## The Impacts of Political Violence on Birth Outcomes: Evidence from Ethnic Conflicts in Coastal Kenya.

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- **Abstract:** This paper investigates the extent to which political violence influences infant health in Coastal Kenya. We uncover the negative consequences of exposure to political violence on newborn health within a difference-in-differences regression methodology. Specifically, an additional month of political violence during the prenatal period reduces child weight at birth by 20 grams or 0.6%. Our research suggests adopting quick and practical actions to mitigate the negative impacts of political violence in Kenya.
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