

Introduction to Logical Reasoning

Workshop on Diagramming Arguments

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Part 1, Problem 1 Solution

C Campaign finance reform is needed because many contributions to political campaigns are morally equivalent to bribes.
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[1] Many contributions to political campaigns are morally equivalent to bribes.



[C] Campaign finance reform is needed.

Part 1, Problem 2 Solution

1 If Qatar wins the Asian Cup, then the fans from Bahrain will shout obscenities. So you should leave your children at home because Qatar is going to win it!

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[1] If Qatar wins the Asian Cup, then the fans from Bahrain will shout obscenities.

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

[C] You should leave your children at home.

Part 1, Problem 3 Solution

C (The Internet has destroyed balanced, thoughtful journalism) because it promotes sensationalism and trains people to consume news in smaller, bite-sized pieces.

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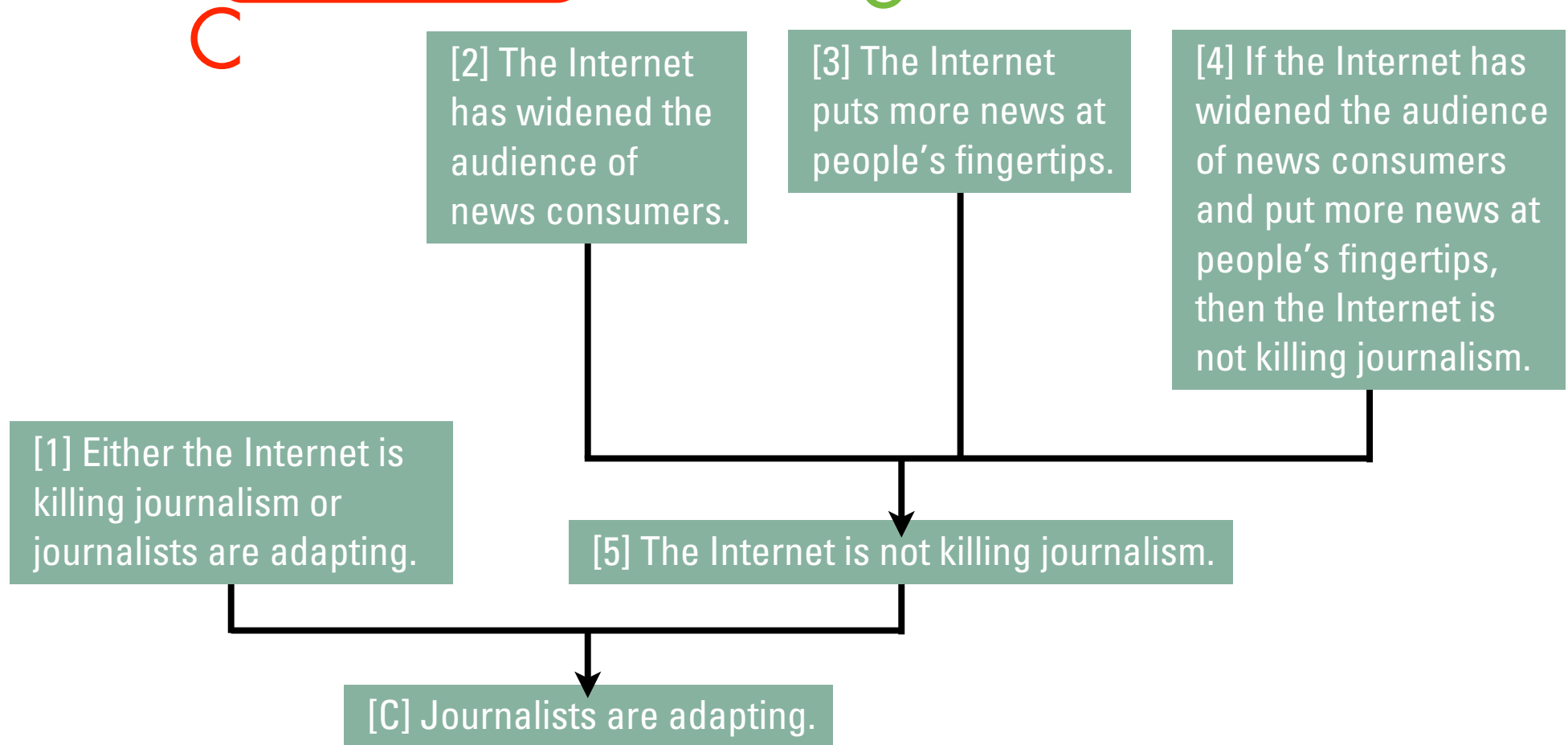
[1] The Internet promotes sensationalism.

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

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

Part 2, Problem 1 Solution

¹ Either the Internet is killing journalism or journalists are adapting. But ² the Internet has widened the audience of news consumers and ³ put more news at people's fingertips, and ⁴ if these two things are true, then the Internet is not killing journalism. So ⁵ the Internet is not killing journalism, and therefore journalists are adapting.



Part 2, Problem 2 Solution

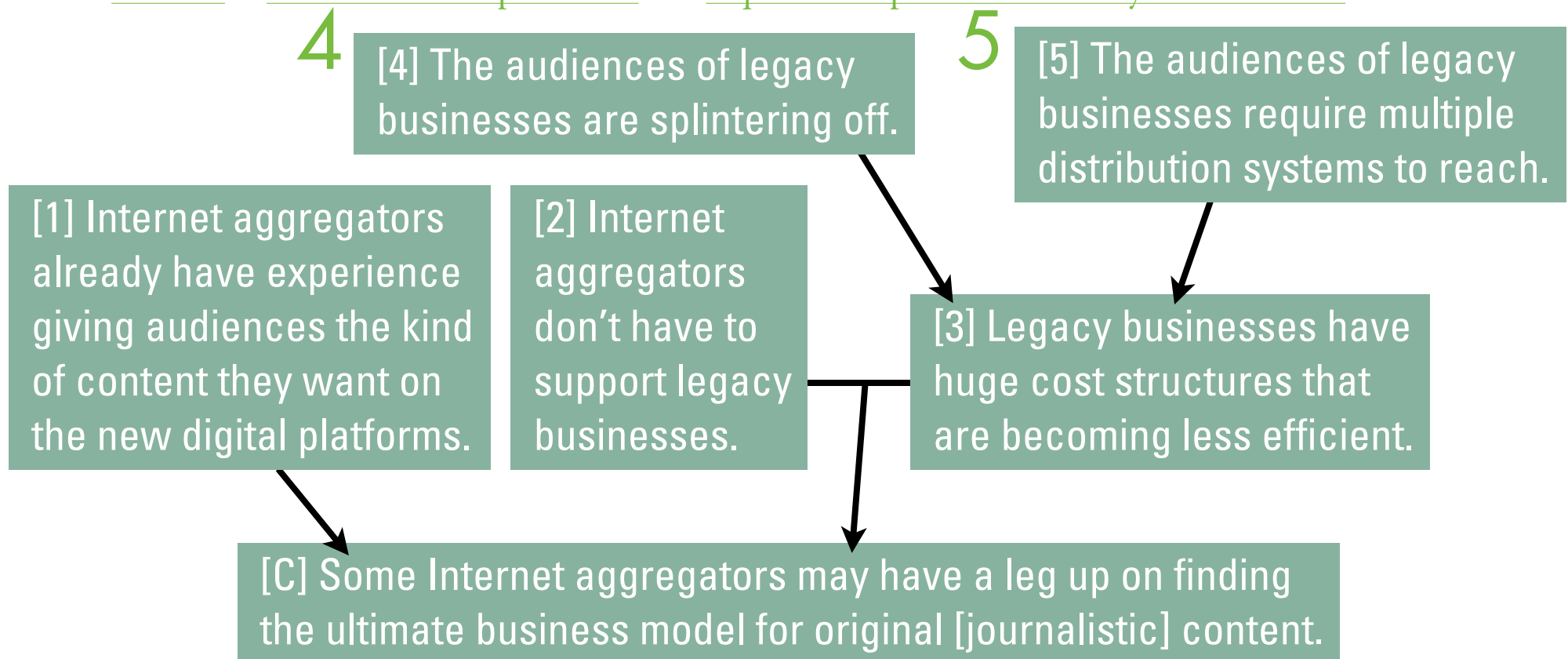
C (Young journalists [should] go work in India.)
1 There are so many great newspapers in India. I go quite a lot, actually.
2 It has a very vibrant newspaper and magazine culture. There's a lot of energy in Delhi, a lot of newsmagazines. It's a very literary culture, it's great.
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Part 2, Problem 3 Solution

There are two primary reasons 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 their audiences splinter off and require multiple distribution systems to reach.



Next Class...

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

Do not forget, **exam #1** is a week from today (September 27TH). Anything from units #1 and #2 is fair game. We will have an in-class review session this Tuesday (September 25TH), but please start studying now!

Also, please don't forget to turn in your response to the Workshop #3 Questionnaire on your way out.