

Consequences of the COVID Pandemic for Fertility and Family Behaviour in Germany

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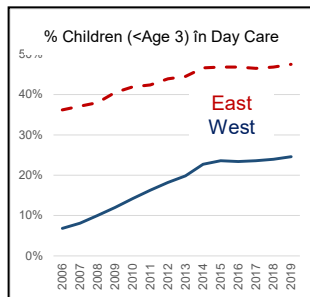
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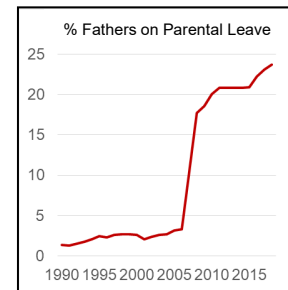
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Child Care Reform



Parental Leave Benefit Reform



Mehr Hausarbeit und Kinderbetreuung – Frauen tragen die Last

Wie der Alltag im Lockdown aussieht, wenn der Druck nicht abnimmt: In der Krise scheint die klassische Rollenverteilung sich zu verfestigen. Wie es weitergeht, sagt MAN SCHRÖTER

„Manzipation & Corona-Krise: Werden wir um 30 Jahre zurückgeworfen?“

Homeback der ...
Wie Corona die Aufteilung von Sorgearbeit verändert
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Die Frauen ver...
In der Krise erleben wir eine ...
... unserer Großeltern. Alle St ...
... Frauen helfen.



Eine Frau sitzt im Homeoffice an ihrem Laptop und telefoniert, während ihr Kind neben ihr in einem Kinderstuhl sitzt. FOTO: CHRISTIAN BEUTLER/KEYSTONE/DPA

„Frauen werden eine entsetzlich Retraditionalisierung erfahren.“

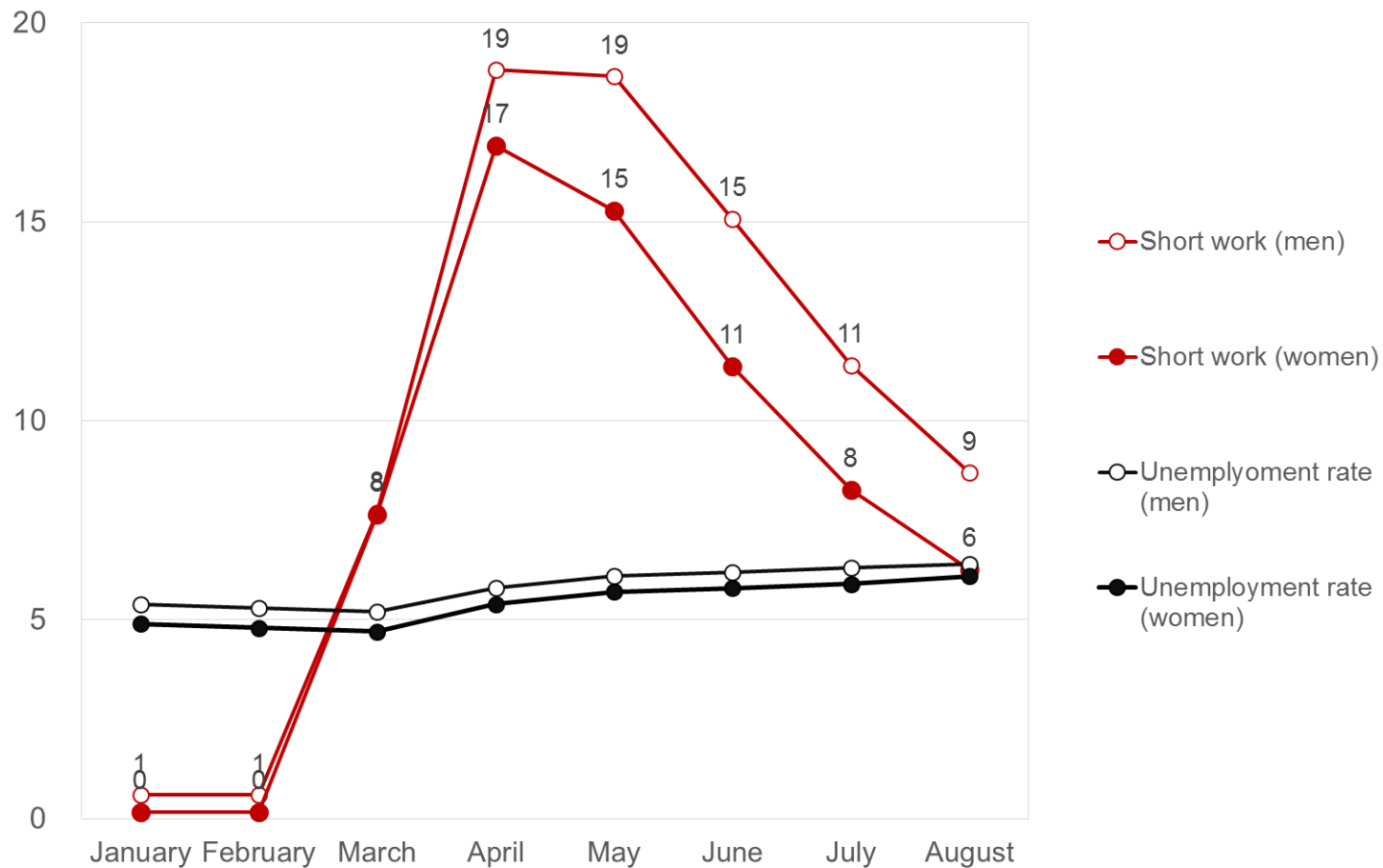
Corona: Re-Traditionalisation of Gender Roles?

- The Corona-Crisis has resulted into a **re-traditionalization** of care patterns and lead to an even more unequal gendered division of care.

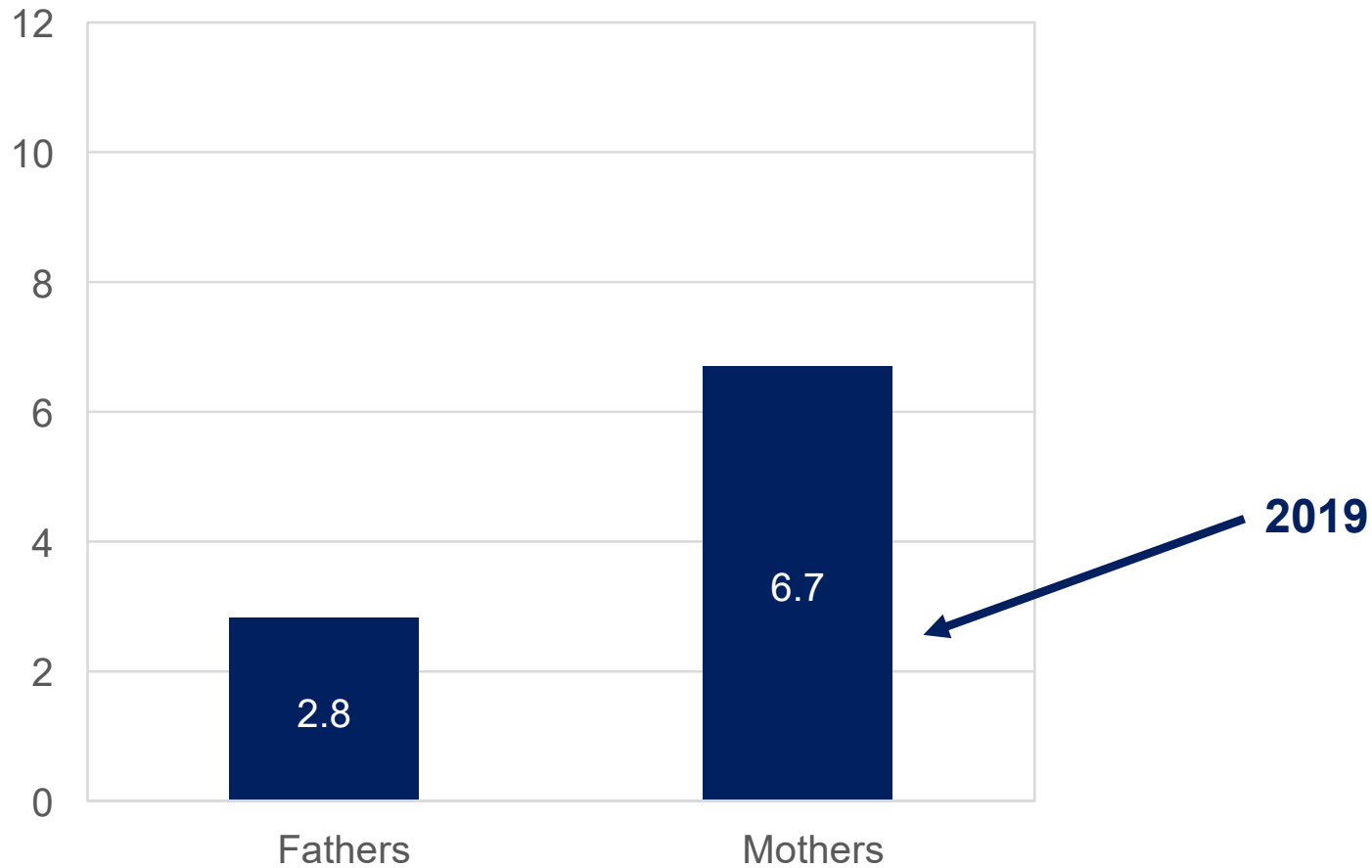
Corona: A Push for Gender Equality?

- Men were strongly affected by **short-work**. They had more time to engage with their children.

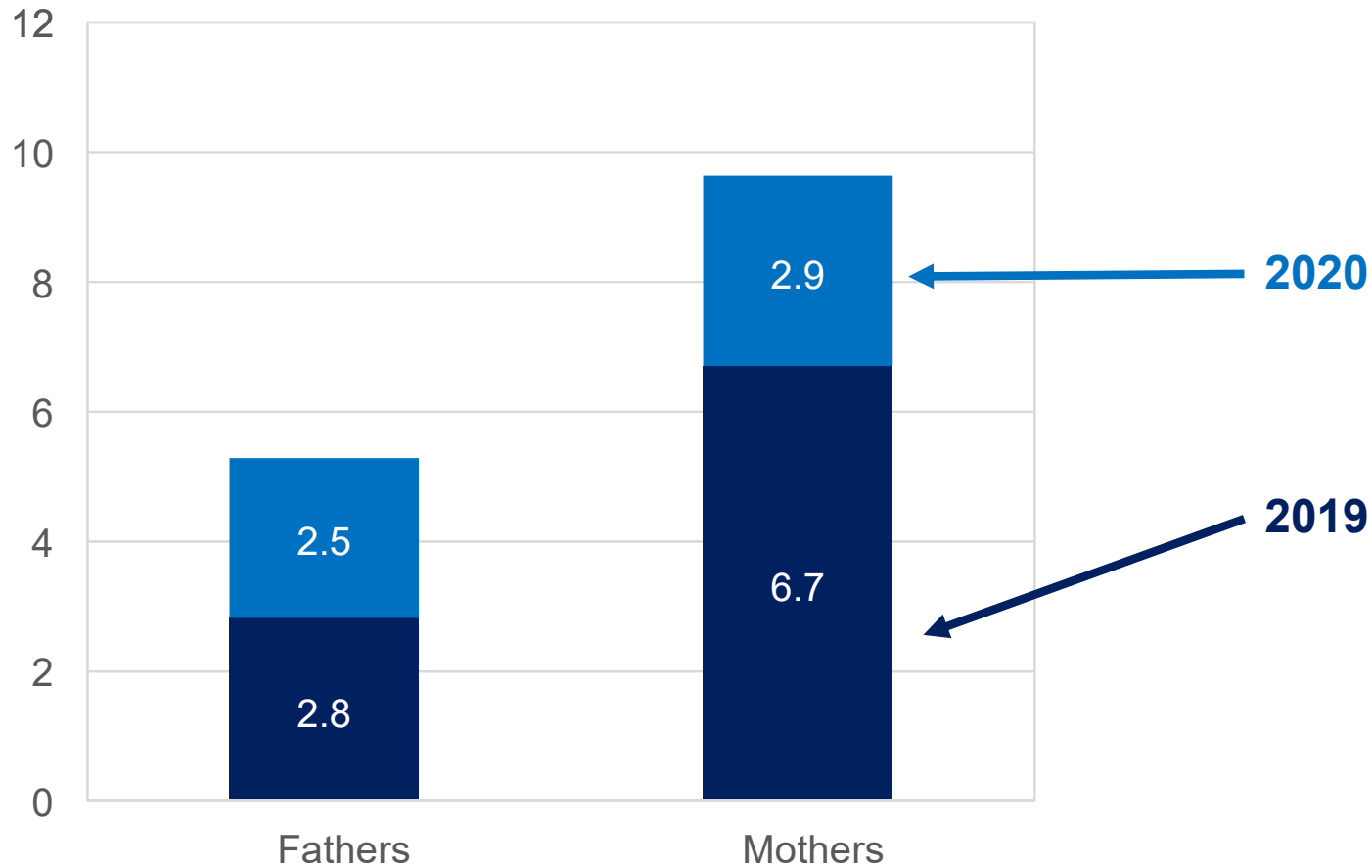
Germany: Unemployment and Short Time Work in 2020



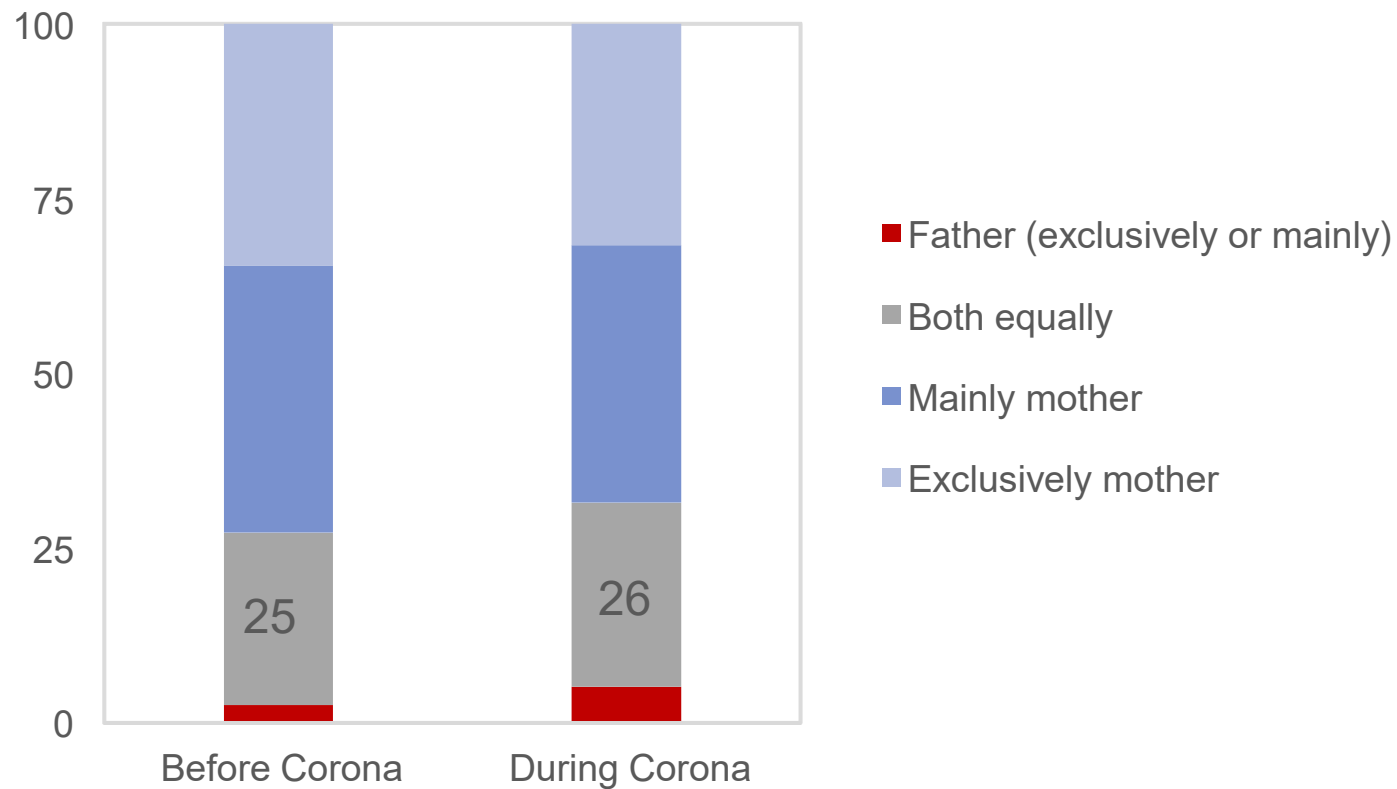
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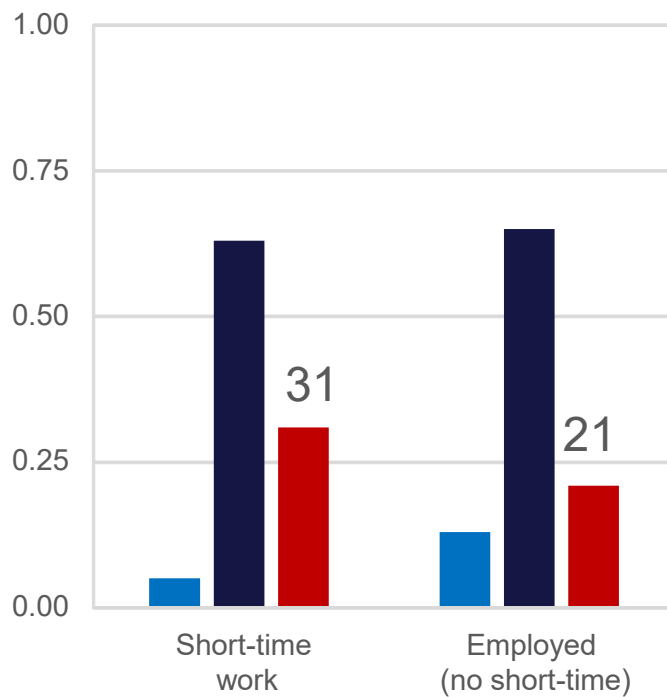
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Division of Child Care of Couples with Children



Changes in the Division of Child Care of Couples



**Changes in division of care
Comparison of before and during Corona**

- Father decreases "care share"
- No change
- Father increases "care share"

The coronavirus pandemic has people rethinking their plans for having kids

There probably won't be a "coronavirus baby boom."

Coronavirus crisis 'likely to rec

6 MARCH 2020



Demographer warns of coronavirus 'ripple effects', predicts drop in birthrate and taxpayers

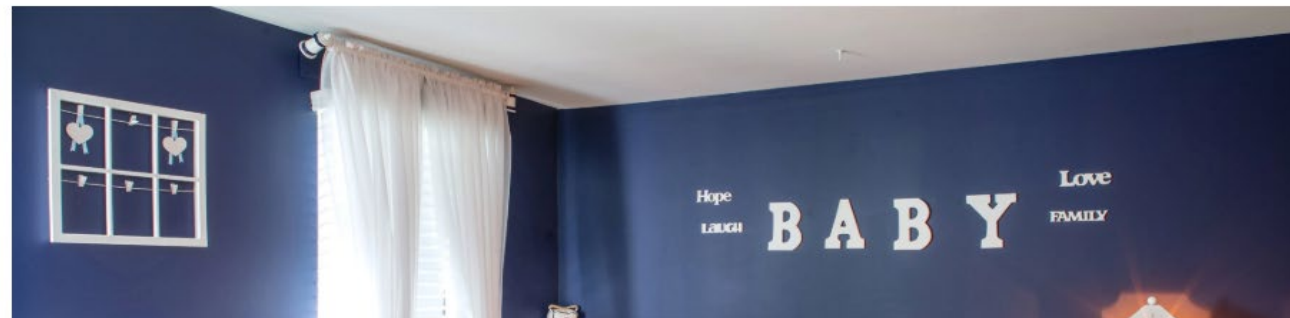
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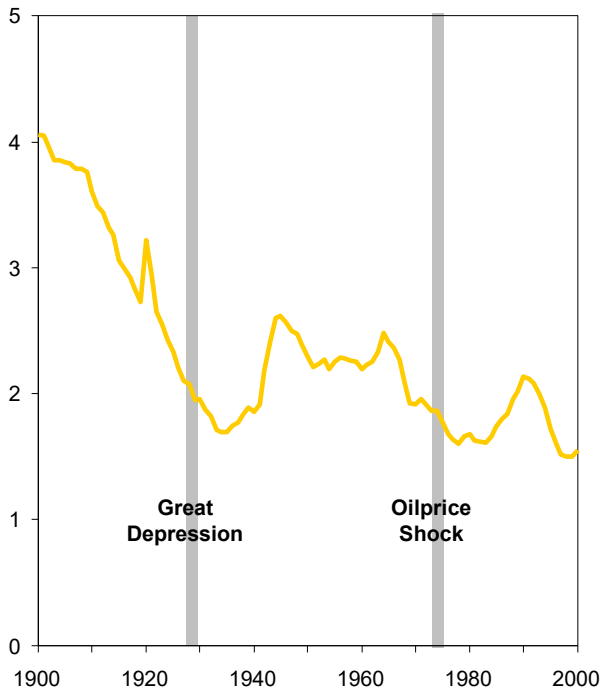
Don't Expect a Quarantine Baby Boom

Not only do disasters have little effect, if any, on birthrates, the coronavirus pandemic will probably discourage couples from having children, experts say.

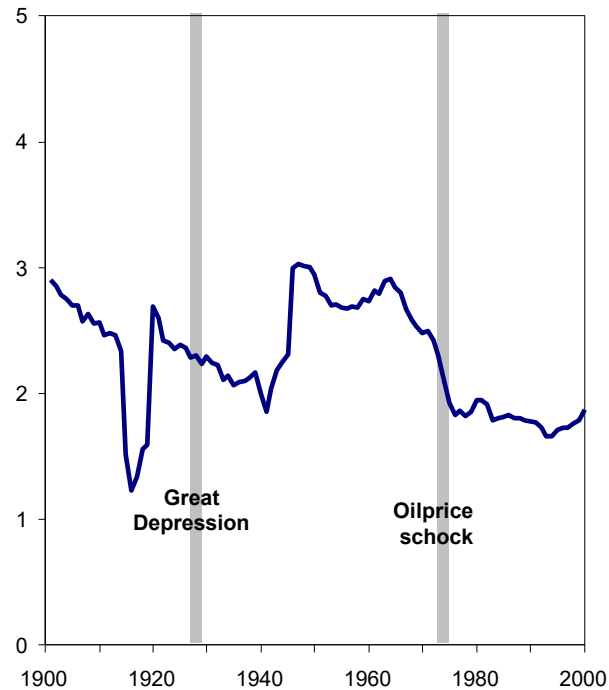


Total Fertility Rate (TFR)

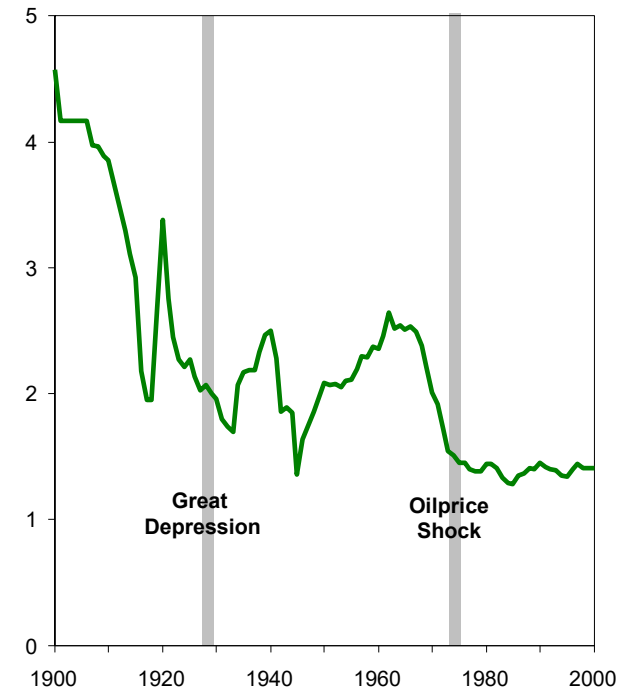
Sweden



France

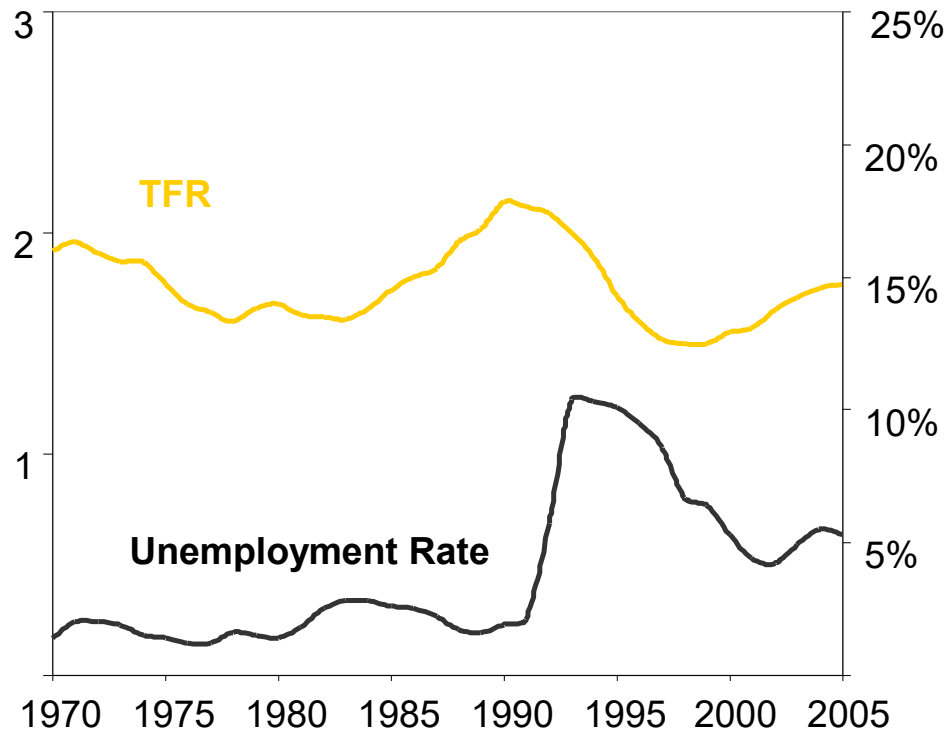


Germany

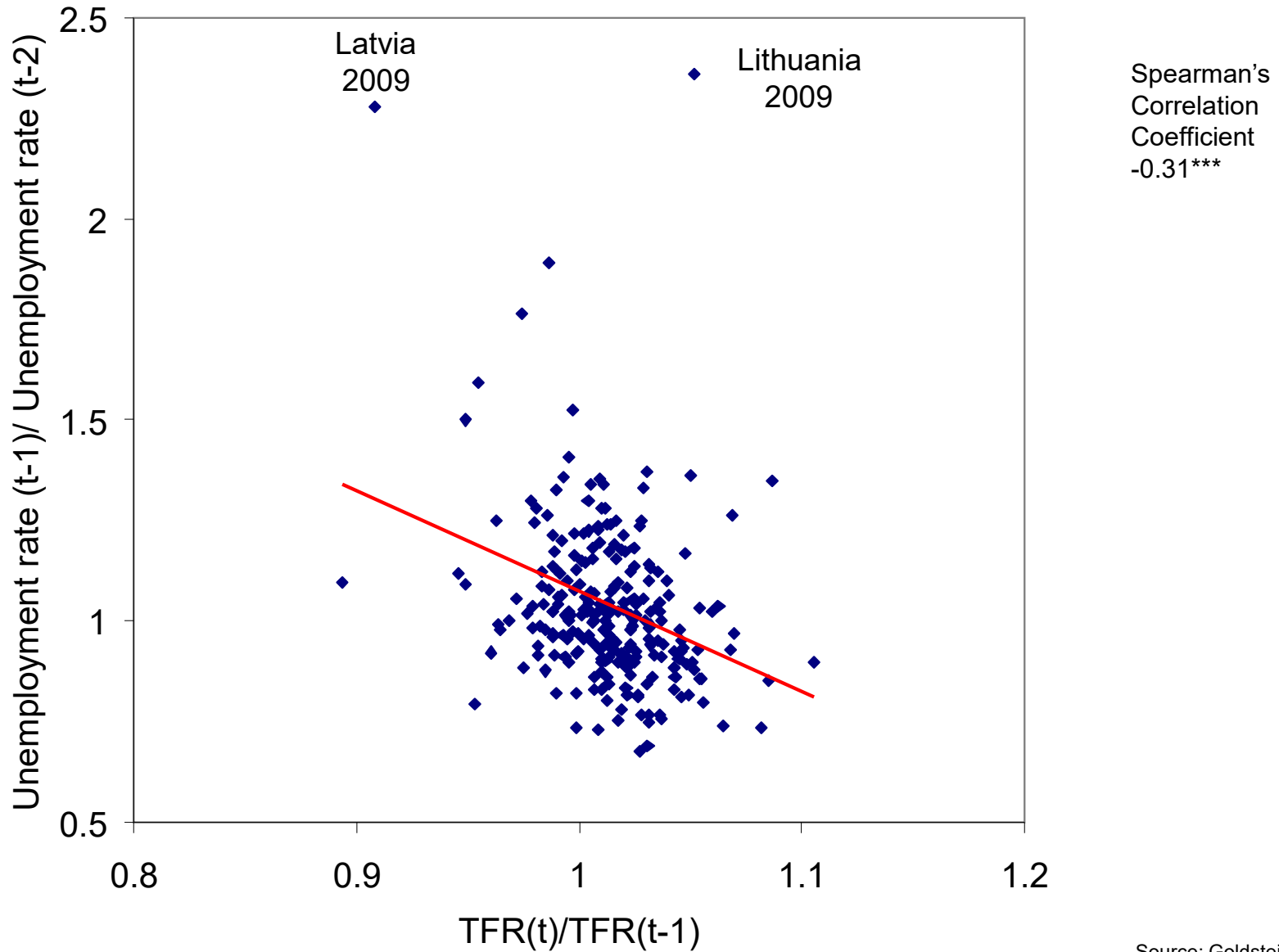


The 1990s: The Swedish Case

Sweden: „Roller Coaster Fertility“

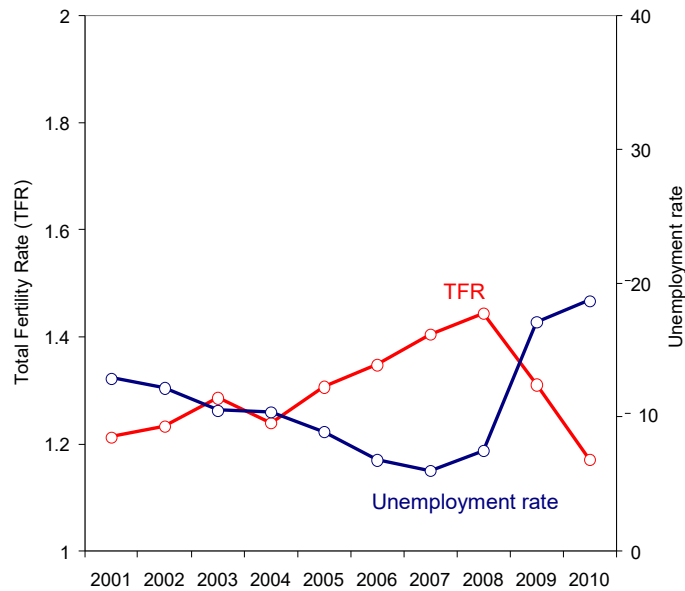


The 2000s: The Global Financial Crisis

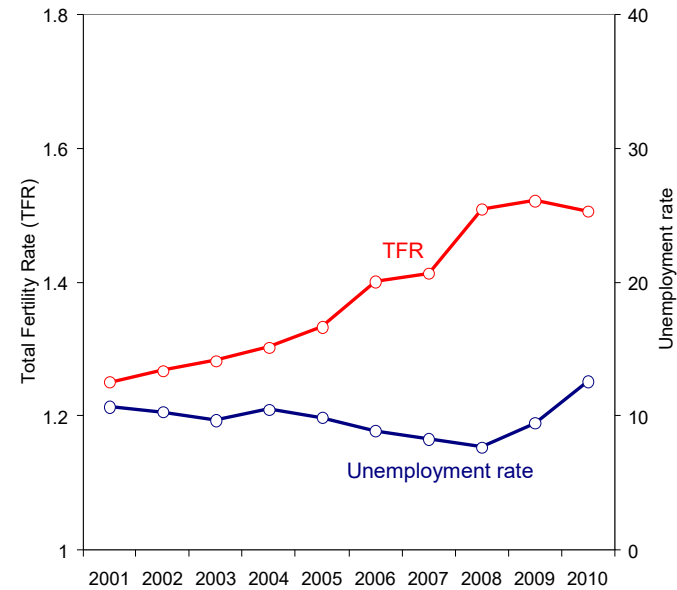


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Lithuania



Greece

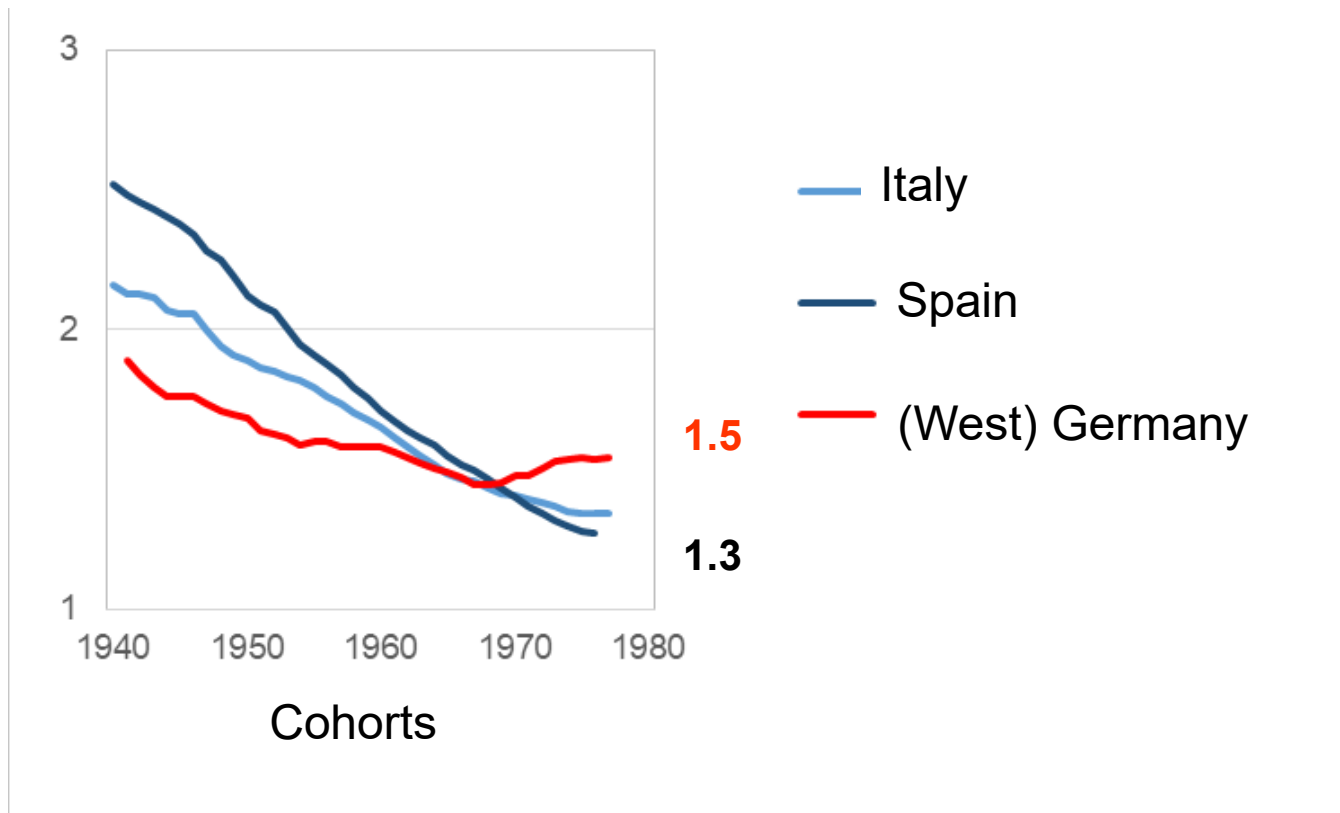


Since 2010: High Age at First Birth

	Germany				
	East	West	Sweden	Italy	Spain
1970	22.5	23.8	24.2	-	-
1980	22.3	25.0	25.2	-	25.1
1990	22.7	26.6	26.3	-	26.8
2000	26.1	27.4	27.9	-	29.1
2010	27.3	29.1	28.9	30.2	29.8
2016	27.8	29.6	29.2	31.0	30.8

Since 2010: Low Fertility

Cohort Fertility at Age 40



Conclusions: Germany

Family

- Consistent evidence that pandemic had severe effects on families (family well-being, stress etc.)
- But: No “role reversal“ for Germany

Fertility

- Strong correlation between unemployment and fertility in European countries since 2000
- “Pandemic effect“ will depend on recovery of economy
- Positive for Germany: Major family policy reforms were launched well before pandemic

Many thanks for your attention!