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# Ivan Orlov's absurd sentences and unacceptable arguments in argumentation logic

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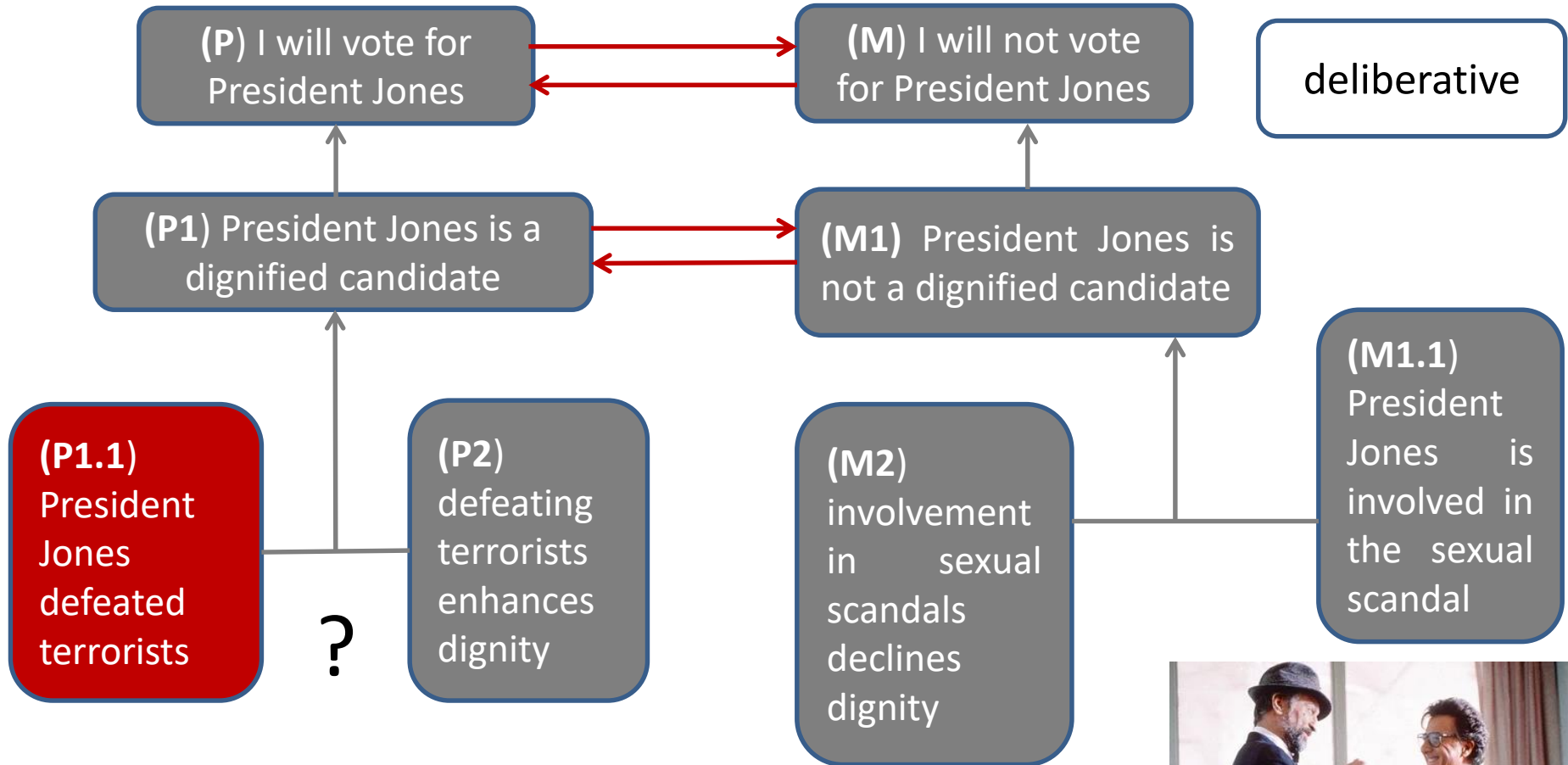
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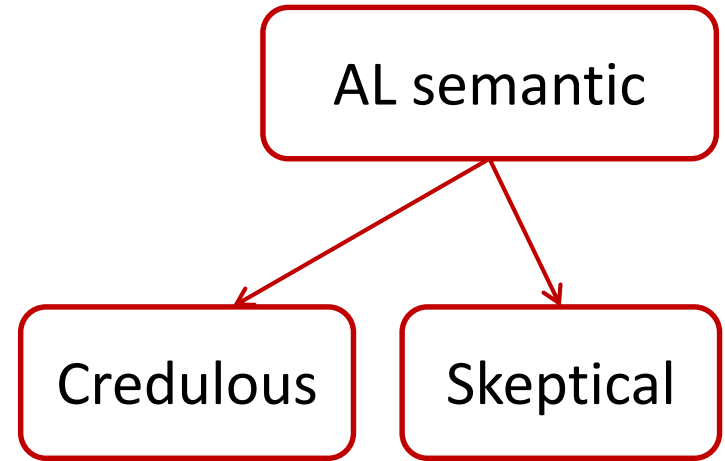
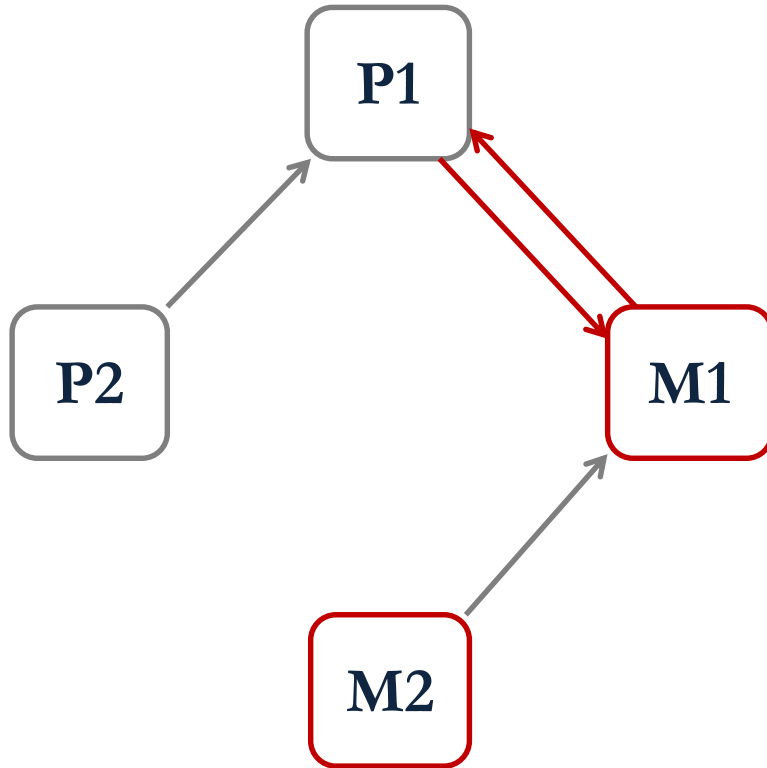


Wag the Dog  
(1997, Barry Levinson)





## 1B. AL SEMANTIC. 'NIXON' DIAMOND...

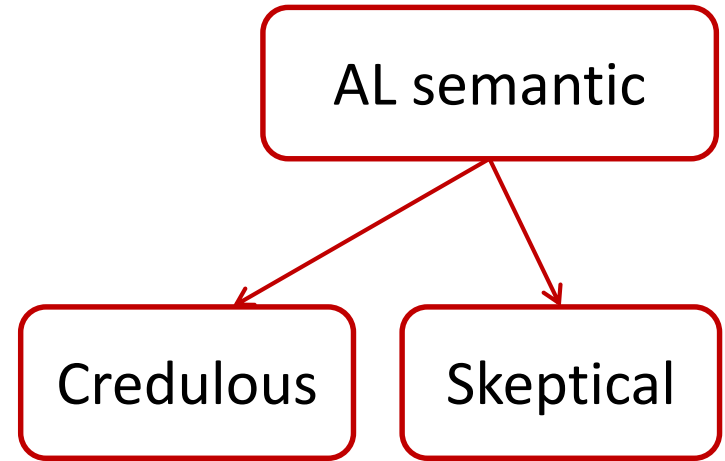
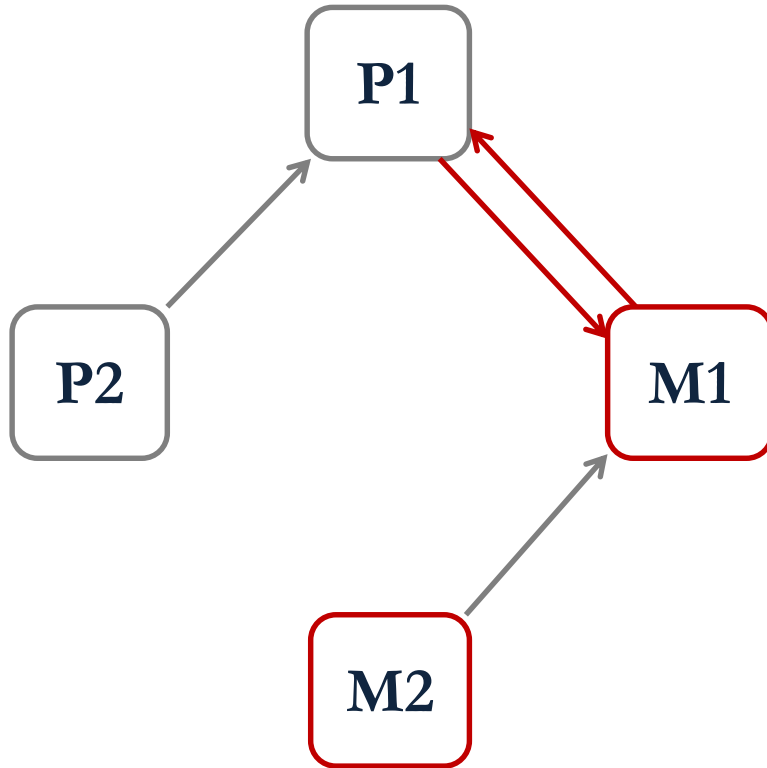


P1: Nixon is a militarist, since he is a Republican, and (P2) Republicans are militarists.

M1: Nixon is an anti-militarist, since he is Quaker, and (M2) Quakers are pacifists.



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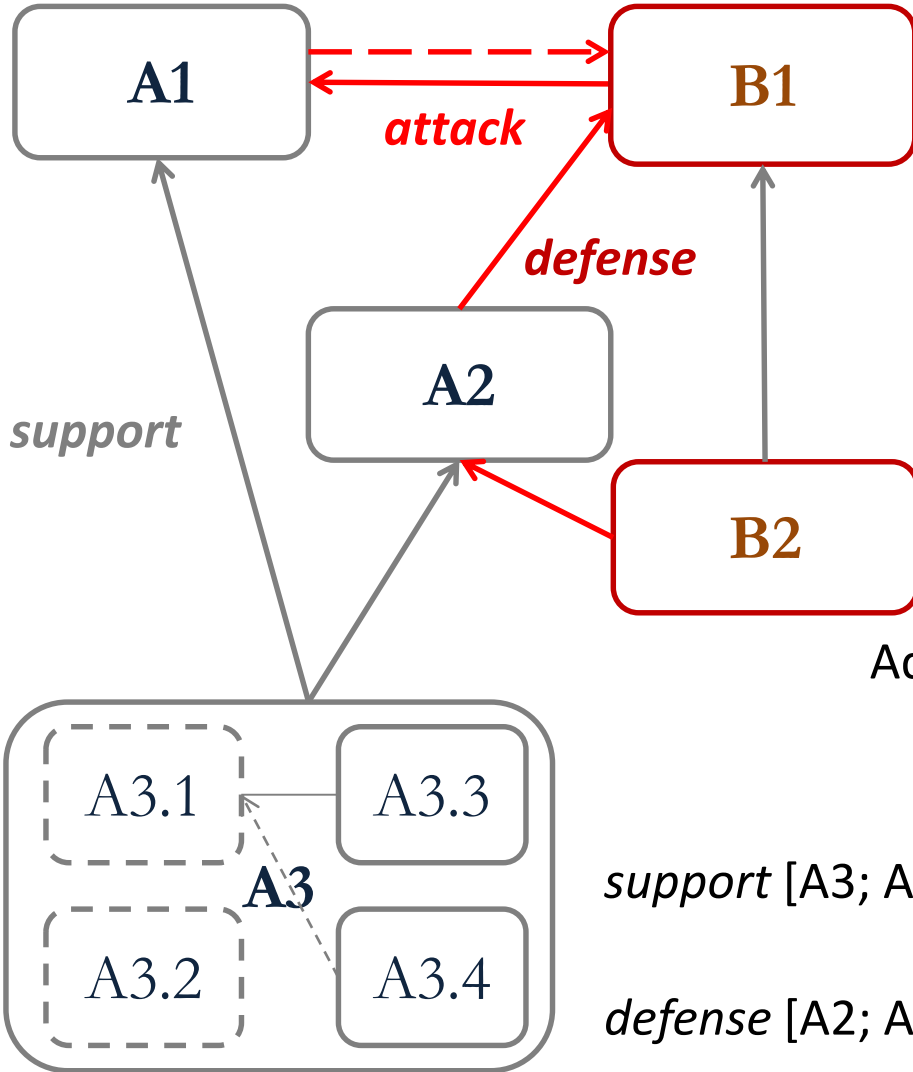


P1: President Jones is a dignified candidate, as **he defeated terrorists**, and (P2) defeating terrorists enhances dignity

M1: President Jones is not a dignified candidate, as he is involved in the sexual scandal, and (M2) involvement in sexual scandals declines dignity.



## 1B. ARGUMENTATION LOGIC....



$AF = \langle Arg, attack \rangle, attack \subseteq Arg \times Arg$

$(B1, A1) \in attack; attack [B1, A1]$

**Acceptable  $A_i$**  w.r.t.  $S \subseteq AF, A_i \in S$ :  
if for each B:  $attack [B, A_i]$ ,  
there exists  $A_j \in S: attack [A_j, B]$ .

Admissible  $S \subseteq AF$  consists of acceptable  $A_i$ .

Dung P. M. (1995)

$support [A3; A1] := \{attack [A3; A1]; attack [A1, A3]\} = \emptyset$

$defense [A2; A1] := \text{if } attack [B1; A1], \text{ then } attack [A1, A3]$



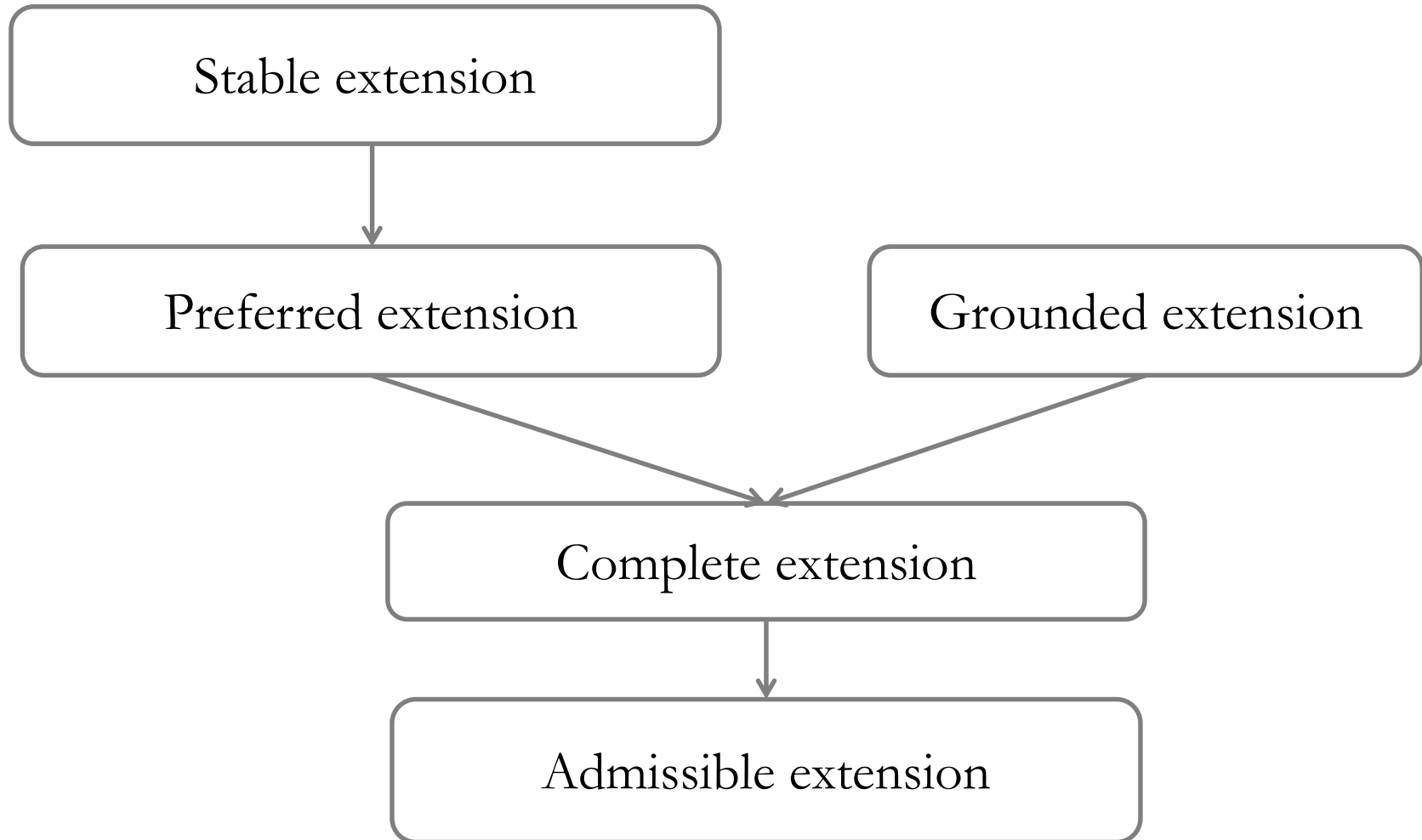
## 1B. ASPECTS OF PROCEDURAL SEMANTIC

1. **Validity.** Arguments are ‘valid’ or ‘invalid’ with respect to (their attacks on) other arguments in the framework.
2. **Roles.** Arguments in the framework can play different roles: attackers, counter-attackers, defenders.
3. **Evaluation.** Arguments are plausible assumptions for filling the information gaps in the dialog, which may either revise the previous moves, and thus may reinstate defeated arguments, or evaluate the relative weight of other arguments, and thus may defeat newly reinstated arguments again.





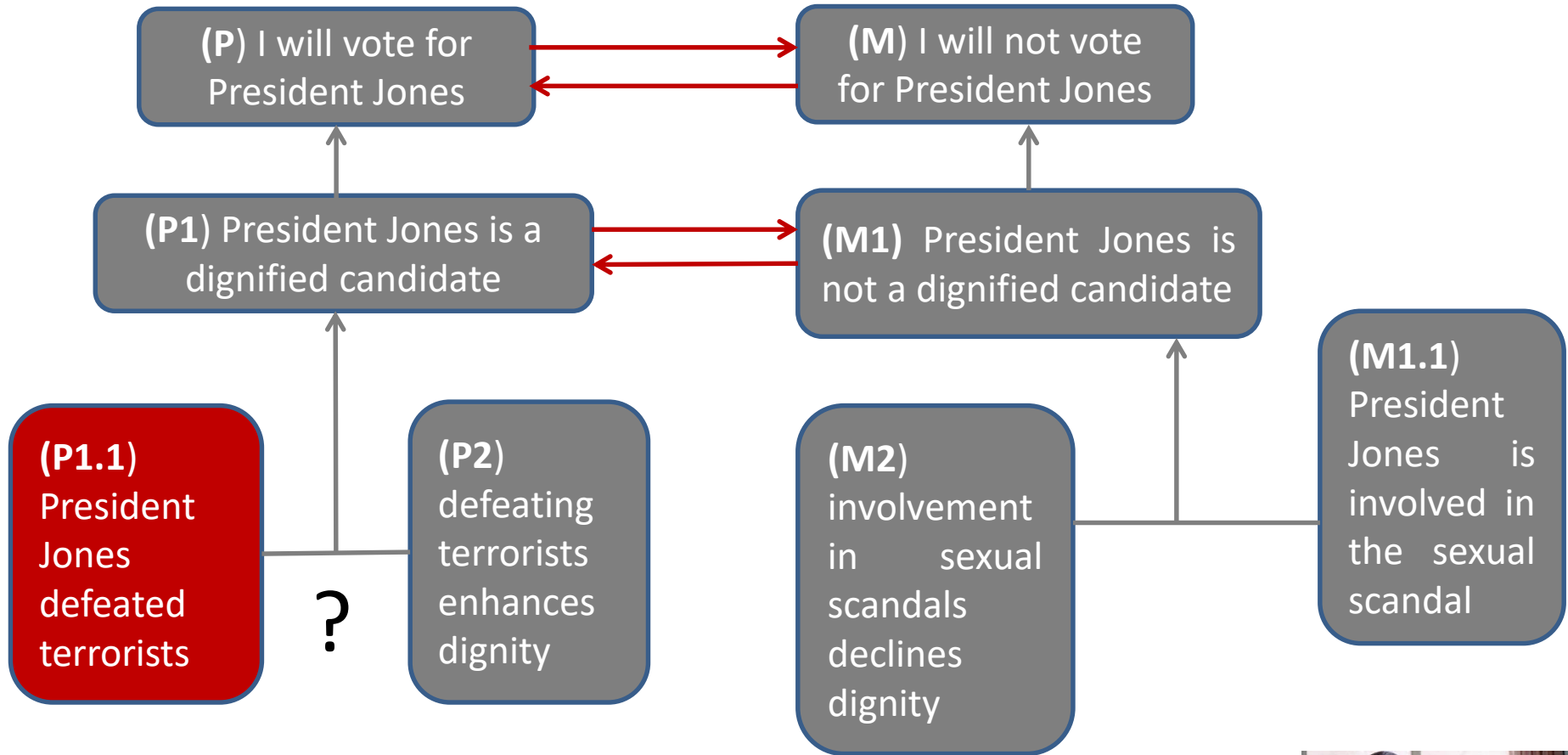
## 1B. ARGUMENTATION LOGIC







# 1C. THE PROBLEM

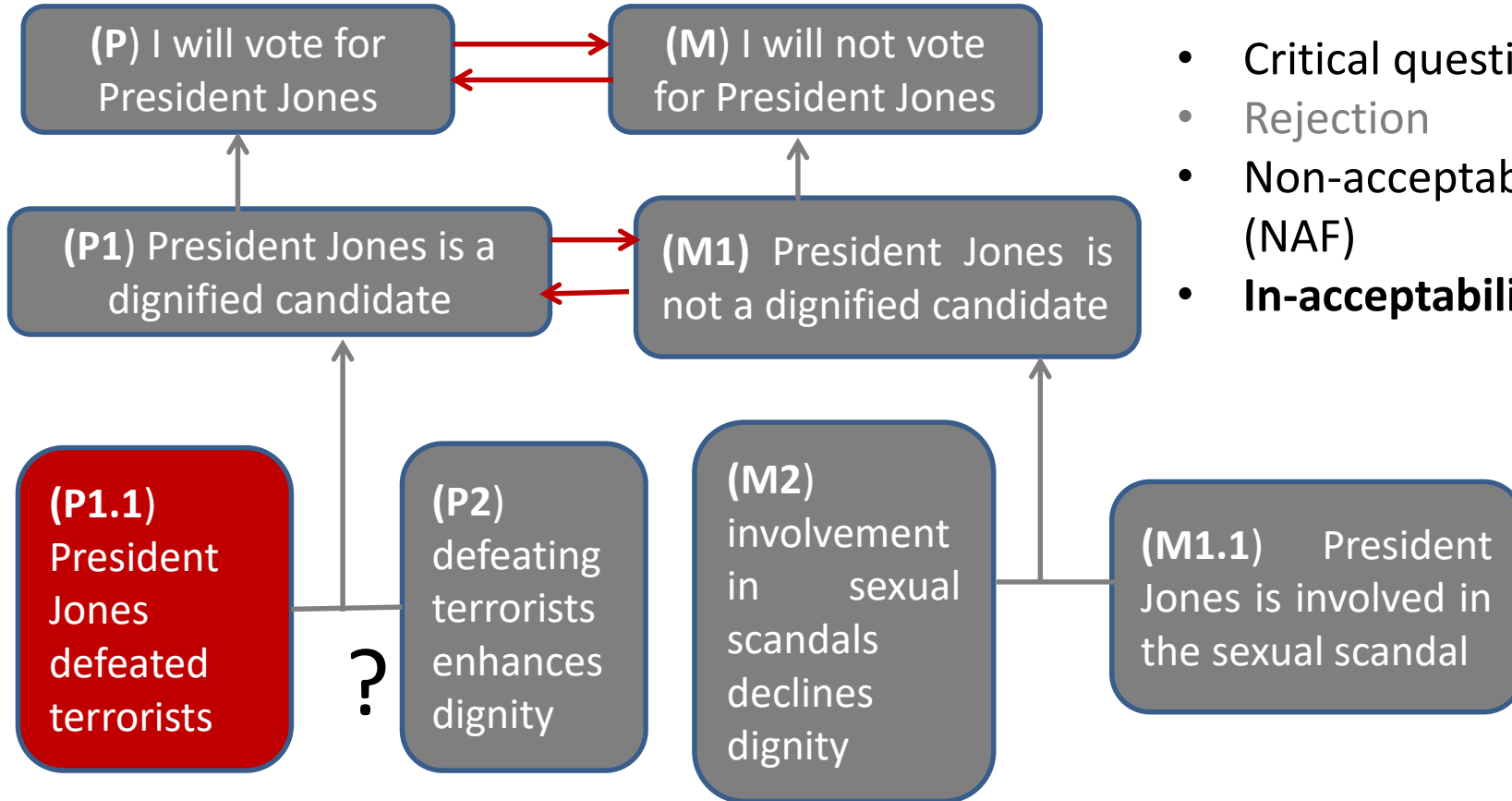


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# 1C. ITS SOLUTIONS



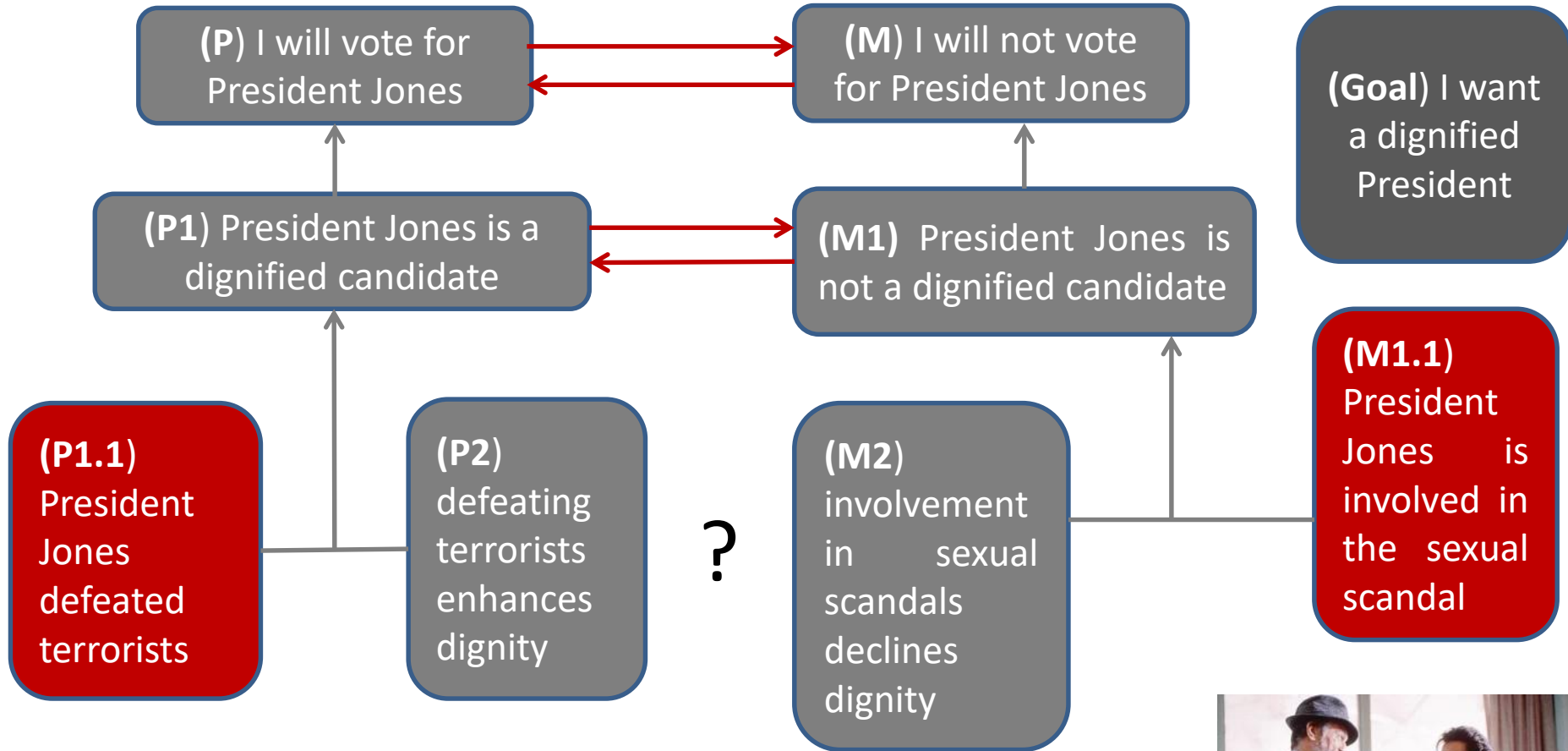
- Critical questions
- Rejection
- Non-acceptability (NAF)
- **In-acceptability**

How can a suspicious deliberative argument be accepted or rejected in relation to other arguments given the credulous algorithm of AL and restrictions on verifying its propositional content?





## 2A. CRITICAL QUESTIONS



Does there in fact exist situation as described by P1.1 \ M1.1?  
Given P1.1 \ M1.1, does P \ M achieve **Goal**?





# THEORY OF REJECTED PROPOSITIONS

Śłupecki J., Bryll G., U. Wybraniec–Skardowska. Theory of rejected propositions. *Studia logica* 29 (1) 1971, 75-115.

- The rule of rejection by detachment MT
- The rule of rejection by substitution: if  $\beta(\alpha)$ ,  $\beta$  rejected, then  $\alpha$  is rejected

The system is *decidable*, if every its expression which is not its these is rejected on the ground of finite number of axiomatically rejected expressions;

The system is *consistent* of none of its thesis is rejected.

$\langle F, Cn+, Cn- \rangle$

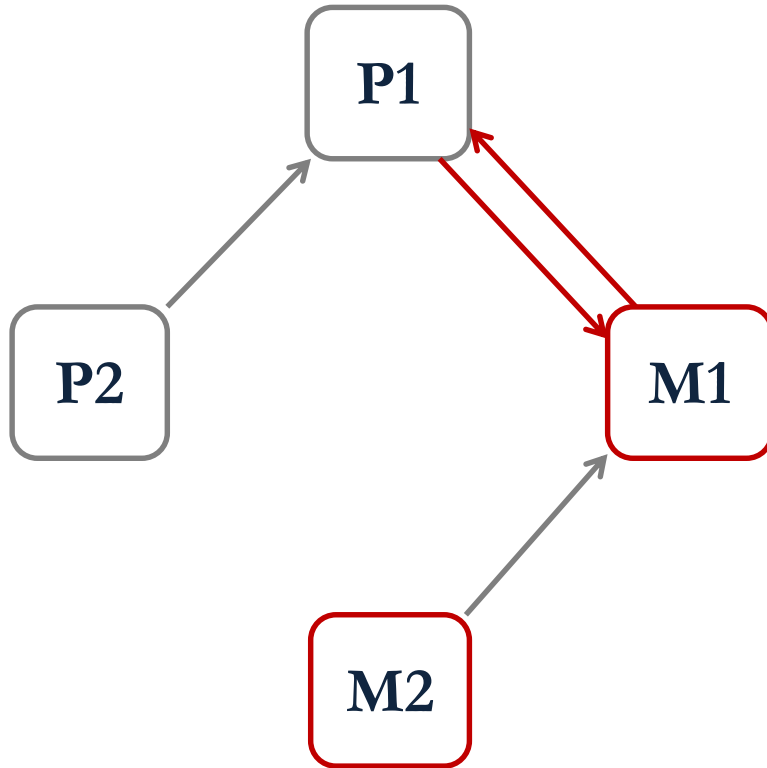
Wf  
sentences

Inference  
true  $\rightarrow$   
true

Inference  
false  $\rightarrow$   
false



## 2B. ACCEPTABILITY THROUGH NAF



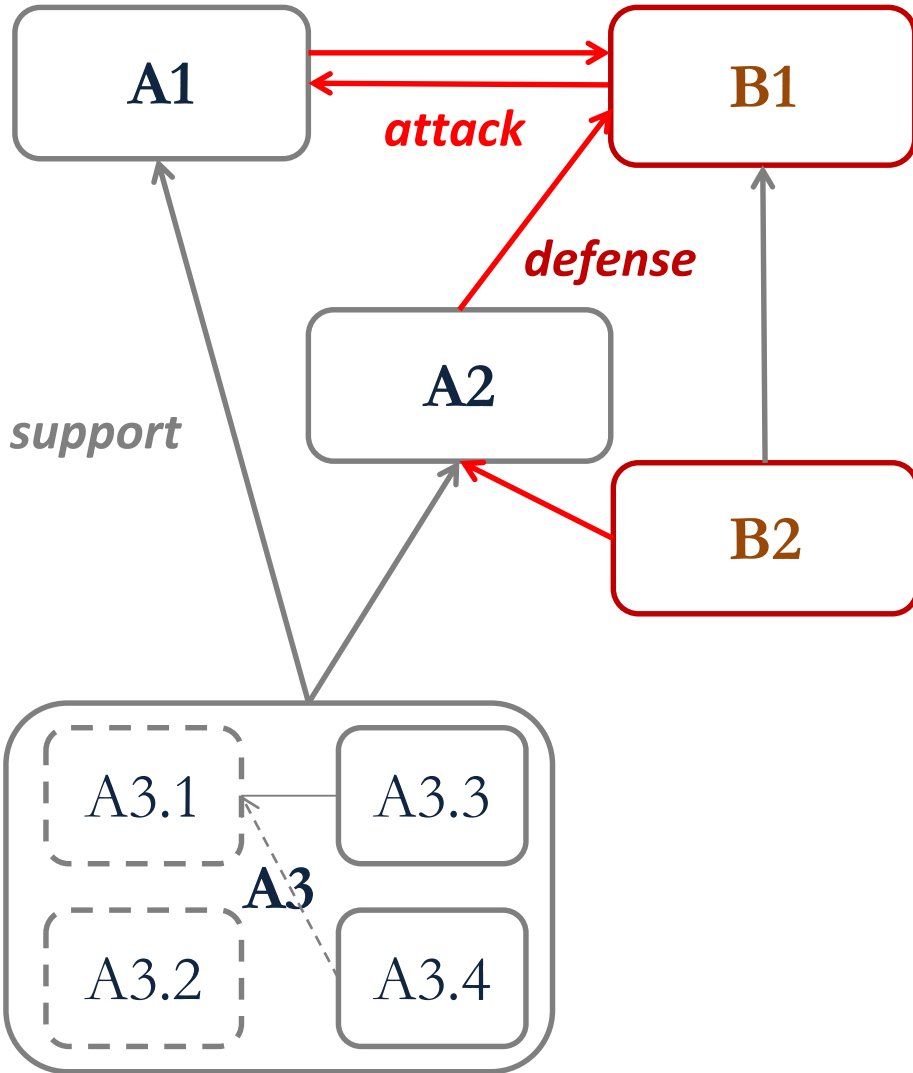
- ✓ Negation As Failure:
  - 'not- $p$  holds, iff  $p$  fails to hold.
- ✓ NAF-wise acceptability:
  - $H$  is acceptable, iff any attack,  $A$ , against  $H$  is not acceptable.
- ✓ NAF-wise non-acceptability:
  - $H$  is non-acceptable, iff there is an attack,  $A$ , against  $H$  is acceptable.

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# ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE ARGUMENTS



Conclusions of AL are sentences supported by **acceptable arguments** and for which no acceptable argument exists supporting the contrary position, i.e. the negation of the sentences.

**Non-acceptable** arguments support the sentences the contrary of which are supported by an acceptable argument.

*Kakas A., Mancarella P., Toni F., (2018)*



## 3A. IVAN ORLOV (1886 – ?1936) AND HIS LOGIC

The researcher's thought developed under the symbol of the search for a special meaningful logic of natural science, which should correspond to the spirit of dialectics. (Бажанов 2002, 50)

This logic is different in that, firstly, the conclusions are always more reliable than at least one of the premises. (Орлов 1924, С. 70).

The requirement of compatibility of sentences is sufficient, and the requirement of their joint truth is excessive. (Орлов 1924, С. 70).



## 3B. COMPATIBILITY AND RELEVANCE

For the possibility of deductive inference, the requirement of the truth of premises is, generally speaking, not necessary; enough if a weaker requirement is satisfied - **compatibility of the premises**. True consequences can be deduced from false propositions, but from premises that are incompatible with each other, conclusions are generally impossible. It follows that the requirement of compatibility of propositions is sufficient, and the requirement of their joint truth is excessive. A proposition a “is compatible” with proposition b, if a does not imply the negation of b (Орлов 1928, 264)

1. Emotional \ psychological
2. Topical
3. Probative
4. Dialectical

*Walton D., Relevance in argumentation (2003)*



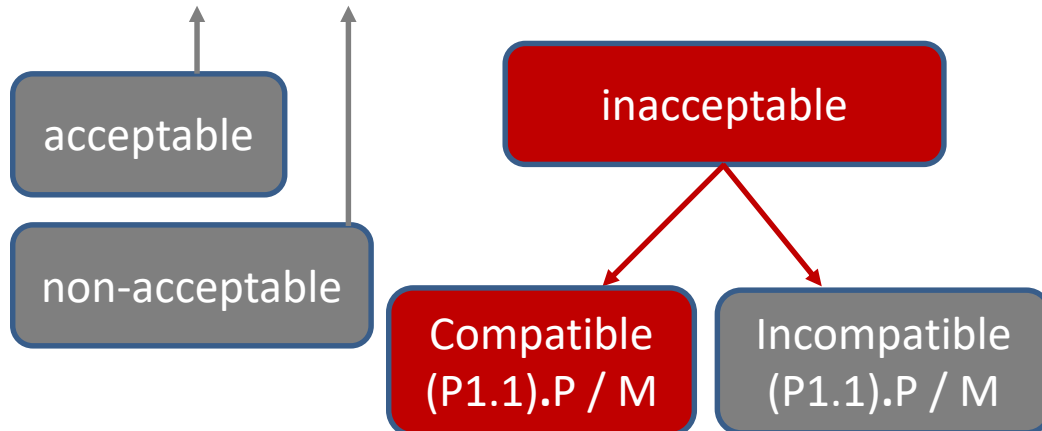


- Compatibility  $\neg (a \rightarrow \neg b) = : a.b$  (def 1)
- Incompatibility  $\neg (a.b) = : a \mid b$  (def 2)
- (A 1)  $a \rightarrow \neg \neg a$ ;
- (A 2)  $\neg \neg a \rightarrow a$ ;
- (A 3)  $a \rightarrow a.a$ , where  $a.a = \neg (a \rightarrow \neg a)$
- (A 4)  $(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (\neg b \rightarrow \neg a)$ ;
- (A 5)  $\{a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)\} \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)\}$ ;
- (A 6)  $(a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \{(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)\}$ ;
- (A 7) MP



## 3С. $\Phi$ - AND $X$ -PROVABILITY...

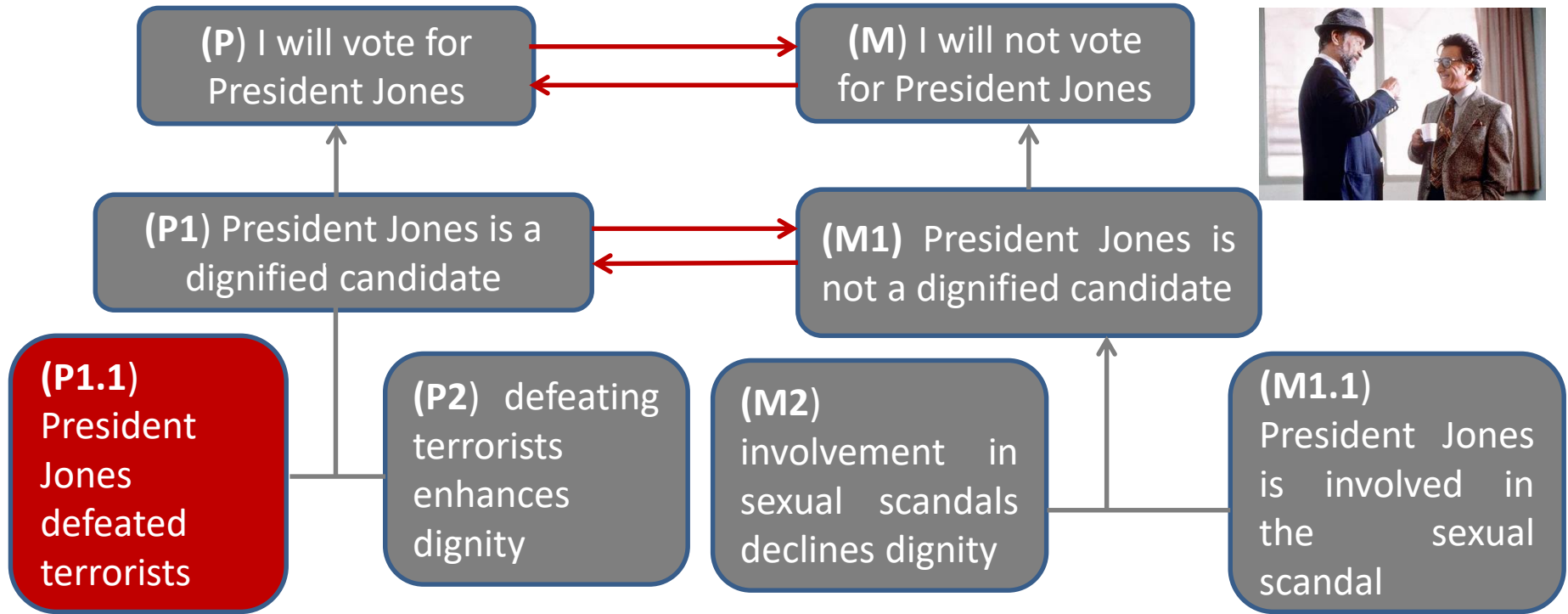
- provable  $a := \Phi (a)$ , absurd  $a$  (=provable  $a$ 's falsity)  $:= X (a)$
- (A 8)  $\Phi(a) \rightarrow a$ ;
- (A 9)  $\Phi(a) \rightarrow \Phi(\Phi(a))$ ;
- (A 10)  $\Phi(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \{\Phi(a) \rightarrow \Phi(b)\}$ .
- $\Phi (a) \neq \neg \Phi (a)$ ;  $X (a) \neq \neg X (a)$
- $\Phi (a) \vee X (a)$  ;  $\neg \Phi (a) \wedge \neg X (a)$ ;



An important feature of intuitionism is that in the works of intuitionists, the concepts defined do not depend directly on the defining propositions  $a, b, c \dots$ , but on the functions of the latter, of the following form: “ $a$  is reliable /  $a$  is unreliable,” “ $a$  is provable / reducible to absurdity,” “absurdity of  $a$  is absurd”. (Орлов 1928, 263)



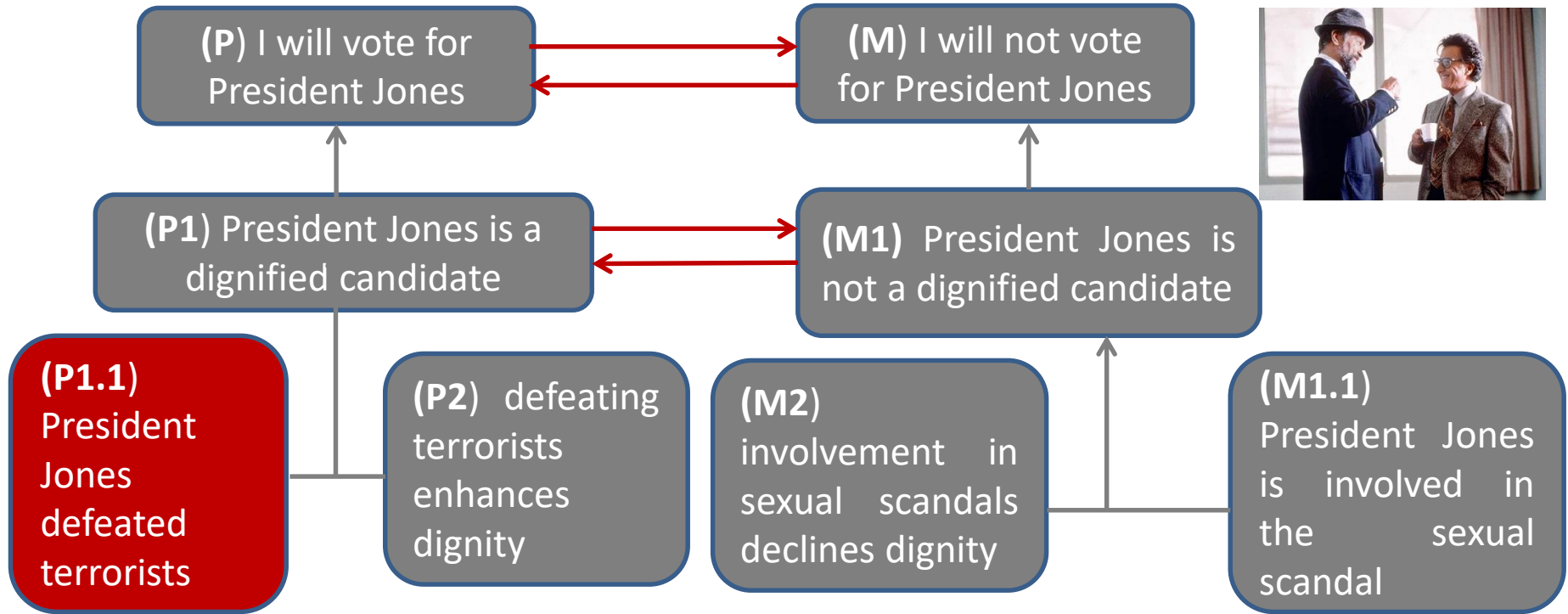
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**Acceptable**  $A_i$  w.r.t.  $S \subseteq AF$ ,  $A_i \in S$ :

if for each  $B$ :  $attack [B, A_i]$ , there exists  $A_j \in S$ :  $attack [A_j, B]$ .

**Inacceptable**  $A_i$  w.r.t.  $S \subseteq AF$ ,  $A_i \in S$ , if  $A_i$  if  $attack [B, A_i] = \emptyset$ .



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1. Evaluate it **inacceptable**  $\Rightarrow$  2. Ask a critical question or attack it with a counter argument  $\Rightarrow$  3. Check its **relevance (compatibility)**  $\Rightarrow$  4. Accepted, iff defended, otherwise non-accepted.



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