# **Final Project**

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This is an abstract

#### **Causal Question**

Using data assembled by Cheng Cheng and Mark Hoekstra for their study, "Does Strengthening Self-Defense Law Deter Crime or Escalate Violence? Evidence from Expansions to Castle Doctrine" (2013), primarily sourced from the FBI Uniform Crime Reports Summary, we sought to examine the causal relationship between implementing Castle Doctrine and murder rates in the U.S. Focusing on the "treated" population—states that passed Castle Doctrine laws between 2001 and 2010—we investigated whether these states should repeal Castle Doctrine laws in order to bring down murder rates. Formally, our causal question was: among the states that passed Castle Doctrine laws between 2001 and 2010, what was the effect of that implementation on the state's murder rate?

### **Background**

As Cheng and Hoekstra explain in their work, "Castle Doctrine" stems from English Common Law, allowing an exception to the "duty to retreat" when an individual is in their own home. In the United States, the legal history of Castle Doctrine dates back to the 1700s as a legacy of English colonial rule. During the era of Westward Expansion, the concept broadened to cover not only the home but also surrounding property and, in many cases, any place one had a legal right to be. Castle Doctrine principles were formally codified in 1985, when Colorado passed the "Make My Day" law, which removed any civil or criminal liability for the use of force, including lethal force, against a home invader.

The modern expansion of self-defense laws began with Florida in 2005, when it became the first state to strengthen its self-defense protections and explicitly expand Castle Doctrine to places outside the home. This change in statute was quickly adopted by about twenty other states in the following years. Since 2005, Castle Doctrine has spread to the significant majority of US states. However, laws vary state to state, with some being limited to the home while others are expanded to include other places, e.g., one's place of work or in one's vehicle.

Castle Doctrine often goes hand-in-hand with so-called "Stand Your Ground" laws; however, Castle Doctrine is distinguished from such laws in that it specifically applies to the home (and sometimes other areas such as one's workplace or car) and allows the use of deadly force, even if disproportionate. In contrast, Stand Your Ground typically applies to anywhere one has a legal right to be but only allows defensive proportional force.

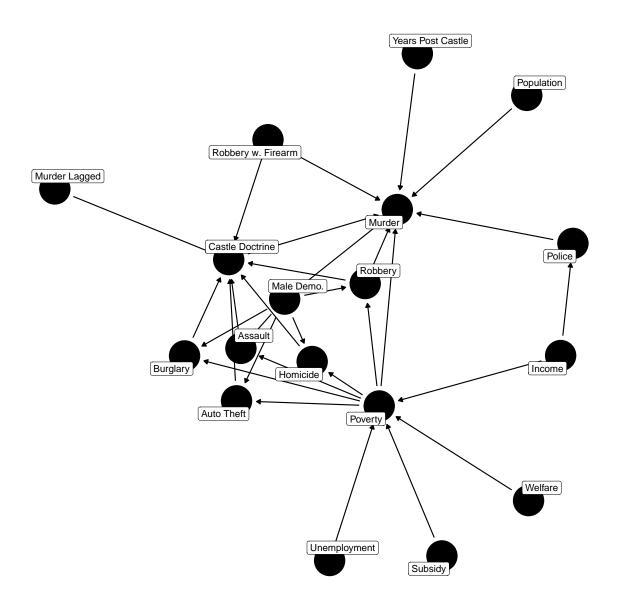
Proponents of Castle Doctrine argue that it is a useful deterrent to crime and contributes to public safety. Critics, on the other hand, contend that these laws may instead unnecessarily escalate levels of violence. The aim of our research is to investigate whether Castle Doctrine laws have a significant impact on states' murder rates. For the purpose of our research, "murder rate" excludes cases that were ruled justifiable homicides.

## Creating a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

We began by creating a DAG to represent the causal relationships between variables in our dataset. First, we specified our outcome as the state's murder rate per 100,000 citizens and our exposure as passing a "Castle Doctrine" law between 2001 and 2010, as designated by Cheng and Hoekstra. We then identified several covariates we thought would play important causal roles in relation to murder rate and whether a state would pass a Castle Doctrine law.

For example, we believed that the murder rate as well as the decision to pass a Castle Doctrine Law could depend on the state's demographics as well as the prevalence of certain crimes in the year prior, such as robbery with a firearm, assault, and even murder itself, as these crimes would likely create an atmosphere of fear that would sway voters and politicians to pass such a law. In our analysis, we lagged all the crime variables (assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, murder, robbery, and robbery with a firearm) by one year, so we were able to accurately capture their causal effect on the next year.

Our full DAG illustrating the causal relationships we believe are in effect is presented **Figure 1**.



DAG

Figure 1: DAG

## **Adjustments and Missing Data**

#### **Adjustment Sets**

After mapping out our DAG, the next step in our Causal Analysis was identifying potential confounders that we would need to adjust for in our model. There are two possible adjustment sets for our DAG as shown in **Figure 2**. The minimal adjustment set includes homicide, assault, burglary, robbery, robbery involving a firearm, and motor vehicle theft, while the second is made up of robbery, poverty, robbery involving a firearm, and all four male age-race variables (% of Black males age 15-24, % of white males age 15-24, % of black males age 25-44).

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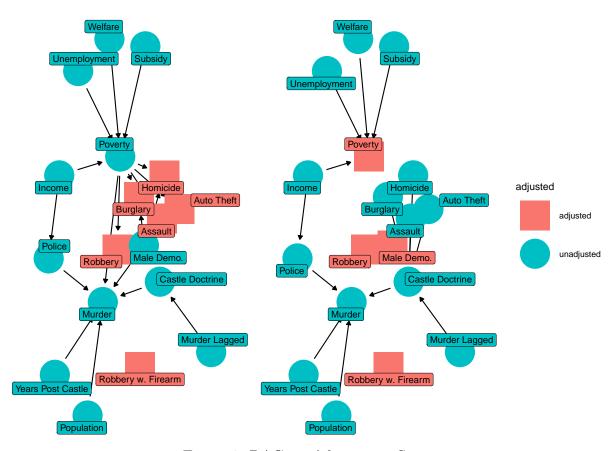


Figure 2: DAG w. Adjustment Sets

#### Missing Data

In our analysis of missing data, we found that robbery involving a firearm has about 1.09% missing data (6 observations), and is only missing for one state, Washington. No other variables include missing data. Due to the low level of missingness and the fact that Washington did not implement Castle Doctrine, which is the much larger subpopulation, we proceeded with a complete case analysis and excluded the state of Washington from consideration.

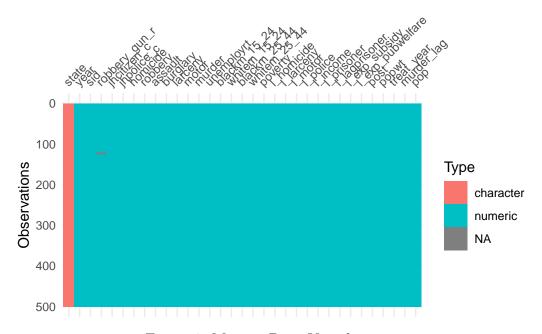


Figure 3: Missing Data Visualization

### **Propensity Weighting**

We used inverse propensity score weighting (IPW) in our analysis, which allowed us simulate what the relationship between exposure (implementing Castle Doctrine) and outcome (murder rates) would have looked like if our data had come from a randomized trial instead of being observational. Since we targeted the effect of the policy on the treated states, we employed the inverse probability weight for the Average Treatment Effect Among the Treated (ATT) to estimate the effect. Here, the propensity score for each observation is the probability of the state implementing Castle Doctrine given their particular covariate values. To simplify our model and minimize potential measurement error, we used the minimal adjustment set to identify confounders. We then fit a logistic

regression to calculate the probabilities of states passing Castle Doctrine with the model shown below:

 $log\_odds_i = S_{1:3}(Homicide_i) + S_{1:2}(Burglary_i) + Assault_i + MotorTheft_i + Robbery_i + ArmedRobbery_i$ 

#### **Unweighted Data**

Table 1: Sample Characteristics by Castle Doctrine

| Characteristic      | Post-Doctrine     | Pre-Doctrine      | Overall           |  |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
|                     | N = 74            | N = 411           | N = 485           |  |
| Assault             | 312 (188, 456)    | 226 (161, 348)    | 235 (163, 357)    |  |
| Burglary            | 906 (703, 1,008)  | 634 (510, 882)    | 663 (515, 936)    |  |
| Homicide            | 6.14 (4.65, 7.02) | 4.44 (2.46, 6.33) | 4.73 (2.61, 6.50) |  |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 310 (225, 378)    | 308 (209, 426)    | 309 (214, 417)    |  |
| Robbery             | 116 (90, 145)     | 97 (63, 153)      | 100 (67, 152)     |  |
| Robbery w. Firearm  | 0.46 (0.37, 0.51) | 0.34 (0.25, 0.45) | 0.36 (0.26, 0.46) |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Median (Q1, Q3); Rates per 100,000 persons

Before weighting our subpopulations with IPW, we observe substantial imbalances between the pre and post-Doctrine subpopulations. From **Table 1**, we see the Pre-Doctrine group had 411 observations, with lower median crime rates across all covariates in the adjustment set. This imbalance is also reflected in the distributions of propensity scores, displayed in Figure. The distribution of propensity scores for states that had not passed Castle Doctrine laws is highly right skewed, with a majority of the scores falling between 0.0 and 0.2, while the distribution for post-Castle Doctrine states is spread relatively uniformly from 0.0 to 0.7.

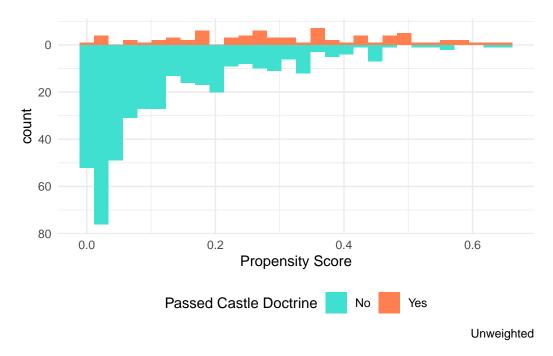


Figure 4: Mirrored Histogram, Unweighted

# **ATT** Weighting

Table 2: Sample Characteristics by Re-Weighted Castle Doctrine

| Chamatariatia       | Post-Doctrine           | Pre-Doctrine         | Overall                 |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Characteristic      | N = 74; ESS = 74.0      | N = 411; ESS = 143.7 | N = 485; $ESS = 193.3$  |  |
| Assault             | 311 (188, 456)          | 310 (207, 404)       | 311 (200, 418)          |  |
| Burglary            | 903 (703, 1,008)        | 825 (639, 1,035)     | 881 (661, 1,016)        |  |
| Homicide            | 6.07 (4.65, 7.02)       | 6.19 (4.79, 7.34)    | 6.19 (4.75, 7.16)       |  |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 309 (225, 378)          | 296 (234, 394)       | 306 (234, 387)          |  |
| Robbery             | 116 (90, 145)           | 101 (83, 139)        | 109 (85, 144)           |  |
| Armed Robbery       | $0.46 \ (0.37, \ 0.51)$ | 0.44 (0.36, 0.49)    | $0.45 \ (0.36, \ 0.50)$ |  |

Abbreviation: ESS = Effective Sample Size

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Median (Q1, Q3); Rates per 100,000 persons

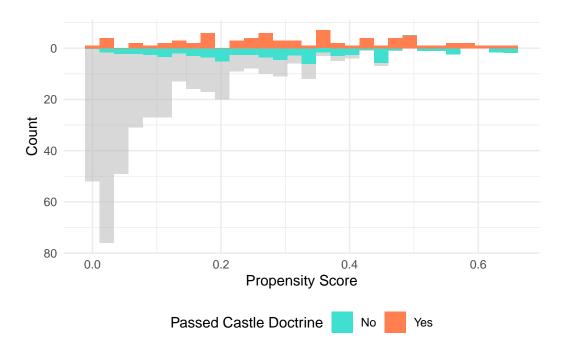


Figure 5: Mirrored Histogram, Unweighted and Weighted

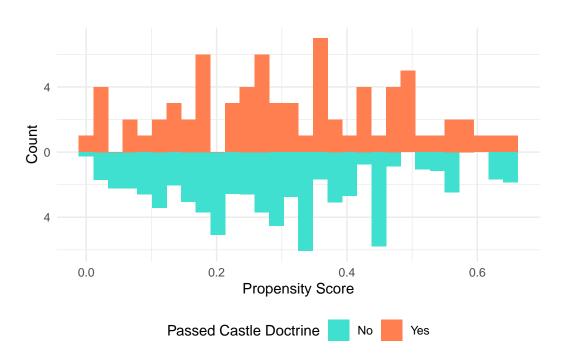


Figure 6: Mirrored Histogram, ATT Only

To account for the differences across the two subpopulations, we fit the previously-specified propensity score model, predicting a state's probability of passing a Castle

Doctrine law based on the covariates in our adjustment set. After reweighting our data, we observe in **Table 2** that the median value of the covariates are much more matched between between Castle Doctrine states and non-Castle Doctrine states.

We display the distributions of the propensity scores for the subpopulations in the mirrored histograms in **Figures 5** and **6**. The distributions of propensity scores in the mirrored histograms demonstrate substantially improved balance between the two groups, and we do not observe any alarming positivity issues.

We also used a Love Plot (**Figure 7**) to visualize the effect of ATT weighting on the Standardized Mean Difference for each confounding covariate. Before weighting, we observe the SMD for each covariate except for Robbery was relatively large, reflecting the unbalance between Castle Doctrine states and non-Castle Doctrine states across these variables. After re-weighting, we see that the SMDs across the covariates are below the 0.1 threshold, suggesting that the weighting method has balanced the two pseudo-populations across each covariate very effectively. These results align with the conclusions we were able to draw from comparing the unweighted and re-weighted tables.

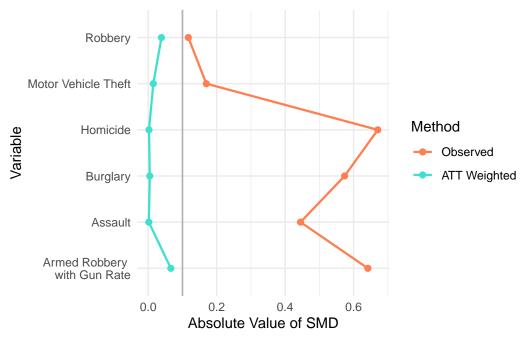


Figure 7: Love Plot

Finally, we compared the empirical cumulative distribution functions (eCDFs) of our confounders. Since all confounders in the adjustment set were continuous, we constructed eCDF plots for each one. Although we were not able to achieve perfect correspondence

between the two subpopulations through weighting alone, incorporating second and third degree splines (as reflected in our propensity score model) on Homicide and Burglary helped to bring the eCDFs for those covariates closer together (see Appendix). Overall, our checks suggested that the necessary assumptions for causal inference appeared to be reasonably met, so we proceeded with effect estimation.

#### **G-Computation**

To capture the time-varying effect of the implementation of Castle Doctrine, we performed G-Computation using a linear model that incorporated ATT weights from our IPW model, along with an interaction term representing the number of years before and after enactment of a state's Castle Doctrine law:

 $Murder_i = CastleDoctrine_i + Years_i + CastleDoctrine_i : Years_i$ 

We simulated counterfactual data for each of the four years before and after the enactment of Castle Doctrine laws. For each year, we computed the difference in murder rates between the post- and pre-enactment periods for both Castle Doctrine and non-Castle Doctrine states. Using these differences, we conducted a pseudo-difference-in-differences analysis to estimate the treatment effect of Castle Doctrine over time. Based on our model, we estimated the average treatment effect among the treated (ATT) for four time intervals surrounding the law's passage. Four-years was the largest symmetric time-span around Castle Doctrine passage available for comparison in our data. The point estimates of these effects are presented in **Table 3**. Across all periods, we observed a negative effect on the murder rate; however, to assess the reliability of these estimates, we conducted an uncertainty analysis

Table 3: Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification

| Years Before/<br>After Castle Doctrine | ATT Point Est. |
|--|----------------|
| 1                                      | -0.797         |
| 2                                      | -1.593         |
| 3                                      | -2.390         |
| 4                                      | -3.186         |

#### Measures of Uncertainty

To assess the uncertainty of our estimates, we employed a bootstrap approach, resampling the data 1,000 times to generate a distribution of estimated treatment effects. From this empirical distribution, we calculated the 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles to construct 95% confidence intervals for each point estimate. All four confidence intervals contained zero, indicating that none of the estimated effects are statistically significant at the 95% level.

Table 4: Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification

| Years Before/<br>After Castle Doctrine | ATT Estimate | ATT Standard Dev. | 95% CI Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
|--|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1                                      | -0.781       | 0.584             | -1.881             | 0.342       |
| 2                                      | -1.546       | 1.137             | -3.847             | 0.535       |
| 3                                      | -2.323       | 1.737             | -5.580             | 1.180       |
| 4                                      | -3.110       | 2.370             | -7.829             | 1.510       |

### **Sensitivity Analysis:**

#### **Alternate Adjustment Set:**

To ensure the robustness of our results, we conducted a sensitivity analysis to assess the validity of our DAG structure and the potential impact of unmeasured confounding. First, we explored the causal effect using the alternate adjustment set from the DAG. If the covariates in the models are well-measured and the DAG is specified correctly, then each adjustment set should yield similar treatment effects, as both should provide an unbiased estimate of the true causal effect.

Using the alternative adjustment set—which includes robbery, poverty, robbery involving a firearm, and all four male age-race variables—we refit the propensity score model with a five-degree spline on the poverty variable and a four-degree spline on Robbery involving a Firearm to help balance the subpopulations. Following the same procedure as in our original analysis, we used G-Computation, difference-in-differences, and bootstrapping to obtain confidence intervals for the average treatment effect among the treated population. In **Table 5**, we display the point estimates from the same four time periods of our original analysis. Compared to the point estimates from the minimal adjustment set in **Table 3**, the effects using the alternate adjustment set are attenuated in magnitude.

Nevertheless, examining the 95% confidence intervals in **Table 6**, all confidence intervals still include zero, reinforcing the conclusion that enacting Castle Doctrine did not have a statistically significant impact on murder rate in states that passed such laws.

The discrepancy in point estimates suggests that there may be measurement error in one or more covariates in the dataset or that the DAG does not fully capture the true underlying causal structure at work. To investigate the latter, we made some modifications to the DAG, such as connecting the police presence variable to crime variables; however, we found these changes did not significantly affect our results.

Table 5: Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification (Alternate Adjustment Set)

| Years Before/<br>After Castle Doctrine | ATT Point Est. |
|--|----------------|
| 1                                      | -0.394         |
| 2                                      | -0.788         |
| 3                                      | -1.181         |
| 4                                      | -1.575         |

Table 6: Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification (Alternate Adjustment Set)

| Years Before/<br>After Castle Doctrine | ATT Estimate | ATT Standard Dev. | 95% CI Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
|--|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1                                      | -0.399       | 0.618             | -1.559             | 0.862       |
| 2                                      | -0.810       | 1.190             | -3.101             | 1.462       |
| 3                                      | -1.193       | 1.769             | -4.362             | 2.490       |
| 4                                      | -1.616       | 2.385             | -6.166             | 2.761       |

#### **Tipping Point Analysis**

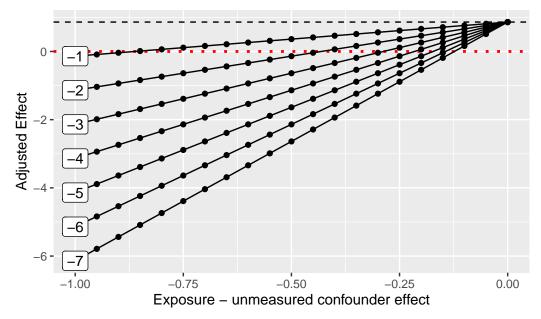
Finally, we assessed the potential impact of an unmeasured confounder on the relationship between Castle Doctrine and Murder Rate. The graph below illustrates how varying strength of an unmeasured confounder's associations with the exposure (Castle Doctrine) and the outcome (Murder Rate) would bias the estimated effect. Based on the graphs, we can identify tipping points, where the adjusted effect crosses the null.

For example, if a one standard deviation change in the unmeasured confounder reduced murder rate by 1 percent and was associated with a probability of 0.35 of not passing a

Castle Doctrine law (i.e. -0.35 on the x-axis), then the upper bound of adjusted effect would cross zero, such that the 95% CI for the ATT is entirely below zero, representing a significant negative effect. Since our dataset is limited in its scope of variables, it is reasonable to believe that such a confounder might exist.

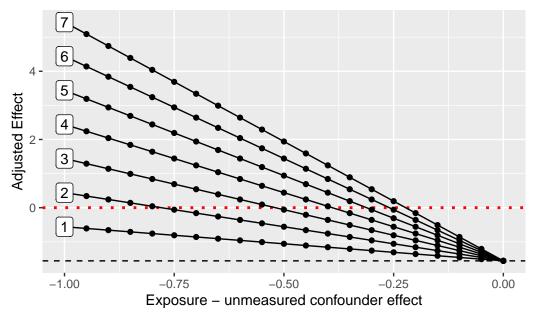
Finally, we assessed the potential impact of an unmeasured confounder on the causal relationship using a tipping point analysis. Because our effect at 1 through 4 years from implementation was not significant at a 95% significance level, our tipping point focused on the confounder needed to make the effect significant in either a positive or negative direction. For conciseness, we focused on the effect at 1 year before and after implementation. The graphs below illustrate how varying strength of an unmeasured confounder's associations with the exposure (Castle Doctrine) and the outcome (Murder Rates) would bias the estimated effect at one year before and after exposure. Based on the graph, we can identify tipping points, where the adjusted effect crosses the null.

#### Effect of Unmeasured Confounder on Treatment Effect



Looking at the negative plot (shown above), we observed that, for example, if a one standard deviation change in the unmeasured confounder reduced murder rate by 2 percent and was associated with a probability of 0.45 of not passing a Castle Doctrine law (i.e. -0.45 on the x-axis), then the upper bound of the adjusted effect would cross zero, such that the 95% CI for the ATT is entirely below zero, representing a significant negative effect. Since our dataset is limited in its scope of variables, it is reasonable to believe that such a confounder might exist.

#### Effect of Unmeasured Confounder on Treatment Effect



Looking at the positive plot (shown above), we observe that, if a one standard deviation change in the unmeasured confounder increased murder rate by 3 percent and was associated with a probability of 0.67 of not passing a Castle Doctrine law (i.e. -0.67 on the x-axis), then the lower bound of the adjusted effect would cross zero, such that the 95% CI for the ATT is entirely positive, representing a significant positive effect on the murder rate. Such a confounder is somewhat less likely than the previous; however, again, given the limitations in our data, more investigation would be needed to completely rule out such a confounder.

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library(causaldata)
library(dagitty)
library(ggdag)
library(tidyverse)
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library(naniar)
library(gtsummary)
library(gt)
library(broom)
library(readxl)
library(propensity)
library(halfmoon)
library(patchwork)
library(visdat)
library(survey)
library(labelled)
library(tipr)
library(kableExtra)
data("castle")
castle$treat_year <- ifelse(castle$post == 1, castle$year, 0)</pre>
lower <- 1
upper <- 11
i <- 1
while(i < 51){
  treat_year_1 <- min(castle$treat_year[lower:upper] [castle$treat_year[lower:upper] !=</pre>
  castle$treat year[lower:upper] <- rep(treat year 1, 11)</pre>
  lower <- upper + 1</pre>
  upper <- lower + 10
  i <- i + 1
}
castle <- castle |>
  mutate(years after treat = year - treat year)
castle$years_after_treat <- ifelse(castle$years_after_treat == -Inf, NA, castle$years_
castle <- castle |>
  group_by(sid) |>
  mutate_at(c("assault", "burglary", "homicide", "larceny", "motor", "l_larceny", "l_m
              "l_police", "l_income", "l_exp_subsidy", "l_exp_pubwelfare"), lag) |>
  mutate(murder_lag = lag(murder)) |>
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ungroup()
castle$sid <- ifelse(as.numeric(castle$sid) > 8, castle$sid - 1, castle$sid)
state_id_list <- read_excel("state_id_list_fixed.xlsx", col_names = FALSE)</pre>
colnames(state_id_list) <- c("state", "pop", "sid")</pre>
state id ranks <- state id list |>
  select(state, sid)
castle dat <- full join(castle, state id list, by = "sid")</pre>
castle dat <- castle dat[castle dat$year != 2000,]</pre>
castle_for_tab <- castle_dat |>
  select(!(starts_with("r20") |
             starts with("trend") |
             starts_with("lead") |
             starts with("lag") |
             starts_with("years")))
#CCA + Dropping Washington
castle_dat <- castle_dat |>
  select(!(starts with("r20") |
             starts with("trend") |
             starts_with("lead") |
             starts_with("lag"))) |>
 drop_na(robbery_gun_r) |>
 filter(sid != 47)
# young_male_race is taking place of blackm_15_24 + whitem_15_24 + blackm_25 44 + whit
castle dag <- dagify(
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 post ~ homicide + robbery_gun_r + assault + burglary + motor + murder_lag + robbery,
 burglary ~ poverty + young_male_race,
 homicide ~ poverty + young_male_race,
 motor ~ poverty + young_male_race,
 robbery ~ poverty + young male race,
  assault ~ poverty + young male race,
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   popwt = "Population",
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   l exp pubwelfare = "Welfare",
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   years after treat = "Years Post Castle",
   homicide = "Homicide",
   robbery = "Robbery",
   assault = "Assault",
   burglary = "Burglary",
   motor = "Auto Theft",
    l income = "Income")
)
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 labs(caption = "DAG") +
 theme dag()
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vis dat(castle for tab)
castle select <- castle dat |>
  select(c(post, assault, burglary, homicide, motor, robbery, robbery_gun_r)) |>
 mutate(post = ifelse(post == 0, "Pre-Doctrine", "Post-Doctrine")) |>
 set variable labels(
post = "Passage of Castle Doctrine",
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assault = "Assault",
    burglary = "Burglary",
   homicide = "Homicide",
    motor = "Motor Vehicle Theft",
   robbery = "Robbery",
   robbery_gun_r = "Robbery w. Firearm"
  )
tbl_summary(
  castle select,
  by = post
) |>
  add_overall(last = TRUE) |>
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propensity_model <- glm(post ~ splines::ns(homicide, 3) +</pre>
                          splines::ns(burglary, 2) +
                          assault + motor + robbery +
                          robbery_gun_r ,
                        data = castle_dat,
                        family = "binomial")
castle_dat <- propensity_model |>
  augment(type.predict = "response", data = castle_dat) |>
  mutate(w att = wt att(.fitted, post, exposure type = "binary"))
ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
  geom_mirror_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 1, aes(fill = factor(post))) +
  labs(x = "Propensity Score", fill = "Passed Castle Doctrine", caption = "Unweighted"
  scale y continuous(labels = abs) +
  scale_fill_manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
castle_select2 <- castle_dat |>
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select(c(post, assault, burglary, homicide, motor, robbery, robbery_gun_r, w_att)) |
  mutate(post = ifelse(post == 0, "Pre-Doctrine", "Post-Doctrine")) |>
    set_variable_labels(
   post = "Passage of Castle Doctrine",
    assault = "Assault",
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   homicide = "Homicide",
   motor = "Motor Vehicle Theft",
   robbery = "Robbery",
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svy des <- svydesign(</pre>
  ids = ~1,
  data = castle_select2,
 weights = ~w att
)
hdr <- paste0(
  "**{level}** \n",
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    add_overall(last = TRUE) |>
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  kable styling(
  latex_options = c("scale_down", "hold_position"),
  full_width = FALSE,
  position = "center"
  )
ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
  geom mirror histogram(bins = 30, alpha = .6, fill = "grey") +
  labs(x = "Propensity Score", y = "Count") +
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geom mirror histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 1, aes(fill = factor(post), weight = w att)
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
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  scale y continuous(labels = abs) +
  scale fill manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
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  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Propensity Score", y = "Count", fill = "Passed Castle Doctrine") +
  scale y continuous(labels = abs) +
  scale_fill_manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
dat_for_love <- castle_dat %>%
  select(assault, burglary, homicide, motor, robbery, robbery gun r, post, w att)
colnames(dat for love) <- c("Assault", "Burglary", "Homicide", "Motor Vehicle Theft",
weighted_for_love <- tidy_smd(</pre>
  dat for love,
  .vars = c(Assault, Burglary, Homicide, `Motor Vehicle Theft`, Robbery, `Armed Robber
  .group = post,
  .wts = c(w_att)
ggplot(data = weighted_for_love, aes(x = abs(smd), y = variable, group = method, color
  geom_love() +
  scale color manual(values = c("coral", "turquoise"), labels = c("Observed", "ATT Wei
  labs(color = "Method", x = "Absolute Value of SMD", y = "Variable") +
  theme_minimal()
standardized_model <- lm(murder ~ post*years_after_treat, data = castle_dat, weights =
years pre post \leftarrow c(1:4)
estimate_df <- data.frame("years_pre_post" = years_pre_post,</pre>
                           "ATT est" = rep(NA, 4))
```

```
for (j in years pre post){
    standardized_model <- lm(murder ~ post*years_after_treat,
                        data = castle dat, weights = w att)
    castle_dat_minus_j_yes <- castle_dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = -1*i, post = 1)
    castle dat minus j no <- castle dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = -1*i, post = 0)
    castle dat plus j yes <- castle dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = j, post = 1)
    castle_dat_plus_j_no <- castle_dat |>
      mutate(years_after_treat = j, post = 0)
    new_data_plus_j_yes <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle_dat_plus_j_yes) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    new_data_plus_j_no <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle dat plus j no) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    new_data_minus_j_yes <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle_dat_minus_j_yes) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    new_data_minus_j_no <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle dat minus j no) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    estimate_df$years_pre_post[j] <- j</pre>
    estimate_df$ATT_est[j] <- (mean(new_data_plus_j_yes$murder_est) -</pre>
                                 mean(new data minus j yes$murder est)) -
                               (mean(new_data_plus_j_no$murder_est) -
                                 mean(new data minus j no$murder est))
```

```
estimate df$ATT est <- round(estimate df$ATT est, 3)
colnames(estimate_df) <- c("Years Before/\\\After Castle Doctrine", "ATT Point Est.")</pre>
estimate_df |>
  kbl(format = "latex", booktabs = TRUE, escape = F,
      caption = "Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification") |>
  kable_styling(
    latex_options = c("scale_down", "hold_position"),
    full width = FALSE,
    position = "center"
set.seed(779)
n bootstrap <- 1000
bootstrap_df <- data.frame("years_pre_post" = years_pre_post,</pre>
                            "mean ATT" = rep(NA, 4),
                            "sd_ATT" = rep(NA, 4),
                            "ci.1" = rep(NA, 4),
                            "ci.u" = rep(NA, 4))
for (j in years pre post){
  bootstrap_est <- vector(length = n_bootstrap)</pre>
  for (b in 1:n_bootstrap){
    boot_dat <- castle_dat |>
      slice_sample(n = nrow(castle_dat), replace = T)
    standardized_boot <- lm(murder ~ post*years_after_treat,
                         data = boot_dat, weights = w_att)
    boot_dat_minus_j_yes <- boot_dat |>
      mutate(years_after_treat = -1*j, post = 1)
    boot_dat_minus_j_no <- boot_dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = -1*j, post = 0)
```

```
boot dat plus j yes <- boot dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = j, post = 1)
    boot_dat_plus_j_no <- boot_dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = j, post = 0)
    new_data_plus_j_yes <- standardized_boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot dat plus j yes) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    new_data_plus_j_no <- standardized_boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot_dat_plus_j_no) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    new_data_minus_j_yes <- standardized_boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot dat minus j yes) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    new_data_minus_j_no <- standardized_boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot dat minus j no) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
    bootstrap_est[b] <- (mean(new_data_plus_j_yes$murder_est) -</pre>
                            mean(new data minus j yes$murder est)) -
      (mean(new_data_plus_j_no$murder_est) - mean(new_data_minus_j_no$murder_est))
  }
  bootstrap_df$mean_ATT[j] <- round(mean(bootstrap_est),3)</pre>
  bootstrap df$sd ATT[j] <- round(sd(bootstrap est),3)</pre>
  bootstrap_df$ci.1[j] <- round(quantile(bootstrap_est, 0.025),3)</pre>
  bootstrap_df$ci.u[j] <- round(quantile(bootstrap_est, 0.975),3)</pre>
}
colnames(bootstrap_df) <- c("Years Before/\\\After Castle Doctrine", "ATT Estimate",</pre>
bootstrap df |>
```

```
kbl(format = "latex", booktabs = TRUE, escape = FALSE,
      caption = "Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification") |>
  kable_styling(
    latex options = c("scale down", "hold position"),
    full width = FALSE,
   position = "center"
propensity model alt <- glm(post ~ splines::ns(poverty, 5) + robbery + splines::ns(rob
castle dat alt <- propensity model alt |>
  augment(type.predict = "response", data = castle dat) |>
  mutate(w_att = wt_att(.fitted, post, exposure_type = "binary"))
years_pre_post <- c(1:4)</pre>
estimate_df <- data.frame("years_pre_post" = years_pre_post,</pre>
                           "ATT est" = rep(NA, 4))
for (j in years pre post){
    standardized_model <- lm(murder ~ post*years_after_treat,
                        data = castle dat alt, weights = w att)
    castle_dat_minus_j_yes <- castle_dat_alt |>
      mutate(years after treat = -1*i, post = 1)
    castle dat minus j no <- castle dat alt |>
      mutate(years after treat = -1*i, post = 0)
    castle dat plus j yes <- castle dat alt |>
      mutate(years after treat = j, post = 1)
    castle_dat_plus_j_no <- castle_dat_alt |>
      mutate(years_after_treat = j, post = 0)
    new_data_plus_j_yes <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle_dat_plus_j_yes) |>
      rename(murder est = .fitted)
```

```
new_data_plus_j_no <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle_dat_plus_j_no) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    new data minus j yes <- standardized model |>
      augment(newdata = castle_dat_minus_j_yes) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    new_data_minus_j_no <- standardized_model |>
      augment(newdata = castle_dat_minus_j_no) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    estimate df$years pre post[j] <- j
    estimate_df$ATT_est[j] <- (mean(new_data_plus_j_yes$murder_est) -</pre>
                                  mean(new data minus j yes$murder est)) -
                               (mean(new_data_plus_j_no$murder_est) -
                                  mean(new_data_minus_j_no$murder_est))
}
estimate_df$ATT_est <- round(estimate_df$ATT_est, 3)</pre>
colnames(estimate df) <- c("Years Before/\\\After Castle Doctrine", "ATT Point Est.")</pre>
estimate_df |>
  kbl(format = "latex", booktabs = TRUE, escape = F,
      caption = "Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification\\\\ (A
  kable styling(
    latex_options = c("scale_down", "hold_position"),
    full_width = FALSE,
    position = "center"
set.seed(779)
n_bootstrap <- 1000</pre>
bootstrap_df <- data.frame("years_pre_post" = years_pre_post,</pre>
                            "mean_ATT" = rep(NA, 4),
                            "sd ATT" = rep(NA, 4),
                            "ci.1" = rep(NA, 4),
```

```
"ci.u" = rep(NA, 4))
bootstrap_df_names_clean <- bootstrap_df</pre>
for (j in years pre post){
  bootstrap_est <- vector(length = n_bootstrap)</pre>
  for (b in 1:n bootstrap){
    boot dat <- castle dat alt |>
      slice_sample(n = nrow(castle_dat_alt), replace = T)
    standardized boot <- lm(murder ~ post*years after treat,
                        data = boot_dat, weights = w_att)
    boot dat minus j yes <- boot dat |>
      mutate(years_after_treat = -1*j, post = 1)
    boot_dat_minus_j_no <- boot_dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = -1*j, post = 0)
    boot_dat_plus_j_yes <- boot_dat |>
      mutate(years after treat = j, post = 1)
    boot_dat_plus_j_no <- boot_dat |>
      mutate(years_after_treat = j, post = 0)
    new_data_plus_j_yes <- standardized_boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot_dat_plus_j_yes) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    new data plus j no <- standardized boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot_dat_plus_j_no) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    new_data_minus_j_yes <- standardized_boot |>
      augment(newdata = boot dat minus j yes) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    new data minus j no <- standardized boot |>
```

```
augment(newdata = boot dat minus j no) |>
      rename(murder_est = .fitted)
    bootstrap_est[b] <- (mean(new_data_plus_j_yes$murder_est) -</pre>
                            mean(new data minus j yes$murder est)) -
      (mean(new_data_plus_j_no$murder_est) - mean(new_data_minus_j_no$murder_est))
  }
  ## Rounded
  bootstrap_df_names_clean$mean_ATT[j] <- round(mean(bootstrap_est),3)</pre>
  bootstrap df names clean$sd ATT[j] <- round(sd(bootstrap est),3)</pre>
  bootstrap_df_names_clean$ci.1[j] <- round(quantile(bootstrap_est, 0.025),3)</pre>
  bootstrap df names clean$ci.u[j] <- round(quantile(bootstrap est, 0.975),3)
  ## Unrounded
  bootstrap df$mean ATT[j] <- mean(bootstrap est)</pre>
  bootstrap_df$sd_ATT[j] <- sd(bootstrap_est)</pre>
  bootstrap df$ci.l[j] <- quantile(bootstrap est, 0.025)</pre>
  bootstrap df$ci.u[j] <- quantile(bootstrap est, 0.975)</pre>
}
colnames(bootstrap df names clean) <- c("Years Before/\\\After Castle Doctrine", "ATT
bootstrap df names clean |>
  kbl(format = "latex", booktabs = TRUE, escape = FALSE,
      caption = "Estimated ATT by Year Relative to Castle Doctrine Ratification\\\\(A)
  kable_styling(
    latex_options = c("scale_down", "hold_position"),
   full width = FALSE,
    position = "center"
  )
#Unmeasured confounder to make significant negative effect - 1 year pre/post
```

```
ci.u <- bootstrap df[1,"ci.u"]</pre>
adjust_df <- adjust_coef(</pre>
  effect observed = ci.u,
  exposure confounder effect = rep(seq(0, -1, by = -0.05), each = 7),
  confounder_outcome_effect = rep(seq(-1, -7, by = -1), times = 21),
  verbose = FALSE
)
ggplot(
  adjust_df,
  aes(
    x = exposure confounder effect,
    y = effect_adjusted,
    group = confounder_outcome_effect
  )
) +
  geom hline(yintercept = ci.u, lty = 2) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0, lty = 3, color = "red", lwd = 1) +
  geom point() +
  geom line() +
  geom_label(
    data = adjust df[141:147, ],
    aes(
      x = exposure_confounder_effect,
      y = effect_adjusted,
      label = confounder outcome effect
  ) +
  labs(
    x = "Exposure - unmeasured confounder effect",
    y = "Adjusted Effect",
    title = "Effect of Unmeasured Confounder on Treatment Effect"
  )
#Unmeasured confounder to make significant positive effect - 1 year pre/post
ci.l <- bootstrap_df[1,"ci.l"]</pre>
adjust df <- adjust coef(
```

```
effect observed = ci.1,
  exposure confounder effect = rep(seq(0, -1, by = -0.05), each = 7),
  confounder_outcome_effect = rep(seq(1, 7, by = 1), times = 21),
  verbose = FALSE
ggplot(
  adjust_df,
  aes(
    x = exposure confounder effect,
    y = effect_adjusted,
    group = confounder_outcome_effect
) +
  geom hline(yintercept = ci.1, lty = 2) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 0, lty = 3, color = "red", lwd = 1) +
  geom point() +
  geom line() +
  geom_label(
    data = adjust df[141:147, ],
    aes(
      x = exposure_confounder_effect,
      y = effect adjusted,
      label = confounder_outcome_effect
    )
  ) +
  labs(
    x = "Exposure - unmeasured confounder effect",
    y = "Adjusted Effect",
    title = "Effect of Unmeasured Confounder on Treatment Effect"
miss_tab <- miss_var_summary(castle_for_tab)</pre>
colnames(miss_tab) <- c("Variable", "Missing (n)", "Percent Missing")</pre>
miss_tab |>
  gt()
propensity_model_test <- glm(post ~ homicide + burglary + assault + motor + robbery +</pre>
castle_dat_test <- propensity_model_test |>
  augment(type.predict = "response", data = castle_dat) |>
```

```
mutate(w att = wt att(.fitted, post, exposure type = "binary"))
ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
  geom_mirror_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = .6, fill = "grey") +
  geom mirror histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 1, aes(fill = factor(post), weight = w att)
  labs(x = "Propensity Score", fill = "Passed Castle Doctrine", caption = "ATT", y = "
  scale_y_continuous(labels = abs) +
  scale fill manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
  theme minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
ggplot(castle dat test, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
  geom_mirror_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 1, aes(fill = factor(post), weight = w_att)
  labs(x = "Propensity Score", fill = "Passed Castle Doctrine", caption = "ATT", y = "
  scale_y_continuous(labels = abs) +
  scale_fill_manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
dat_for_love <- castle_dat_test %>%
  select(assault, burglary, homicide, motor, robbery, robbery gun r, post, w att)
colnames(dat_for_love) <- c("Assault", "Burglary", "Homicide", "Motor Vehicle Theft",</pre>
weighted_for_love <- tidy_smd(</pre>
  castle dat test,
  .vars = c(assault, burglary, homicide, motor, robbery, robbery gun r),
  .group = post,
  .wts = c(w att)
ggplot(data = weighted_for_love, aes(x = abs(smd), y = variable, group = method, color
  geom love() +
  theme minimal()
p1 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = burglary, color = factor(post))) +</pre>
  geom_ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Burglary", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p2 <- ggplot(castle dat test, aes(x = burglary, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
```

```
theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Burglary", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p3 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = assault, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Assault", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p4 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = assault, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Assault", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p5 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = robbery, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p6 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = robbery, color = factor(post))) +</pre>
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme_minimal()
p7 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = homicide, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Homicide", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p8 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = homicide, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
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labs(x = "Homicide", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme_minimal()
p9 \leftarrow ggplot(castle dat test, aes(x = robbery gun r, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery with Gun", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p10 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = robbery_gun_r, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery with Gun", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p11 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = motor, color = factor(post))) +
  geom_ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Motor", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme_minimal()
p12 <- ggplot(castle_dat_test, aes(x = motor, color = factor(post))) +</pre>
  geom_ecdf(aes(weights = w_att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Motor", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme_minimal()
(p1+p2)/(p3+p4)+ plot_layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom")
(p5+p6)/(p7+p8)+ plot layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom")
(p9+p10)/(p11+p12)+ plot_layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom"
p1 <- ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = burglary, color = factor(post))) +</pre>
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Burglary", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme_minimal()
p2 <- ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = burglary, color = factor(post))) +
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geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Burglary", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p3 <- ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = assault, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Assault", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme_minimal()
p4 \leftarrow ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = assault, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Assault", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p5 \leftarrow ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = robbery, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p6 <- ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = robbery, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p7 <- ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = homicide, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Homicide", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p8 <- ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = homicide, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
```

```
theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Homicide", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme minimal()
p9 <- ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = robbery_gun_r, color = factor(post))) +
  geom_ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery with Gun", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p10 <- ggplot(castle dat, aes(x = robbery gun r, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf(aes(weights = w att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Robbery with Gun", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme_minimal()
p11 <- ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = motor, color = factor(post))) +
  geom ecdf() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Motor", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  theme minimal()
p12 <- ggplot(castle_dat, aes(x = motor, color = factor(post))) +
  geom_ecdf(aes(weights = w_att)) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  labs(x = "Motor", color = "Castle Implemented") +
  ggtitle("ATT") +
  theme_minimal()
(p1+p2)/(p3+p4)+ plot layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom")
(p5+p6)/(p7+p8)+ plot_layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom")
(p9+p10)/(p11+p12)+ plot_layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom"
p1 <- ggplot(castle_dat_alt, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
  geom mirror histogram(bins = 30, alpha = .6, fill = "grey") +
  geom_mirror_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 1, aes(fill = factor(post), weight = w_att)
  labs(x = "Propensity Score", y = "Count", fill = "Passed Castle Doctrine", caption =
  scale y continuous(labels = abs) +
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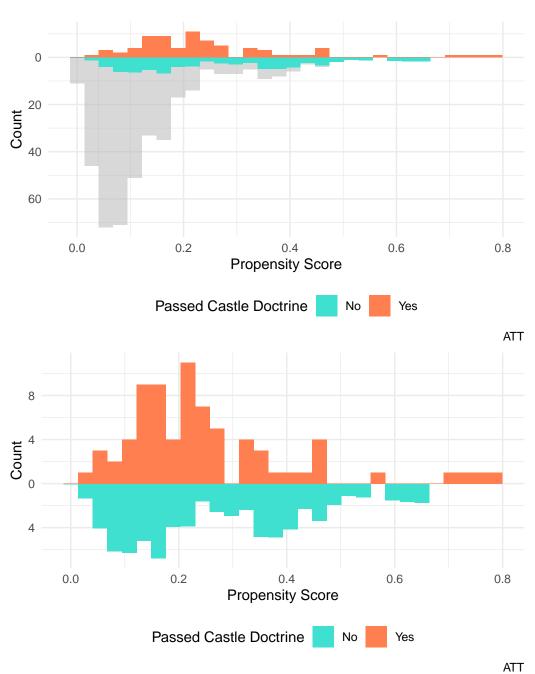
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scale fill manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
      theme minimal() +
      theme(legend.position = "bottom")
p2 \leftarrow ggplot(castle dat alt, aes(x = .fitted, group = post, fill = post)) +
      geom_mirror_histogram(bins = 30, alpha = 1, aes(fill = factor(post), weight = w_att)
      labs(x = "Propensity Score", y = "Count", fill = "Passed Castle Doctrine", caption =
      scale y continuous(labels = abs) +
      scale fill manual(labels = c("No", "Yes"), values = c("turquoise", "coral")) +
      theme minimal() +
      theme(legend.position = "bottom")
 (p1 + p2) + plot layout(guides = "collect") & theme(legend.position = "bottom")
weighted_for_love_alt <- tidy_smd(</pre>
      castle_dat_alt,
      .vars = c(poverty, robbery, robbery gun r, whitem 15 24, blackm 15 24, whitem 25 44,
      .group = post,
      .wts = c(w_att)
)
ggplot(data = weighted for love alt, aes(x = abs(smd), y = variable, group = method, contains a substitution of the substitu
      geom_love() +
      scale color manual(values = c("coral", "turquoise"), labels = c("Oberserved", "ATT W
      labs(color = "Method", x = "Absolute Value of SMD", y = "Variable") +
      theme minimal()
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| Variable             | Missing (n) | Percent Missing |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| robbery_gun_r        | 5           | 1               |
| year                 | 0           | 0               |
| sid                  | 0           | 0               |
| jhcitizen_c          | 0           | 0               |
| jhpolice_c           | 0           | 0               |
| homicide             | 0           | 0               |
| robbery              | 0           | 0               |
| assault              | 0           | 0               |
| burglary             | 0           | 0               |
| larceny              | 0           | 0               |
| motor                | 0           | 0               |
| murder               | 0           | 0               |
| unemployrt           | 0           | 0               |
| blackm_15_24         | 0           | 0               |
| whitem_15_24         | 0           | 0               |
| blackm_25_44         | 0           | 0               |
| whitem $_25\_44$     | 0           | 0               |
| poverty              | 0           | 0               |
| l_homicide           | 0           | 0               |
| l_larceny            | 0           | 0               |
| l_motor              | 0           | 0               |
| l_police             | 0           | 0               |
| l_income             | 0           | 0               |
| l_prisoner           | 0           | 0               |
| l_lagprisoner        | 0           | 0               |
| $l_{exp\_subsidy}$   | 0           | 0               |
| $l\_exp\_pubwelfare$ | 0           | 0               |
| post                 | 0           | 0               |
| popwt                | 0           | 0               |
| treat_year           | 0           | 0               |
| murder_lag           | 0           | 0               |
| state                | 0           | 0               |
| pop                  | 0           | 0               |

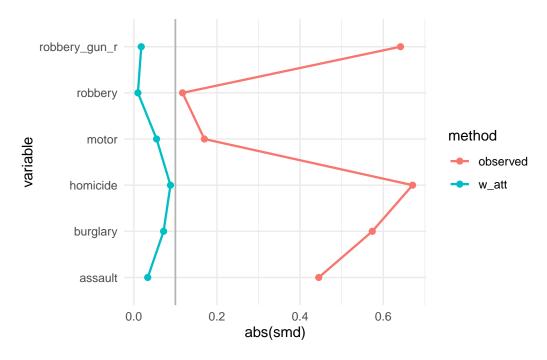
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# Model before the splines:

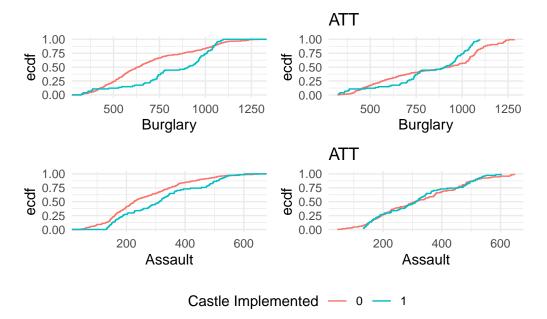
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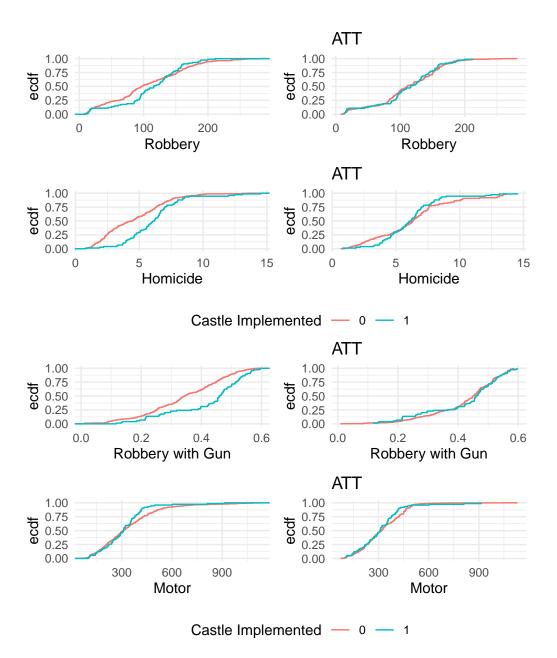


#### Love Plot:



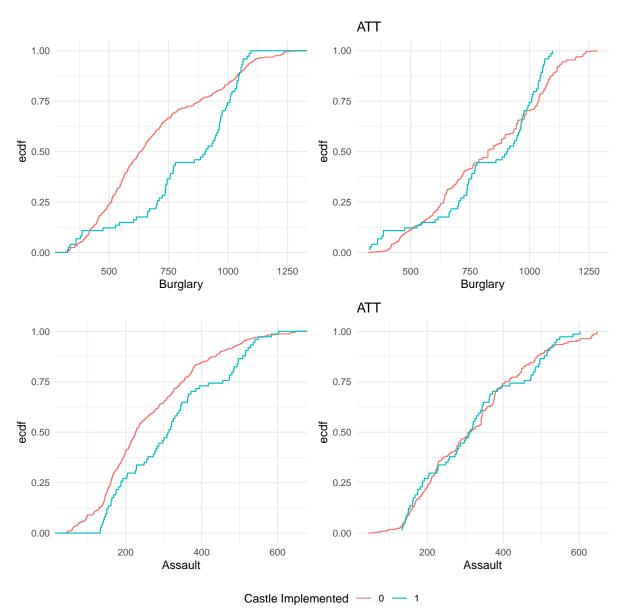
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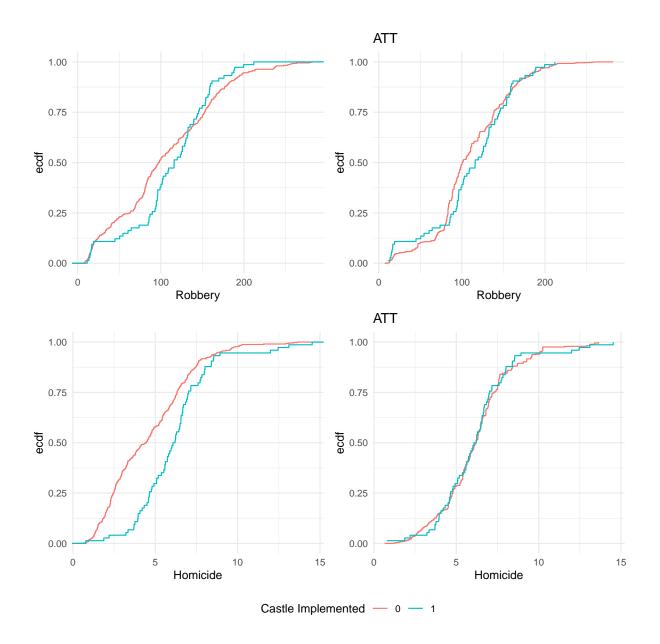


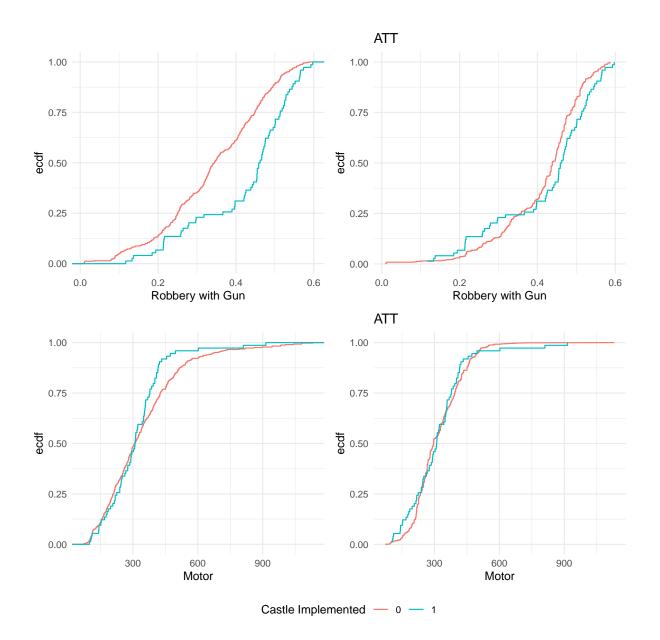


# With splines:

#### eCDFS:







# **Alternate Adjustment Set:**

