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The analysis provides insight into:

- The chronology of the Austrian welfare state (1850-2000)
- Statistical trends regarding family change (fertility, marriage and family forms, household size, timing of biographical key events, etc.)
- The legal evolution of social security and family policy
- Intergenerational transmission of social security
- Demographic aspects of kin availability and stability
- Changes of societal attitudes towards family relations
- A timeline of cultural ideologies and political measurements
- Gender aspects of giving and receiving social support

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