

Sexual violence, female employment and social isolation across six conflict-affected countries

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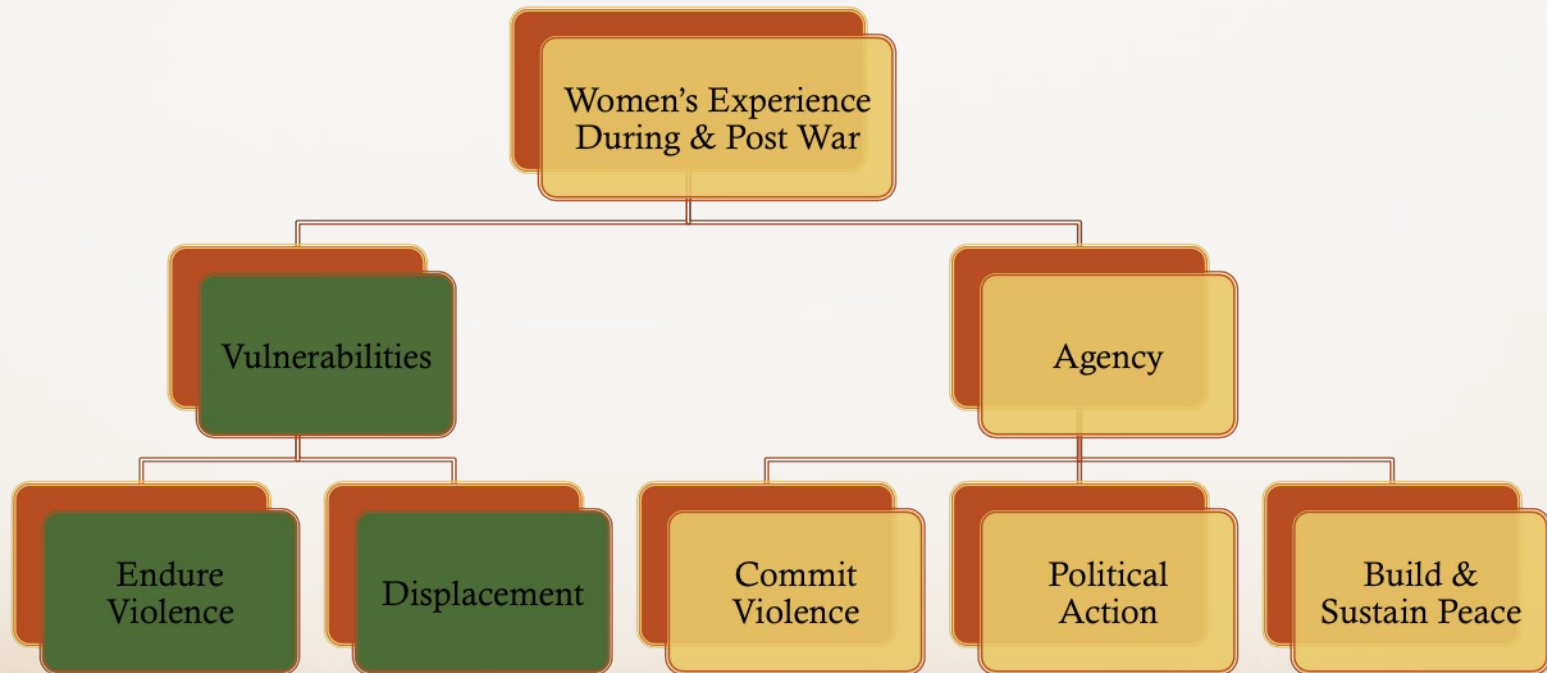
Framing Questions

- Does labor market participation by women decrease their likelihood of experiencing Sexual Violence? (i.e. is a standard household bargaining model sufficient to understand this relationship?)
- Does social isolation affect the likelihood of Sexual Violence?

Theory

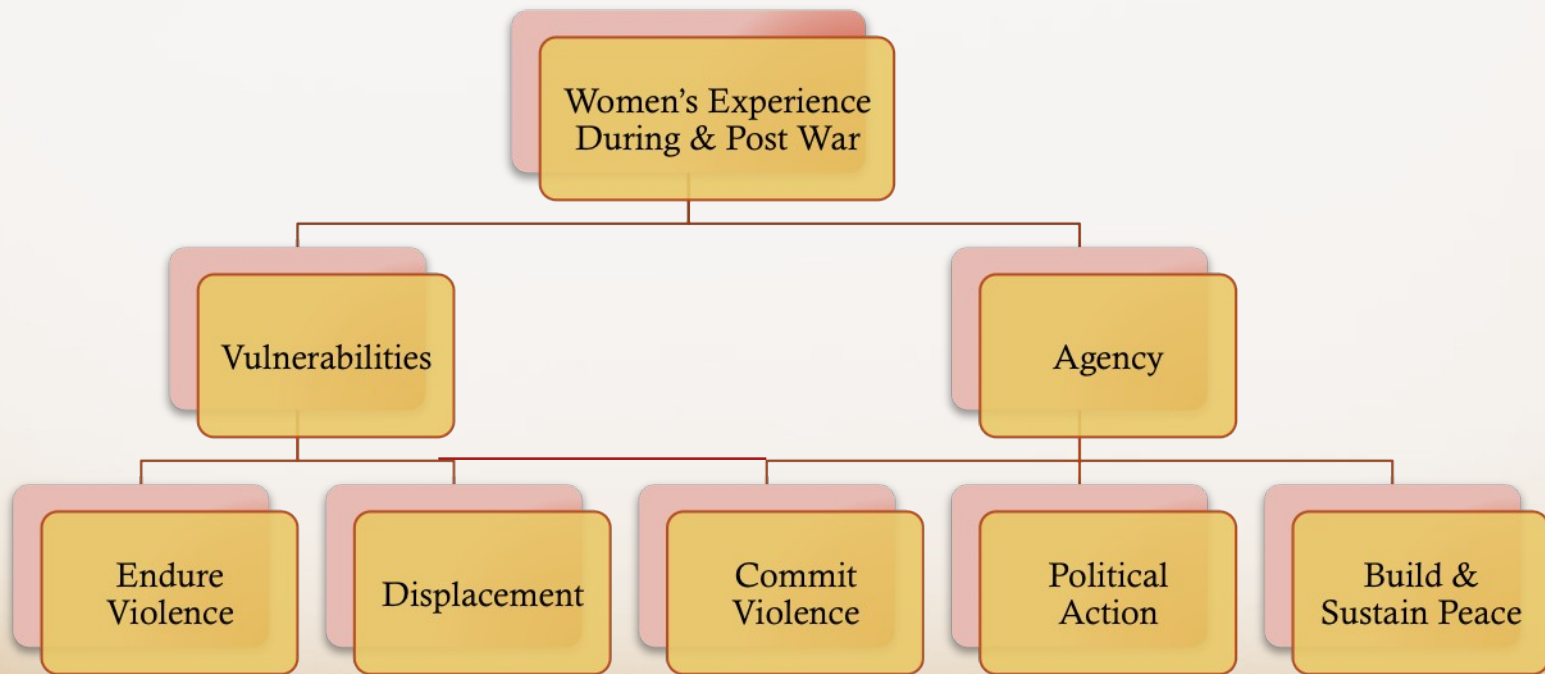
- Limited economics literature, mostly motivated by household bargaining models
 - IPV result of lower endowments of women
 - McElroy & Horney 1981, Lundberg & Pollak 1993, Aizer 2007, 2010
 - Kabeer 2008, Panda & Agarwal 2005
- Alternative perspectives
 - IPV result of male power, domination or reaction to threats to traditional forms of male domination (particularly SV)
 - Jewkes 2008, Silberschmidt 2001

Gendered Analysis: First Step

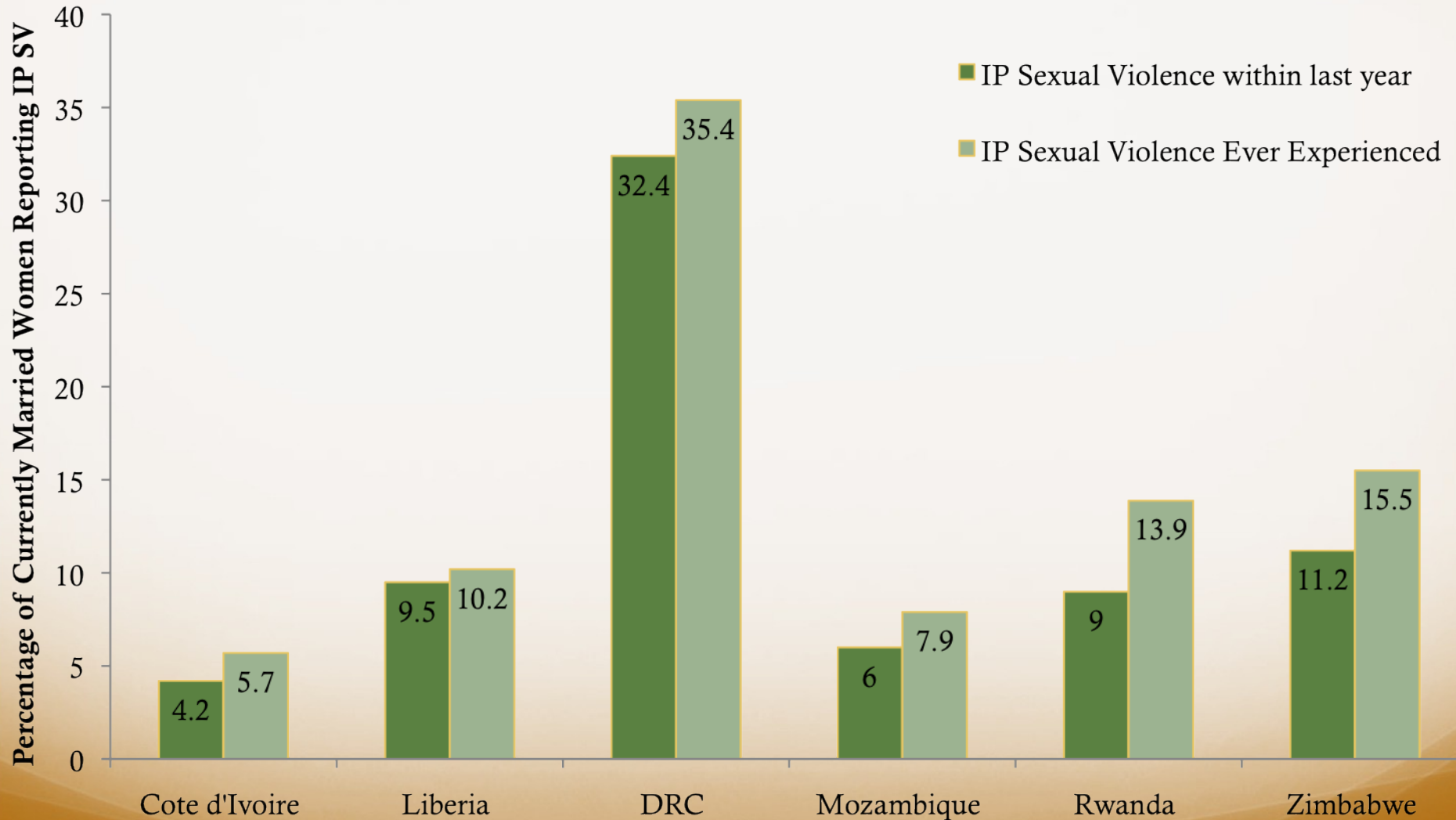


Gendered Analysis:

Carol Cohn - Women & Wars (2012)



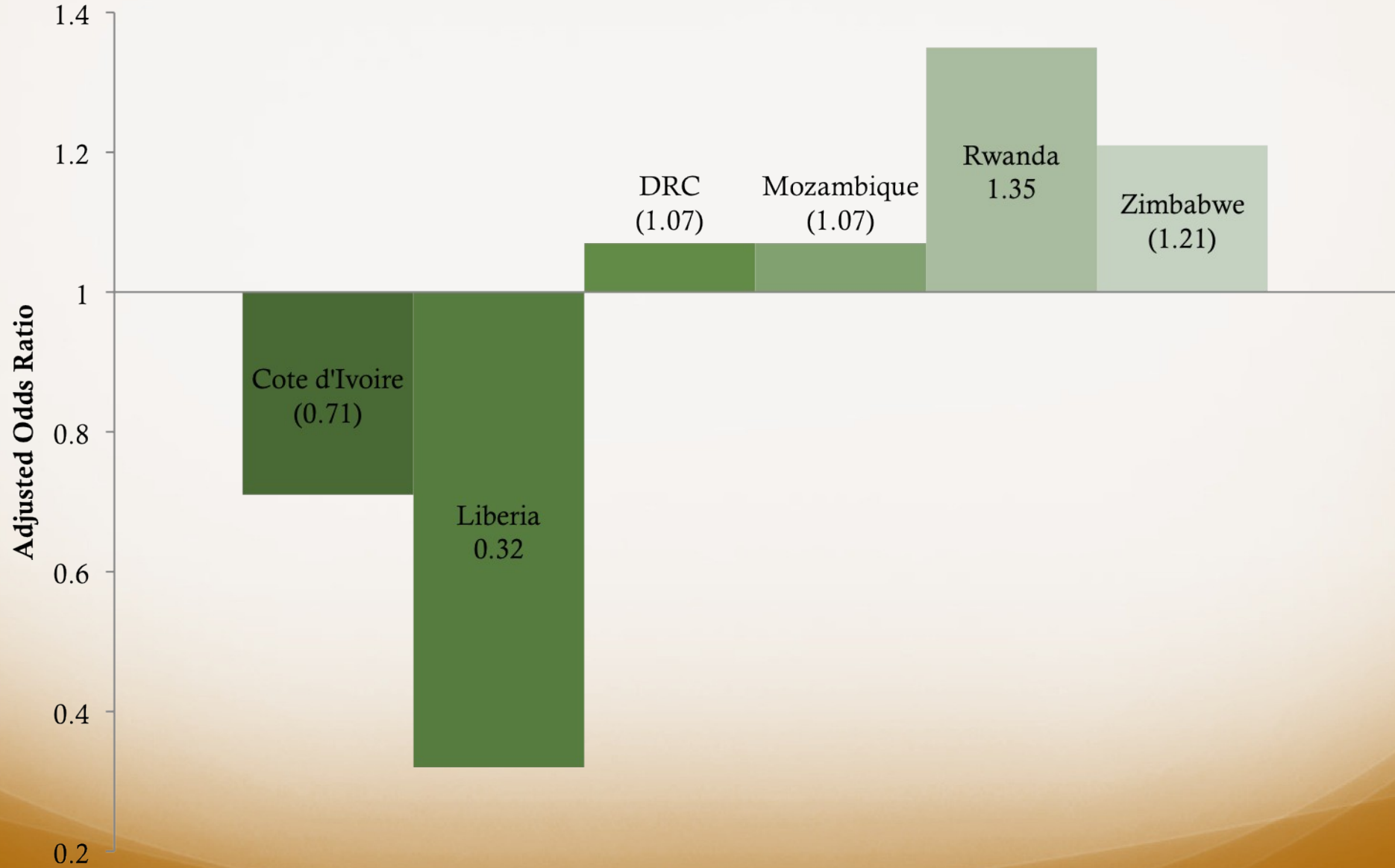
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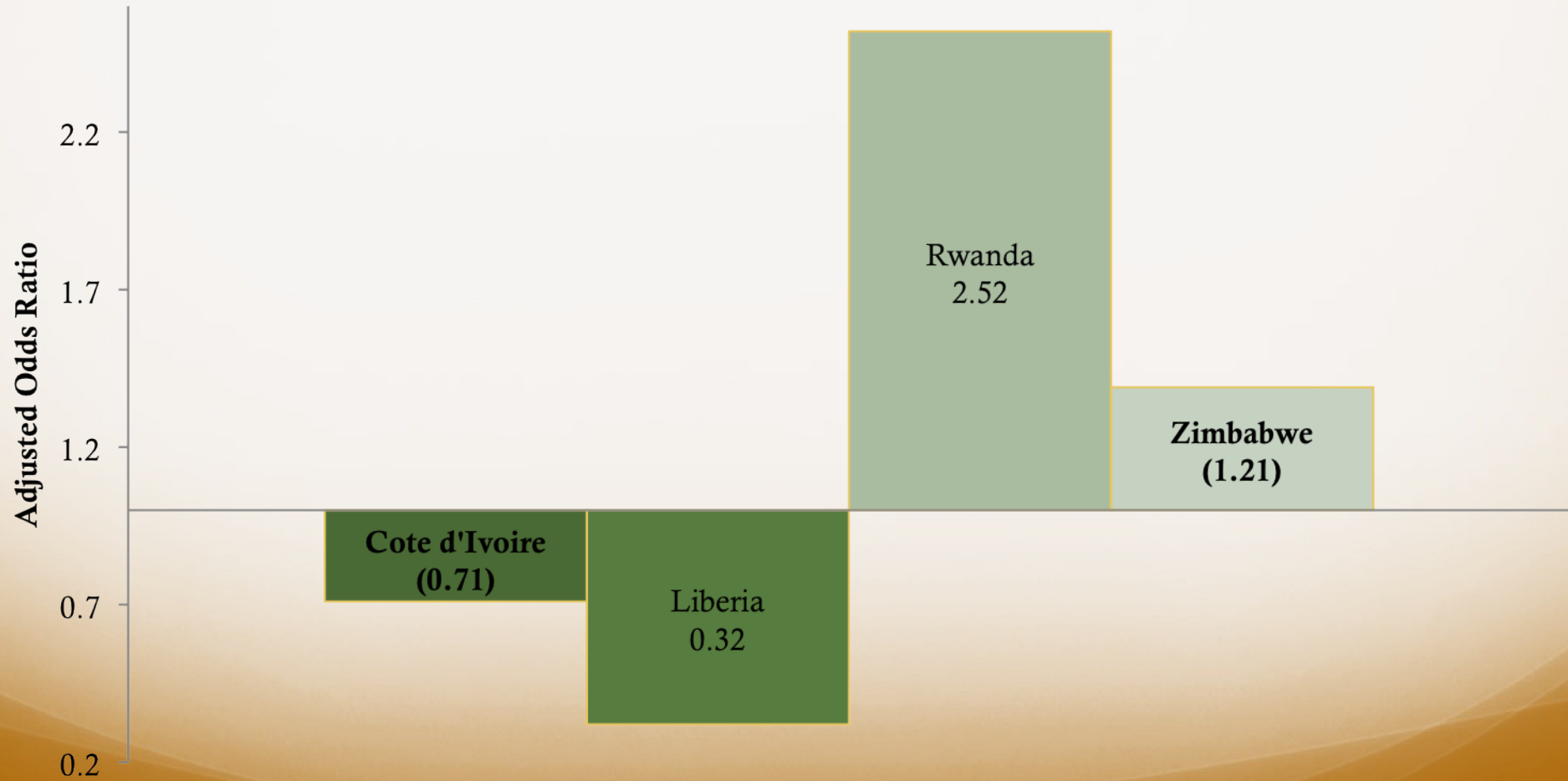
Methodology

- Logit Regression Analysis
 - $SV=1$ if sexual violence ever experienced, 0 otherwise
- Independent variables:
 - Household characteristics
 - Social characteristics
 - Labor market characteristics

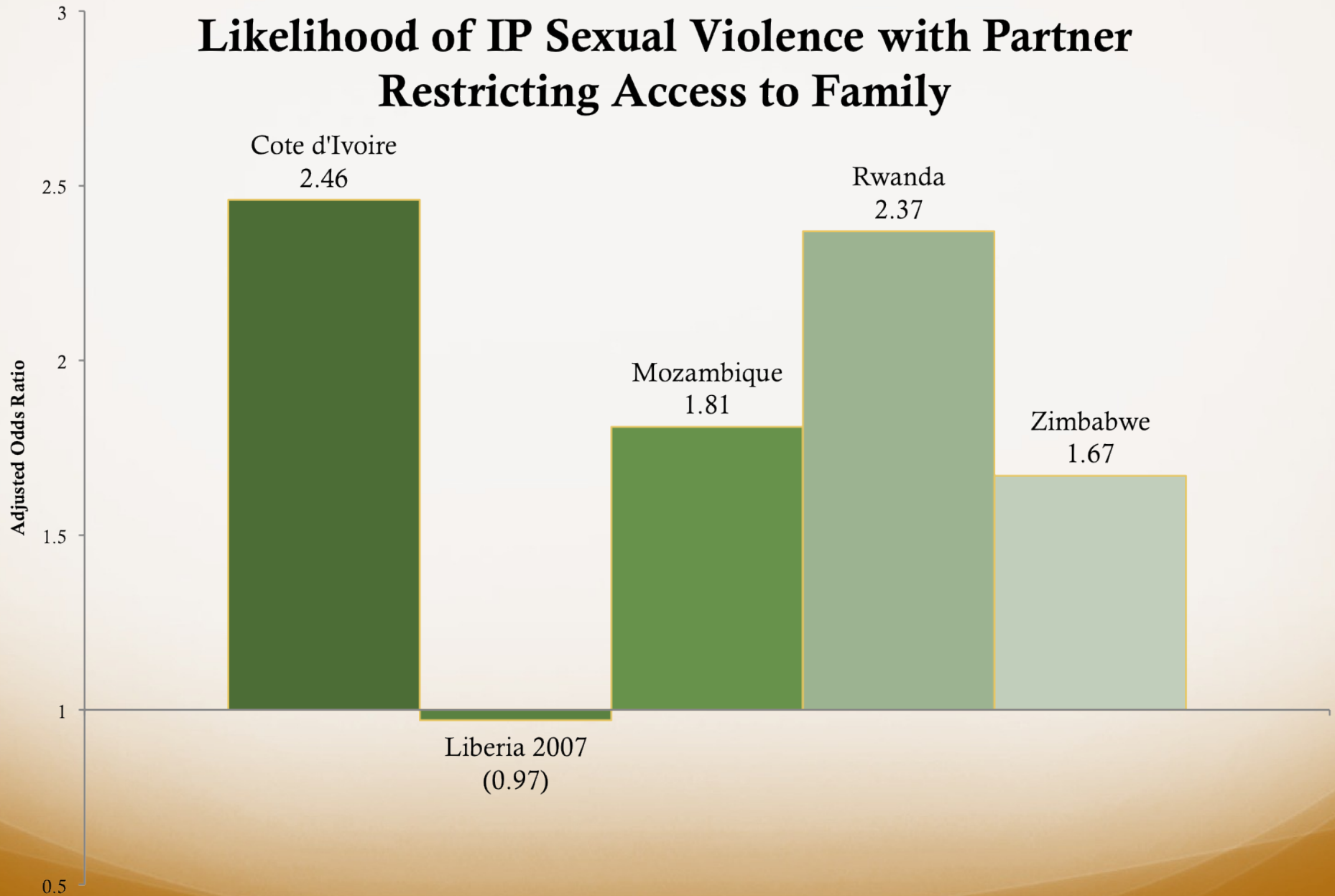
IP Sexual Violence and Female Employment



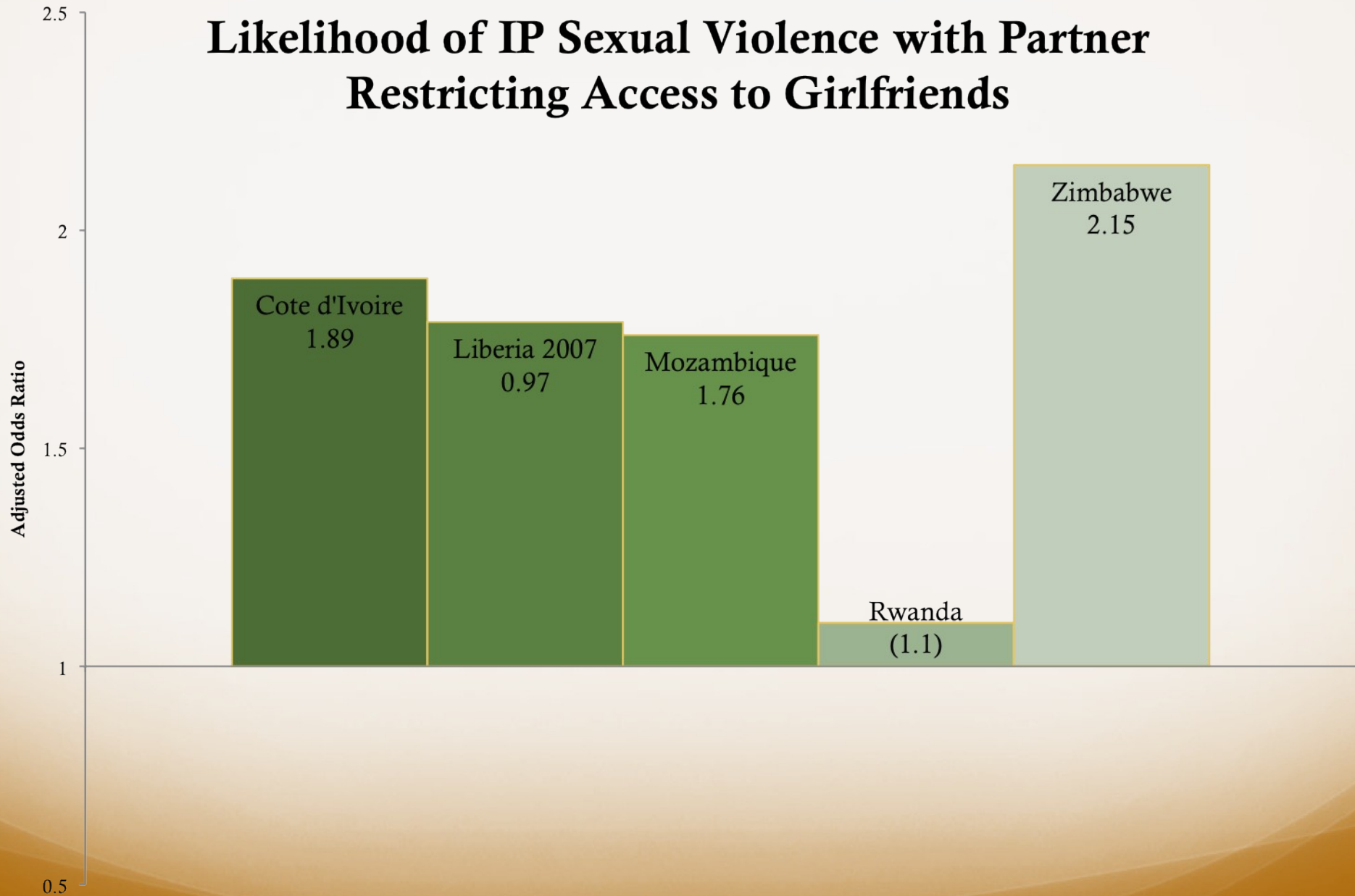
IP Sexual Violence and Relative Male Economic Disempowerment



Likelihood of IP Sexual Violence with Partner Restricting Access to Family



Likelihood of IP Sexual Violence with Partner Restricting Access to Girlfriends



Conclusion

- Failure of Intra-household bargaining models
- Complexity of female economic empowerment
 - What are the social conditions that move us from a situation of male backlash (+ coefficient) to a situation of female empowerment (- coefficient) with female employment?
- Relative male economic disempowerment
- Sexual violence constitutes different form of male domination
- Next step:
 - women's control over assets
 - Interaction effects
 - Propensity Score Matching