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