

# CRITICAL THINKING

Workshop #3

## *Diagramming Arguments*

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# Explanation of Annotations for These Solutions

The problem is in black Futura Std type.

Argument parsing and argument maps are done as seen in class.

Any commentary is in blue Futura Std type.

**Please Note:** When solving these types of problems for a quiz or an exam, you are expected to format your own solutions in a similar manner as I have done on these slides. Failure to do so may result in a small penalty for not following instructions or even a larger penalty because I do not understand your solution.

# Part I Solutions

1. <sup>C</sup> Campaign finance reform is needed because many contributions to political campaigns are morally equivalent to bribes.<sub>1</sub>

[1] Many contributions to political campaigns are morally equivalent to bribes.



[C] Campaign finance reform is needed.

# Part I Solutions

2. If Qatar wins the Asian Cup, then fans from Bahrain will shout obscenities and throw  
soda cans. So leave your children at home because Qatar is going to win!  
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[1] If Qatar wins the Asian Cup,  
then fans from Bahrain will shout  
obscenities and throw soda cans.

[2] Qatar is  
going to win  
the Asian Cup.

[C] Leave your children at home.

# Part I Solutions

3. The Internet has destroyed balanced, thoughtful journalism since it promotes<sup>1</sup>  
sensationalism and trains people to consume news in smaller, bite-sized pieces.<sup>2</sup>

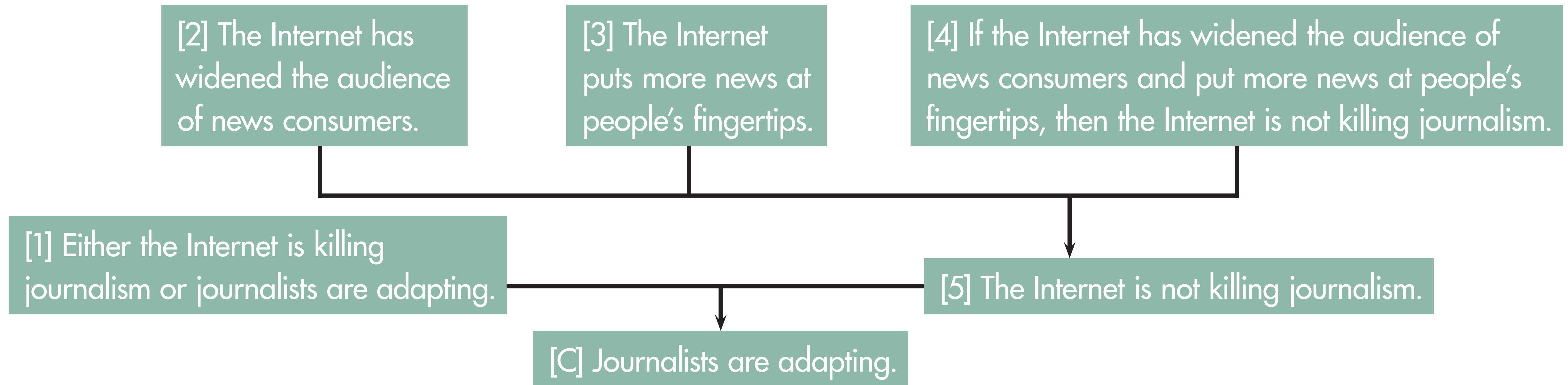
[1] The Internet promotes sensationalism.

[2] The Internet trains people to consume news in smaller, bite-sized pieces.

[C] The Internet has destroyed balanced, thoughtful journalism.

# Part II Solutions

1. Either the Internet is killing journalism or journalists are adapting. But the Internet has widened the audience of news consumers and put more news at people's fingertips, and if these two things are true then the Internet is not killing journalism. So the Internet is not killing journalism. Therefore journalists are adapting.
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# Part II Solutions

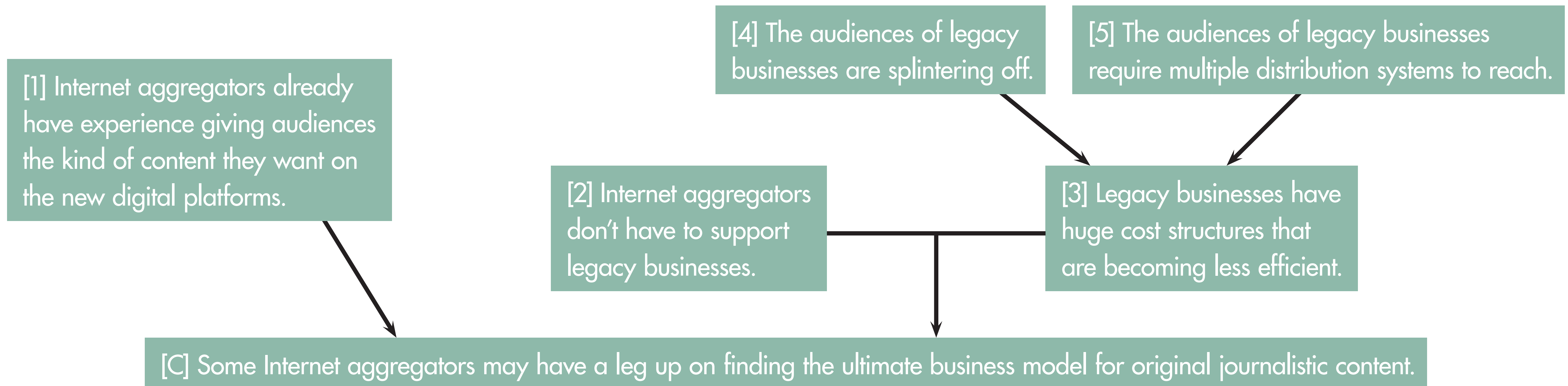
2. C Young journalists [should] go work in India. There are so many great newspapers in India. <sup>1</sup> I go quite a lot, actually. It <sup>2</sup> has a very vibrant newspaper and magazine culture. There's a lot of energy in Delhi, <sup>3</sup> a lot of newsmagazines. <sup>4</sup> It's a <sup>5</sup> very literary culture, <sup>6</sup> it's great.



# Part II Solutions

3.

There are two primary reasons <sup>C</sup> some of these Internet aggregators [like AOL, Yahoo, Politico, The Huffington Post, and The Daily Beast] may have a leg up on finding the ultimate business model for original [journalistic] content: 1) They already have experience giving audiences the kind of content they want on the new digital platforms; and, 2) They don't have to support the legacy businesses, like print or broadcast, which have huge cost structures that are becoming less efficient as <sup>2</sup> their audiences splinter off and <sup>3</sup> require multiple distribution systems to reach. <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>





# Next Class...

We will discuss the relationship between arguments (as we have defined them in this class) and everyday disputes.