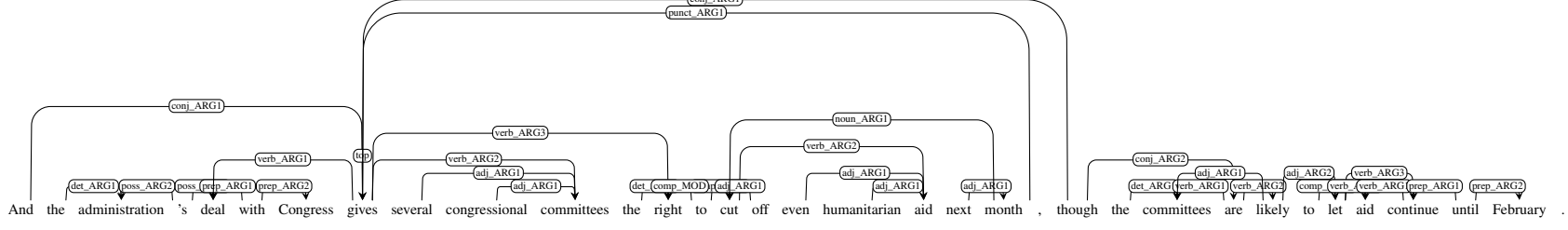
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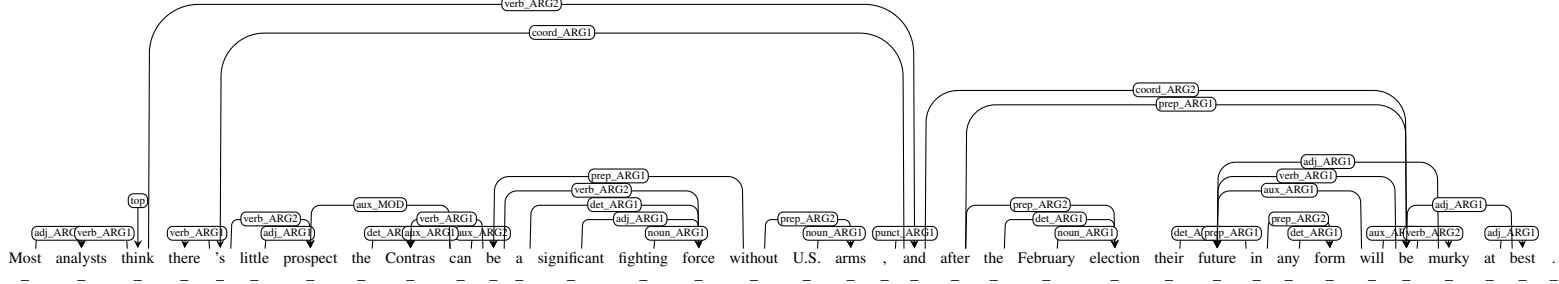
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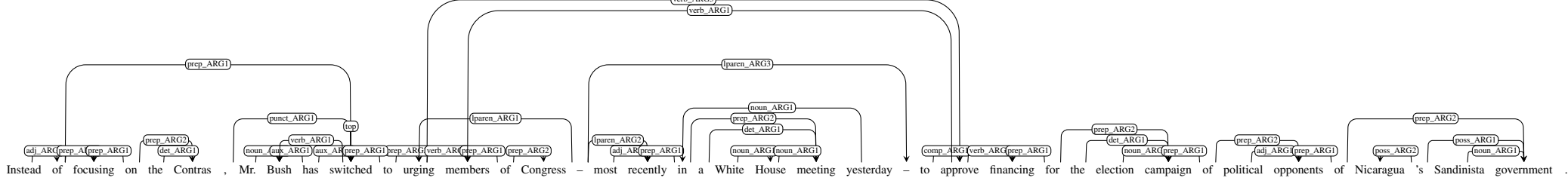
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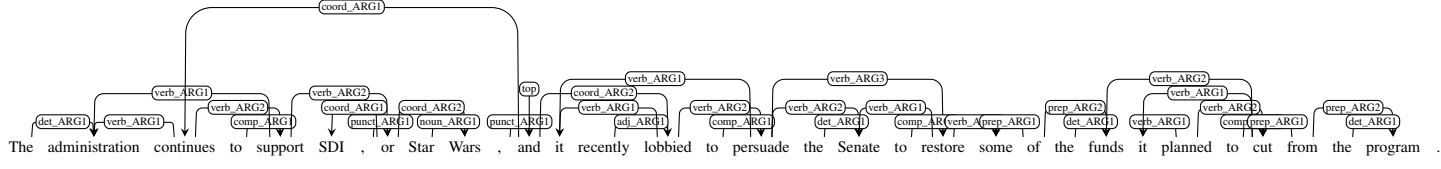
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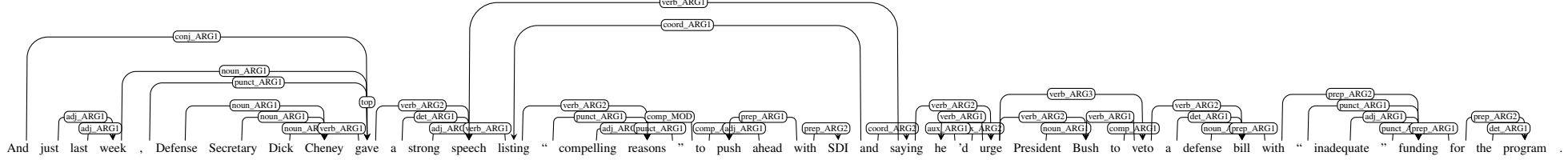
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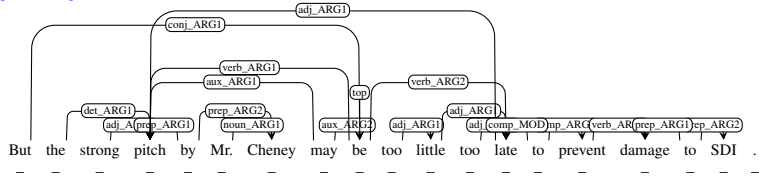
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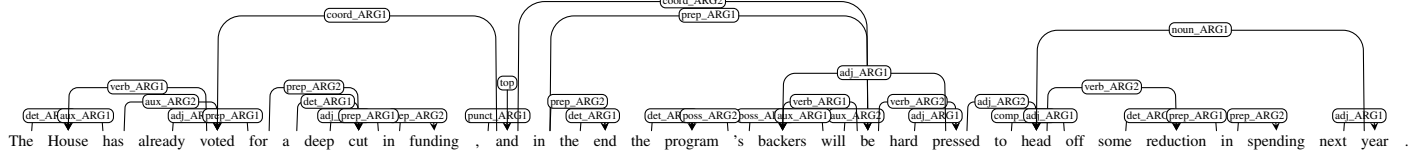
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But the Soviets also are insisting that they will reserve the right to withdraw from the completed strategic-arms treaty later on if the U.S. does SDI testing or deployment that the Soviets think violates the existing anti-ballistic-missile treaty .

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It will be hard down the road to persuade Congress to approve money for SDI plans if lawmakers fear those plans could scuttle a completed treaty .

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As a result , Frank Gaffney , a former Reagan Pentagon aide who now heads the Center for Security Policy , charges that the administration is " professions of continued commitment to development and deployment of the SDI program strain credulity . "

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Still , proponents may be shying away from more drumbeating because they sense political tides have turned against arming the Nicaraguan rebels or boosting spending on SDI - particularly when the public perceives the Soviet threat is declining under Mikhail Gorbachev .

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Some activists are toiling to raise the profile of the two causes .

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But they say they ca n't make much headway because of a lack of willing leaders in a position to turn the tide .

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One longtime champion of these programs in Congress , Republican whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia , is distracted by questions about his ethics . conservatives note .

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Other conservative champions , like Wyoming Republican Sen. Malcolm Wallop , a longtime SDI advocate , do n't have the clout with the Bush White House that they enjoyed with President Reagan .

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Above all , though , proponents say neither the Contra nor the SDI cause can be pushed much further without more presidential support .

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All this causes Rep. Hyde to muse about an alternate way to drum up more enthusiasm .