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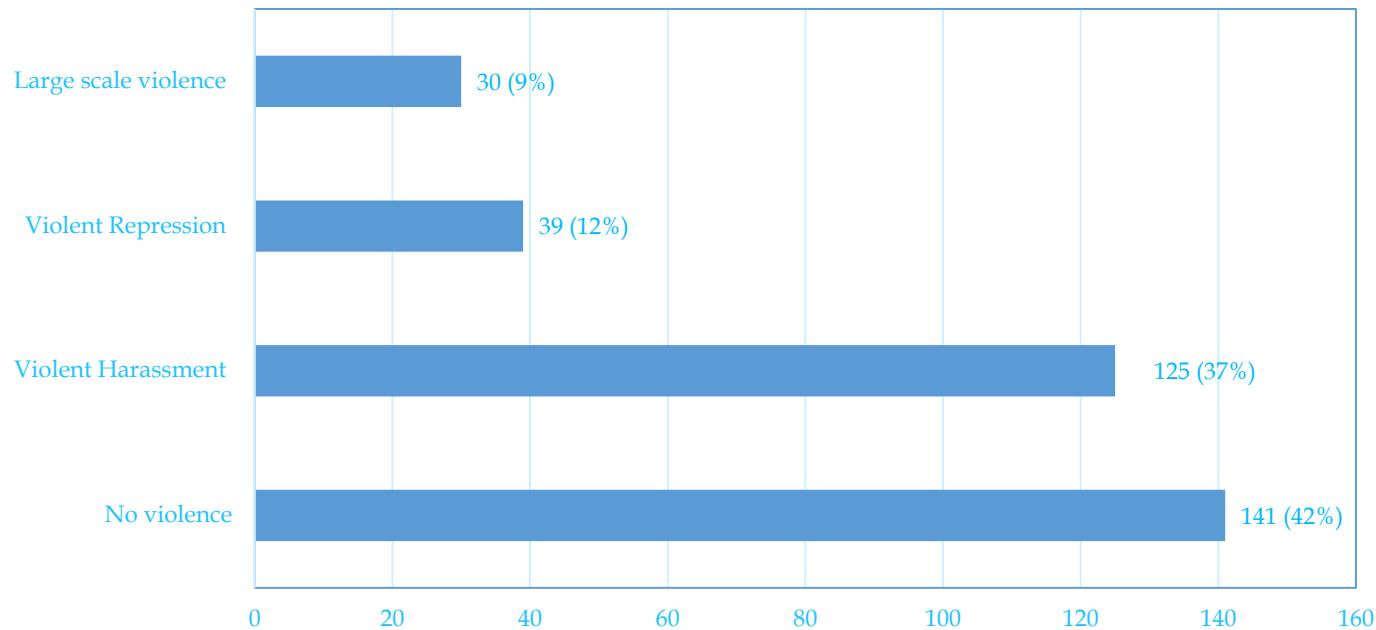
Plenary 5: Democratic Transitions and Governance

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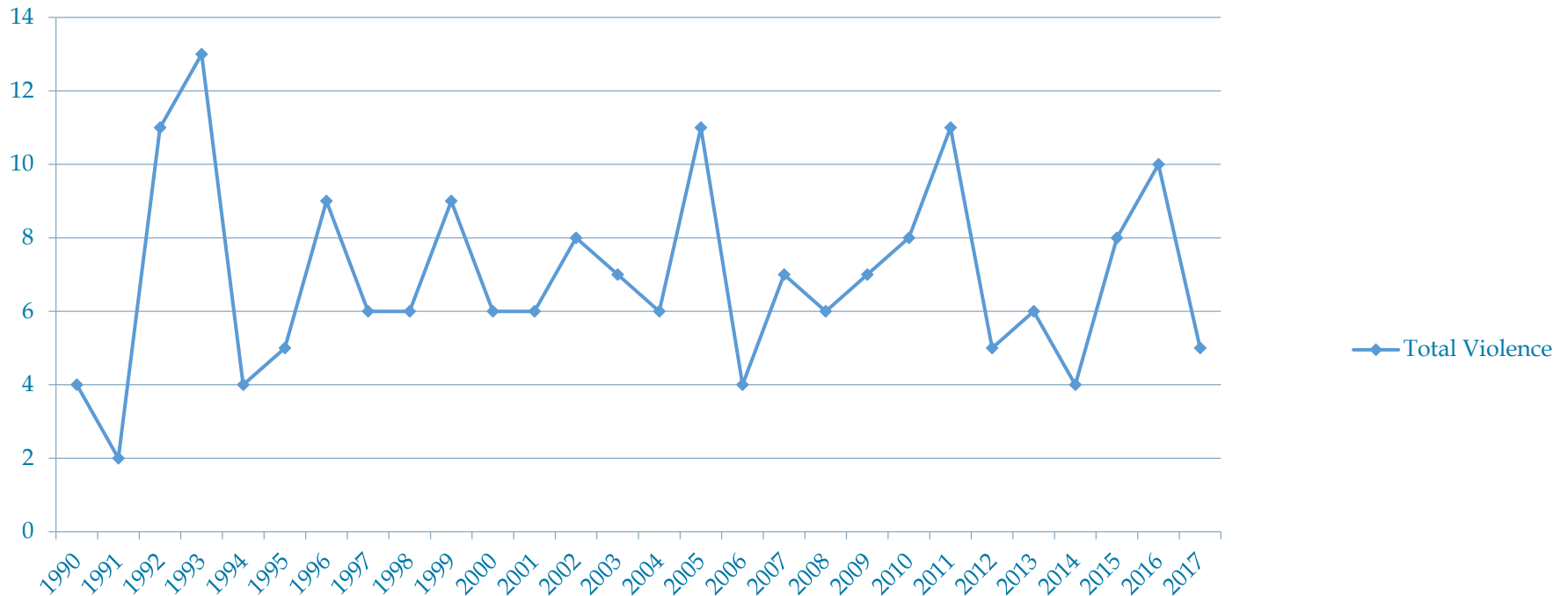
Electoral Violence in SSA, 1990-2017

Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1990-2017



Electoral Violence Trends

Total Violence in SSA's Elections, 1990-2017



Source: Straus and Taylor, 2012; U.S. Department of State, *Human Rights Reports*, 2009-2014; various news articles

Toward Mitigating Electoral Violence

Develop an intervention strategy

- Intervene early: 95% of violence occurs before elections
- Invest in an early warning/early response platforms
- Expand the circle of monitors

Understand the context

- Violence tends to recur, but not always
- Identify the conflict drivers
- Identify the stakeholders, their motivations, and means

Strengthen key institutions

- Electoral body
- Security sector
- Judiciary



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