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ASIAN COMMUNITIES FOR
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

- **Reproductive Justice:**

As defined by ACRJ, will be achieved when women and girls have the economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about our bodies, sexuality, and reproduction for ourselves, our families, and our communities in all areas of our lives.



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- **Strong Families**

- A national multi-year initiative that will be challenging the way we think and talk about families and how we act in support of families.
- To build Strong Families, we have shift culture and change policies.



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The War over Family: A partial history



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THE NEW DEAL

1930s

*Government supports
the “deserving family”*





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**CIVIL & WELFARE
RIGHTS
MOVEMENTS**

1960s-1970s

*Expanding access to
social safety net for
families*



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**THE MOYNIHAN
REPORT**

1965

**The Negro Family:
the case for national
action**

“racing” family





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**THE SOUTHERN
STRATEGY**

1968

**Nixon Presidential
Campaign**

*Race as wedge issue
in electoral politics*



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**THE HERITAGE
FOUNDATION**

1973

*Redefining family in
culture and policy*





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**ENTER THE
WELFARE QUEEN**

1976

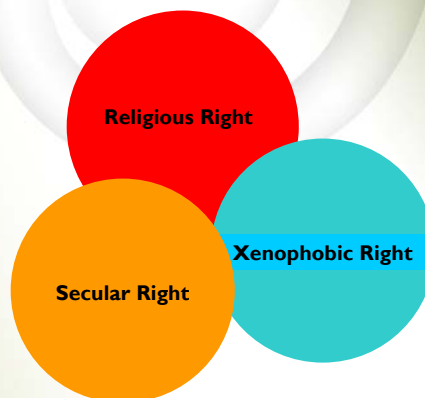
*The “undeserving”
family*



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**THE PERFECT
STORM**

**Overlapping
Agendas**





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THE PERFECT STORM

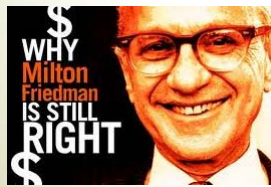
Overlapping
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Culture Shift



Keep prayer and God in school, where they belong!



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Decision Making
Power

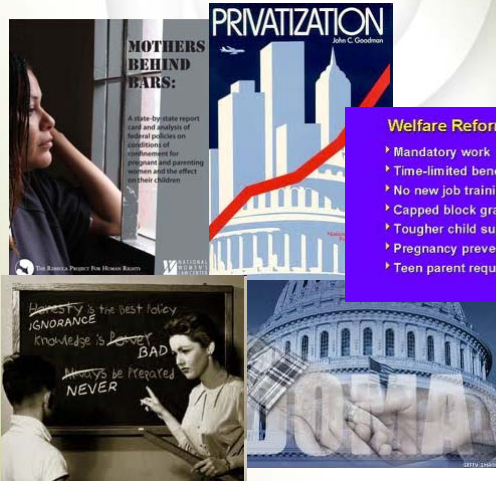




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THE RESULT: POLICY CHANGE

- criminalize poverty
- limit the definition of family
- shrink the role of government



Welfare Reform: 1996

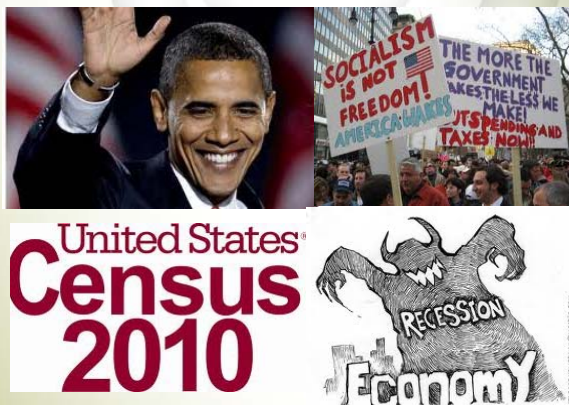
- ▶ Mandatory work
- ▶ Time-limited benefits
- ▶ No new job training \$\$
- ▶ Capped block grant
- ▶ Tougher child support
- ▶ Pregnancy prevention
- ▶ Teen parent requirements



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THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOMENT:

Challenges and
Opportunities





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**THE CURRENT
POLITICAL
MOMENT:**

**The bodies of
women of color**

**NO
MORE
ANCHOR
BABIES!!!**



BLACK CHILDREN ARE AN
**ENDANGERED
SPECIES**

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TRUST
BLACK WOMEN

STAND WITH US FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE



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**STRONG
FAMILIES:**

**Shifting culture
and policy to
match what our
families look like
and what our
families need**





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