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- Premises
1. There  $\rightarrow$  only a week left until the election
  2. The polls put the Democrats 20 points ahead
  3. A 20-Point lead with only a week left can not be overthrown
- Concl. Therefore, the democracy will win the election

~~inference markers:~~

- The reasoning is implicit
- The conclusion is stated in the beginning and the rest runs with it.

This is NOT deductively valid because the premises make conclusion likely but don't guarantee it.

2.

1. Most ordinary birds are corrupt
2. Pelicans are ordinary birds
3. therefore, most Pelicans are corrupt

IM: "After All"

This statement wouldn't be deductively valid because even if most ordinary birds are corrupt, it doesn't guarantee that most Pelicans are corrupt.

3.

1. Anyone who is well prepared will come in top ten
2. Jane is well prepared
3. This means Jane will come in top ten

IM: "So"

This statement is deductively valid because it states that if someone is well prepared, which Jane is, then they will come in top ten guaranteeing the conclusion if the premises are true