



20th Century Europe

Displacement through war

- 46 million displaced during/ after WWII
- Ethnic Germans expelled from Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.



Decolonization

- Led to a surge in Europe's population.
- How?

Countries affected the most

- France- Algeria, 1 million
 - Britain- British Empire
 - 2002- Jean-Marie Le Pen ran on an issue to stop foreign immigrants; lost to Jacques Chirac.
 - Increased racial tensions throughout Europe.
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The Muslim World

- Initially, the Muslim population wanted to stay at arm's length from the rest of Europe.



After WWII and decolonization

- An influx of Muslims settle into Europe
- Many were temporary workers to rebuild the economy.



Muslims were denied rights

- Lived in self-contained communities and never assimilated.



Problems

- Uneducated and unemployed
- 2005 France sought to limit Muslim immigration, met with violent riots.



Radical Islam

- The majority of Muslims do not support the teaching of Muslim clerics, who teach that the “West” is sinful.



Population Trends

- By the mid 21st century, U.S. population will pass Europe.
 - Why?
 - People in Europe having less children.
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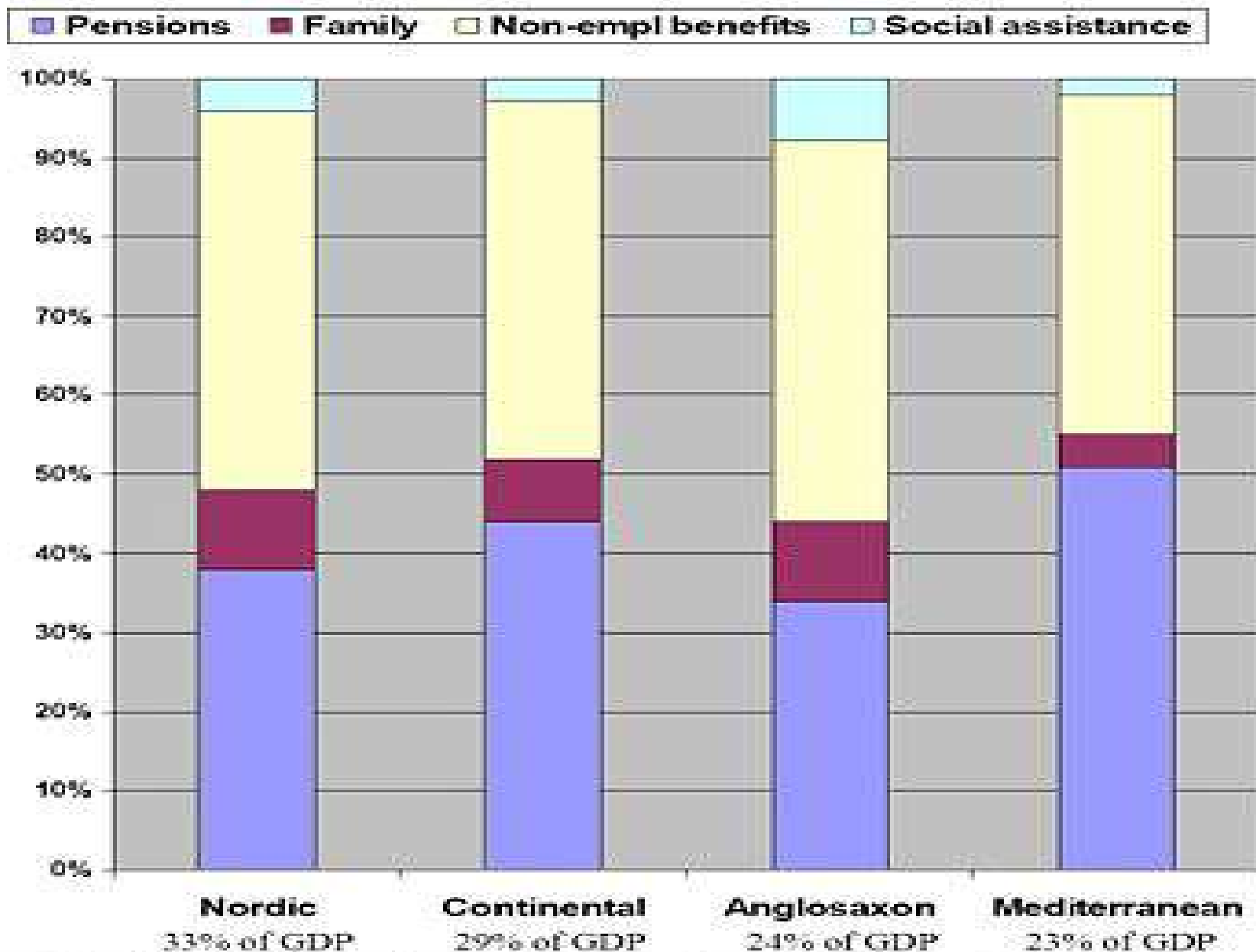
Christian Democratic Parties

- Germany, France, Italy, Austria.
 - Protected the interests of the Church
 - Supported economic growth, social reform
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The Creation of the Welfare States

- Came about in response to communism's full employment program.
 - Universal health care, unemployment insurance, pensions.
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Social Expenditure in the EU as of 2000



Source : Boeri (2002). The graph was done using the graph in that article and therefore is approximative.

3 Periods

- 1945-1950's- Reconstruction
- 1960's-early 1990's- Economic Growth.
- 1990's-present- High unemployment, low growth, inflation.



Problems today

- The proportion of those taking advantage of the welfare state- sick, injured, old, unemployed are increasing relative to the workers that pay for their services.
 - The result- the cost of services increases (usually through higher taxes)
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Margaret Thatcher

- British Prime Minister who pushed for a greater emphasis on the market economy and need for individual responsibility.



Homework

- How has work and expectations of women changed since World War II?
 - Read pages 1034-1040 “Knowledge and Culture”
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