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October was an edgy month for the practitioners of glasnost , the official Soviet policy of allowing more candor from the nation 's media .

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They feel the need from time to time to educate me .

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And indeed , as he later reported , that was the import of the meeting .

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Anxious allies of President Mikhail Gorbachev are cautioning media leaders to take it easy , to be careful not to do anything that could be used by Mr. Gorbachev 's opponents .

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The government is nervous .

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According to Mr. Korotich , who was present , Mr. Gorbachev 's publicized tongue-lashing of the press on Oct. 13 was more of a plea : " Be careful boys ; use good judgment .

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U.S. and northern European diplomats confirm Mr. Korotich 's assesssment that glasnost is in no immediate danger .

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In fact , a very high-ranking Soviet official told an American official at a diplomatic dinner that no change in the policy was contemplated .

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The day after that conversation at the residence of the U.S. ambassador , the Brezhnevite editor of Pravda , Victor Afnasjev , was replaced by a college classmate of Mr. Gorbachev 's .

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Brezhnevite holdovers have more to fear from Mr. Gorbachev than the verbal spanking he gave to the press .

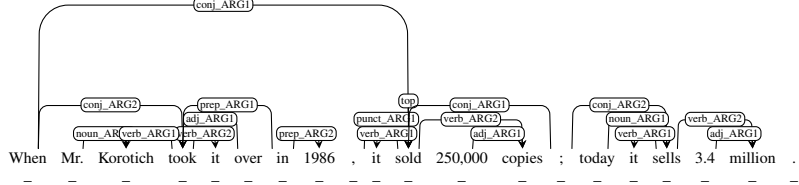
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At the end of the very week in which Mr. Korotich was called to the Central Committee , Ogonyok was again demonstrating its independence by printing a poll that showed that 35 % of the Soviet population , a plurality , believed that Mr. Gorbachev 's economic reforms , perestroika , would result in only insignificant change .

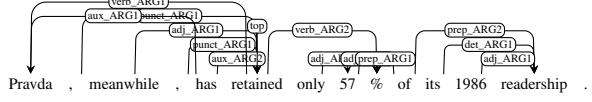
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A good measurement of the popularity of ice-breaker journals like Ogonyok is circulation .

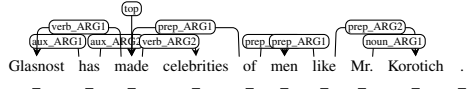
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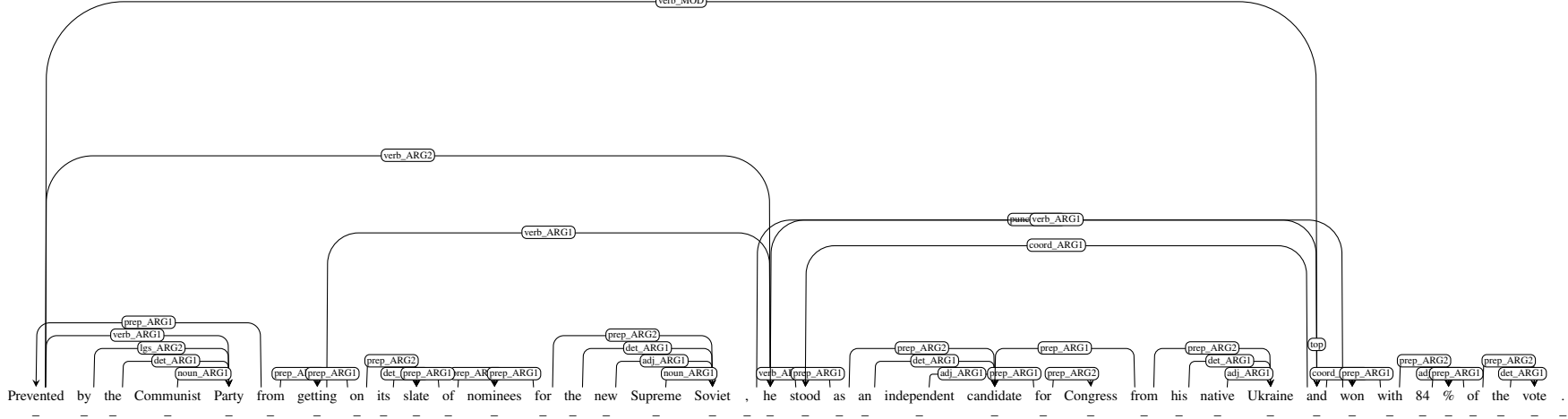
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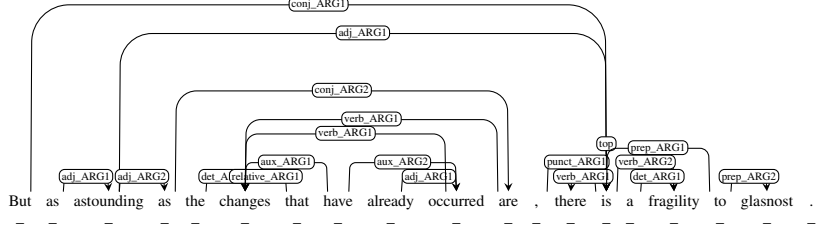
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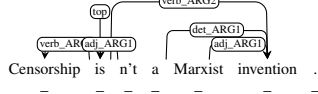
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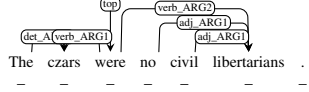
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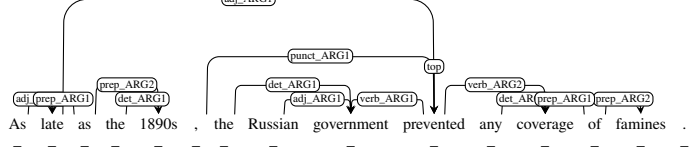
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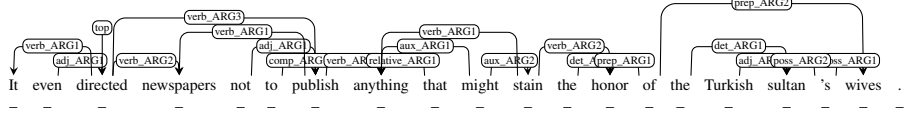
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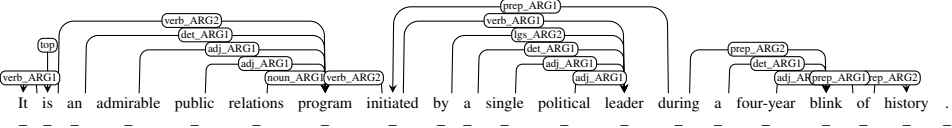
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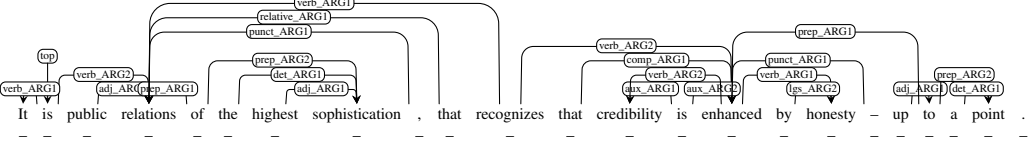
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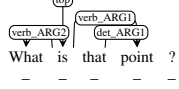
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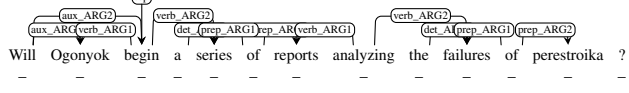
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