

# AGENTIFIED ARGUMENTATIVE LEARNING

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## ARGUMENTATIVE LEARNING (w/ABA Learning)

- learn ABAFs from (possibly) **very few examples** to make run-time inference about previously unseen examples
- learnt ABAFs may admit **no** or **several extensions**, failing to determine definite (non-)acceptance of unseen example

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## ARGUMENTATIVE LEARNING (w/ABA Learning)

- **actions**: consulting an external source (human, agent or data repo)
- **observations**: learning the outcome of the consultation

NON-FLAT ABAFs w/ “**actionable assumption**”

# NON-FLAT ABA FRAMEWORKS

a variant of the Nixon diamond problem

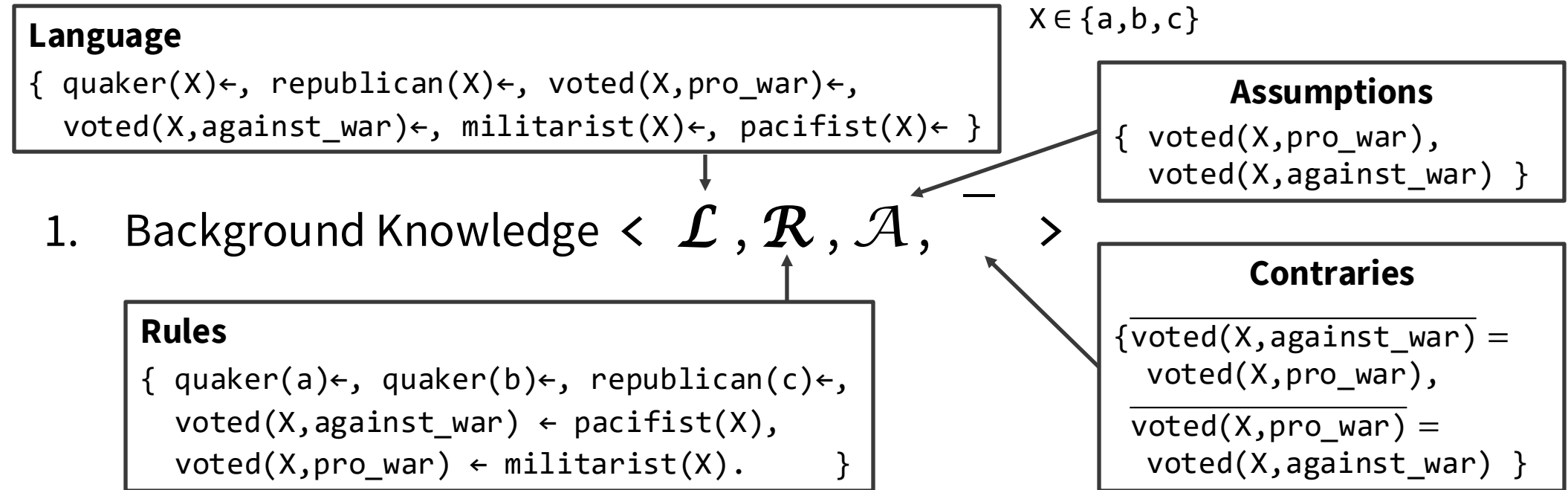
quaker(a) ←                      quaker(b) ←                      republican(c) ←      **facts**

**voted**(X, against\_war) ← pacifist(X)  
**voted**(X, pro\_war) ← militarist(X)      **rules**

 **heads** of the rules are **assumptions**

$\overline{\text{voted}(X, \text{against\_war})} = \text{voted}(X, \text{pro\_war})$   
 $\overline{\text{voted}(X, \text{pro\_war})} = \text{voted}(X, \text{against\_war})$

# ARGUMENTATIVE LEARNING w/ABA Learning



2. Positive examples

$\mathbf{E_p} = \{ \text{pacifist}(a), \text{pacifist}(b), \text{militarist}(c) \}$

3. Negative examples

$\mathbf{E_n} = \{ \text{militarist}(a), \text{militarist}(b), \text{pacifist}(c) \}$

4. Learnable Predicates

$\mathbf{T} = \{ \text{pacifist}, \text{militarist} \}$

# ABA LEARNING at work

**Rote Learning**

pacifist(X)  $\leftarrow$  X=a

militarist(X)  $\leftarrow$  X=c

**Folding**

pacifist(X)  $\leftarrow$  quaker(X)

militarist(X)  $\leftarrow$  republican(X)

**No more rules to learn:  
LEARNING COMPLETED!**

quaker(a)  $\leftarrow$           quaker(b)  $\leftarrow$           republican(c)  $\leftarrow$

voted(X,against\_war)  $\leftarrow$  pacifist(X)

voted(X,pro\_war)  $\leftarrow$  militarist(X)

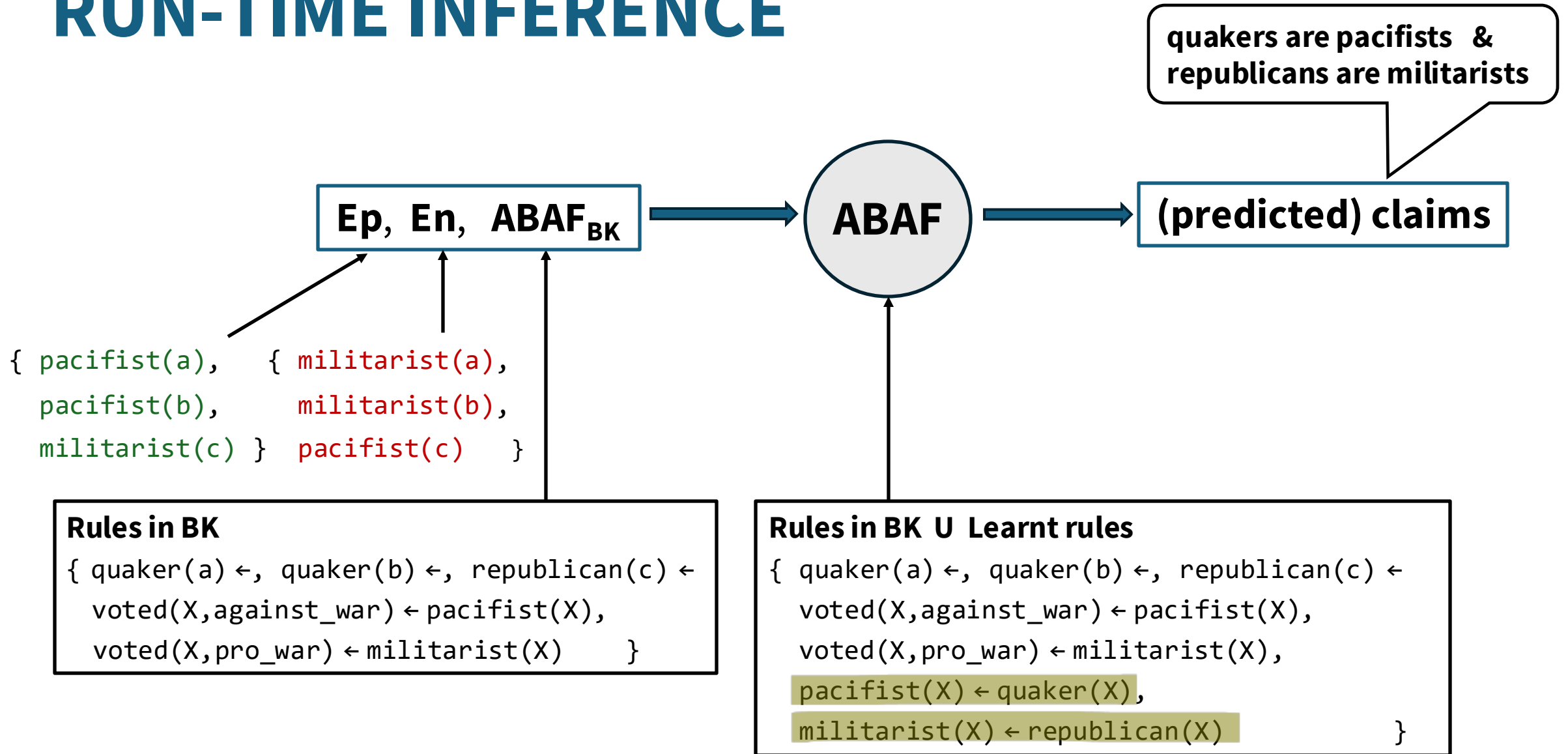
**Rules in the Background Knowledge**

pacifist(X)  $\leftarrow$  quaker(X)

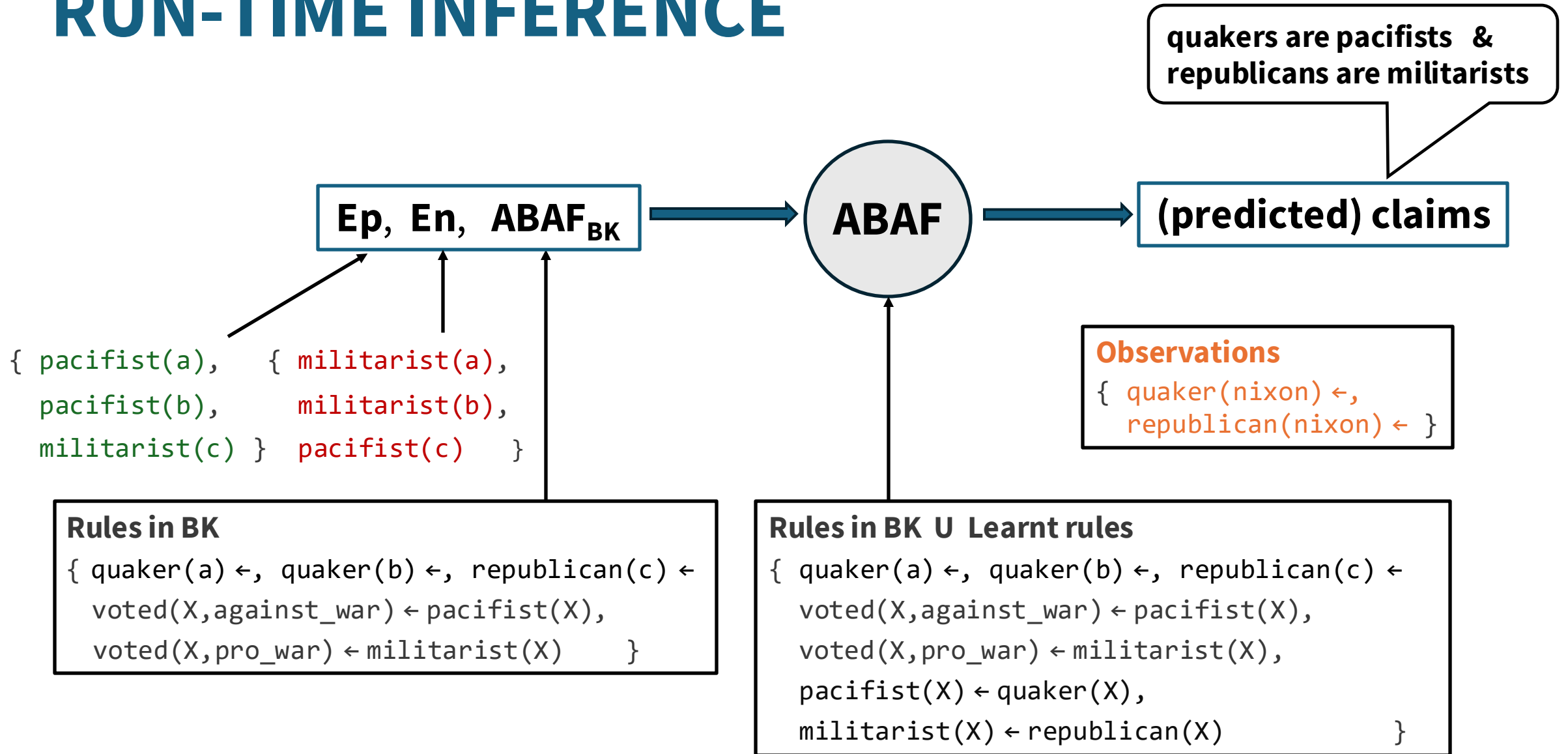
militarist(X)  $\leftarrow$  republican(X)

**Learnt rules**

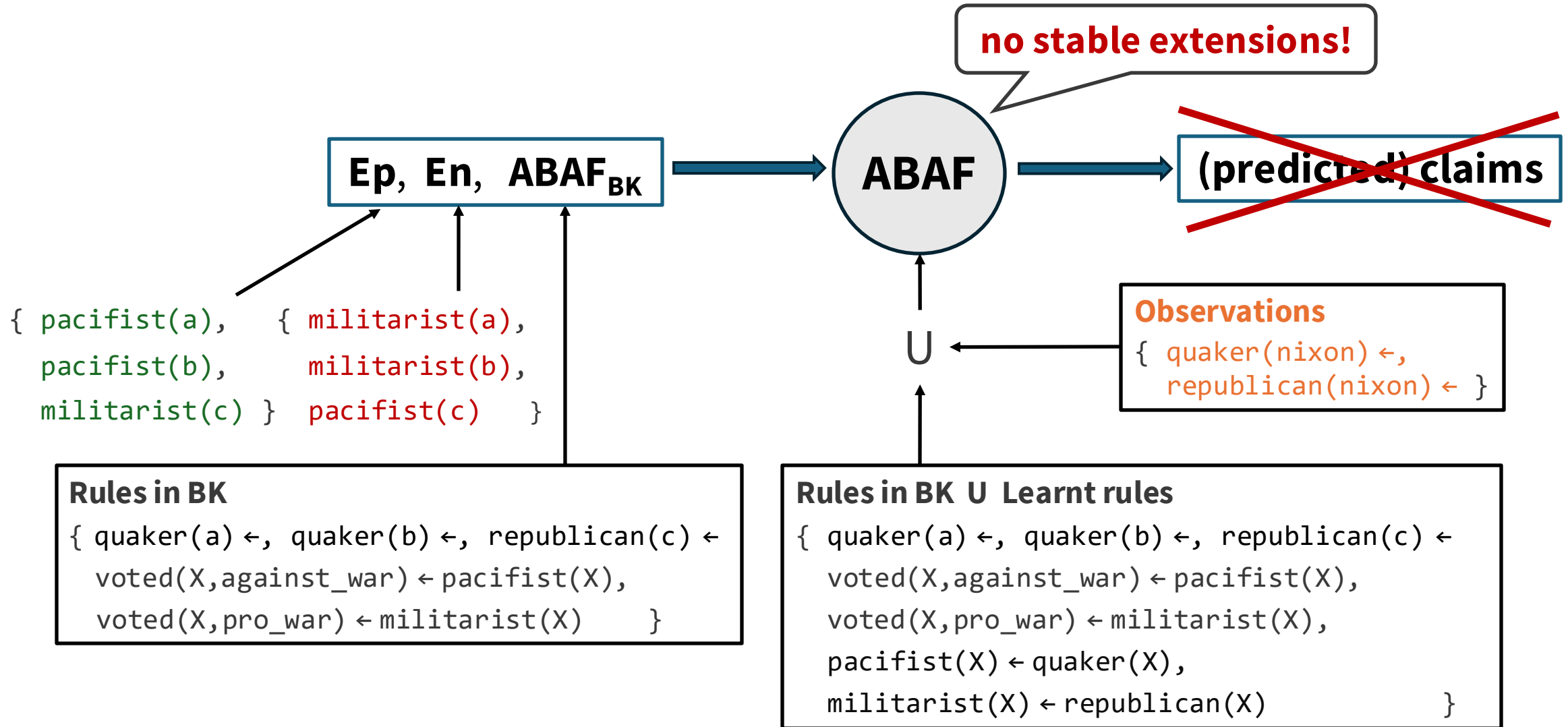
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voted(X,against_war) ← pacifist(X)  
voted(X,pro_war) ← militarist(X)
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**Rules in BK**

```
pacifist(X) ← quaker(X), normal_quaker(X)  
militarist(X) ← republican(X), normal_republican(X)
```

**Learnt rules**

**Learnt rules** are rendered defeasible  
by applying **assumption introduction**

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pacifist(X) ← quaker(X), normal_quaker(X)  
militarist(X) ← republican(X), normal_republican(X)
```

**Learnt rules**

$\overline{\text{normal\_quaker}(X)} = \text{abnormal\_quaker}(X)$   
 $\overline{\text{normal\_republican}(X)} = \text{abnormal\_republican}(X)$

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**Rote Learning**

abnormal\_quaker(X) ← X=nixon

Which **rule** should we  
**learn**  
?

abnormal\_republican(X) ← X=nixon

**Folding**

abnormal\_quaker(X) ← republican(X)

abnormal\_republican(X) ← quaker(X)

Which **claim** should be  
**accepted**  
?

militarist(nixon)  
voted(nixon,pro\_war)

pacifist(nixon)  
voted(nixon,against\_war)

# AGENTIFIED ABA LEARNING at work

quaker(a) ← quaker(b) ← republican(c) ←

voted(X,against\_war) ← pacifist(X)

voted(X,pro\_war) ← militarist(X)

actionable assumption

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militarist(X) ← republican(X), normal\_republican(X)

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militarist(X) ← republican(X), normal_republican(X)
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militarist(nixon)?  
pacifist(nixon)?

(predicted) claims

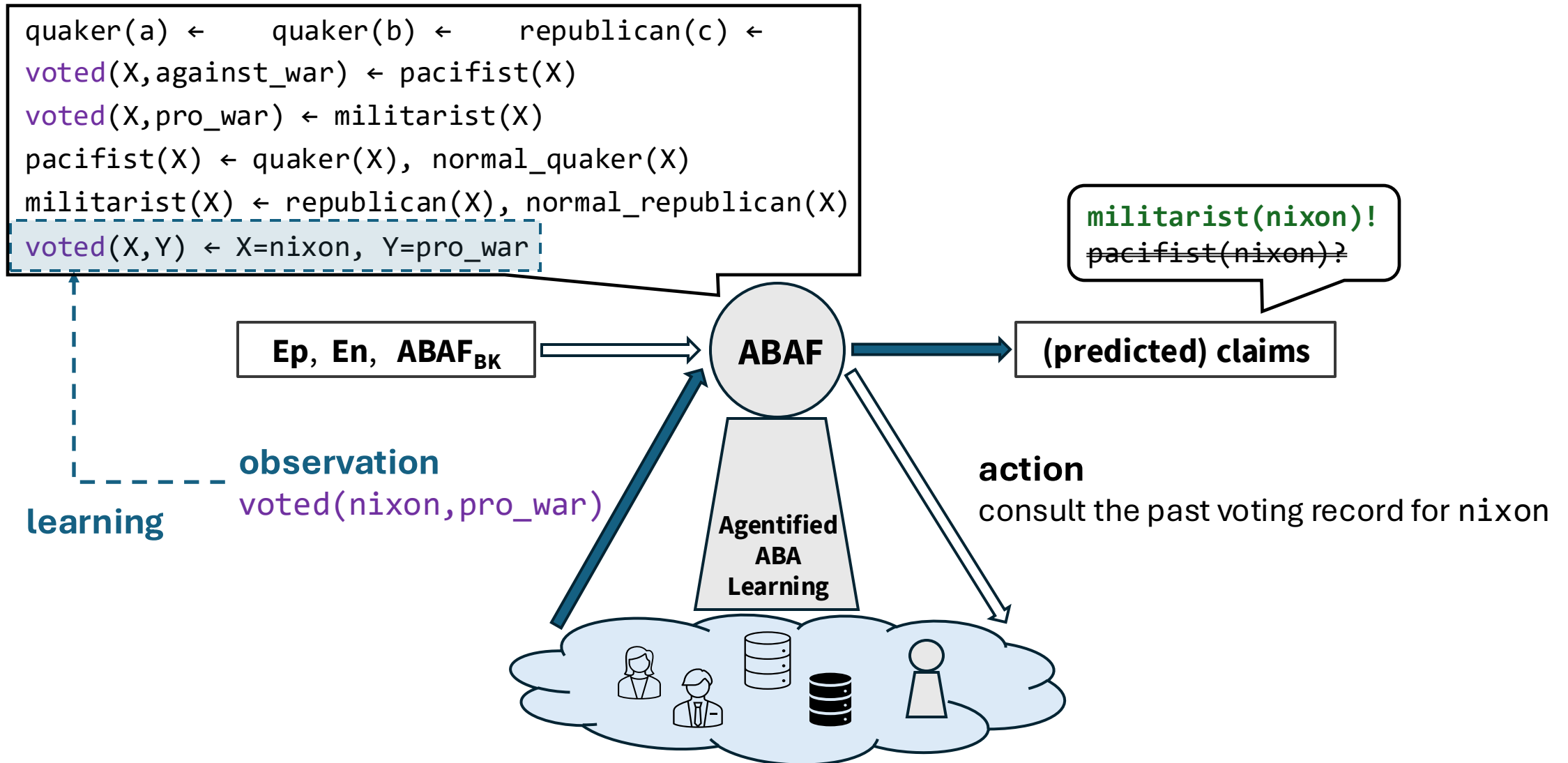
**action**

consult the past voting record for nixon

Agentified  
ABA  
Learning



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# CONCLUSIONS

- **Novel vision** for **argumentative agents**  
learning from examples & performing actions to  
generate targeted expansions of their knowledge
- **Enhancement of ABA Learning**  
leveraging on non-flat ABAFs
- **TODO**  
turn the **vision**  
into an **algorithm**

