

What is the most important factor likely to influence future fertility trends and why?

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Candidates?

- Looking from Europe and other low fertility countries:
 - Continuous postponement. ART?
 - Genetic manipulation
 - Need for siblings for kids?
 - Shifting educational gradients?
- But, where are the larger margins? Sub-Saharan Africa...
- A focus on the role of **political stability and political institutions**

The role of politics in future fertility?

- Three pathways:

1. Politics, violence and political institutions/leaders in high fertility countries (the case of Sub-Saharan Africa)
2. Politics in migrant destinations:
 1. the impact on/of welfare state provision. “Welfare magnet” debate
 2. Fertility feedback?
3. Immigration and politics in origin countries. Reverse Development and impact on fertility