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| Support cuts in government spending: People should be self-reliant and not be dependent on the state | Support policies that promote traditional families | Support policies that promote traditional families |
| Believe that family policies that support traditional families prop-up capitalism | Some policies have traditionally ignored gender diversity | Believe that policies that support non-traditional family types (eg Lone-parents) are ‘perverse incentives’ – they encourage bad behaviour and cost the government |
| Believe that families should be private, and not controlled by the state | Believe that social policies are governments way of shaping the economy (which helps the bourgeoisie) | Celebrate family diversity and policies that encourage it |
| Supported policies such as the welfare state, which help Britain to function effectively | Recognise that some social policies have improved the position of women in society | Believe that families should be private, and not controlled by the state |
| Believe that social policies are a form of ‘family surveillance’ | Social policies create an underclass and a ‘culture of dependency’ | Recent social policies reflect a growing acceptance of diversity in society |

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