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### ABSTRACT:

In 2021, parliamentary proceedings under the fourth republic started and ended with physical violence. The paper examines the incidents, determinants and effects of legislative violence in Ghana by drawing on the theories of credible commitment and democracy. We address two questions: what factors explain the legislative violence incidents in Ghana's 8th parliament? and what consequences does legislative violence have on Ghana's democratic ideals? Through a grounded analysis we argue, among other things, that the unique nature of Ghana's 8th parliament – a hung parliament – is the chief trigger of the legislative fisticuffs, and that the instances of violence foreshadow Ghana's legislature casting-off its 'yesmanship' to the executive. The literature on legislative violence often comes from outside Africa so this study adds to the emerging scholarship on the topic in Africa. The paper's findings will serve as a reference for various stakeholders, particularly academics, political scientists and the African community.

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