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## Perspectives on the Reforms

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Economic and social theories offer considerable support for these particular welfare reform policies, though empirical support is more suggestive than conclusive. According to these theories, individuals modify their behaviors in response to economic incentives and to social and cultural norms. The various reform initiatives impinge upon both incentives and norms in ways that lead social theorists to predict that reforms targeted at fertility and family structure may achieve at least some success.

*Who knows, really, what leads social theorists to predict, that is, apart from getting paid (often well) for it, and seeing their name(s) in print!*