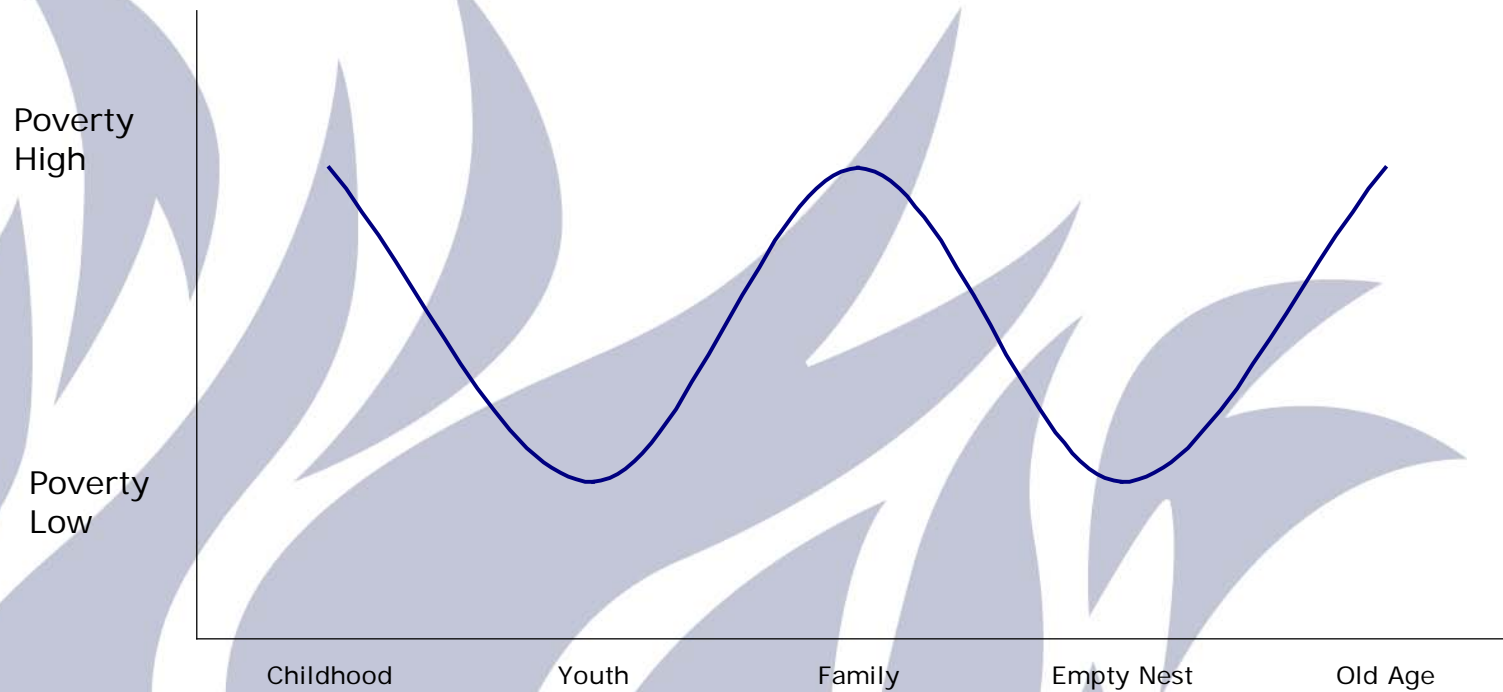


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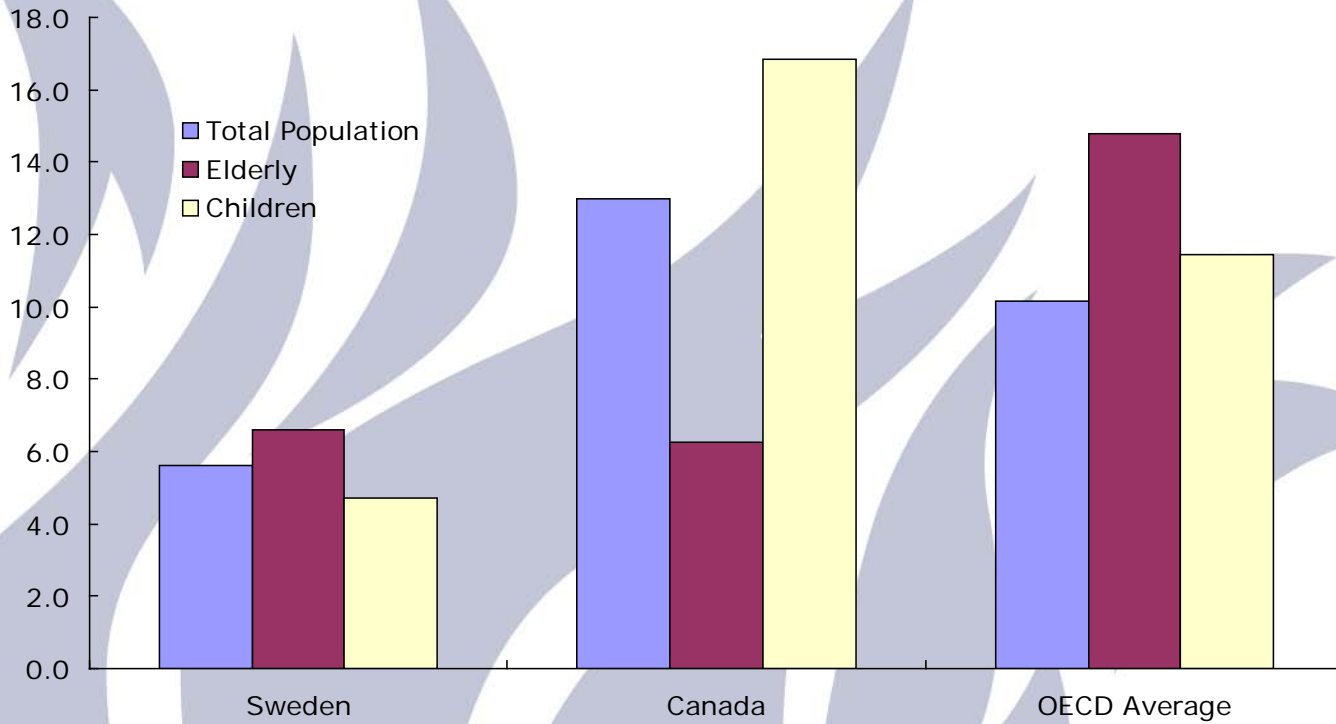
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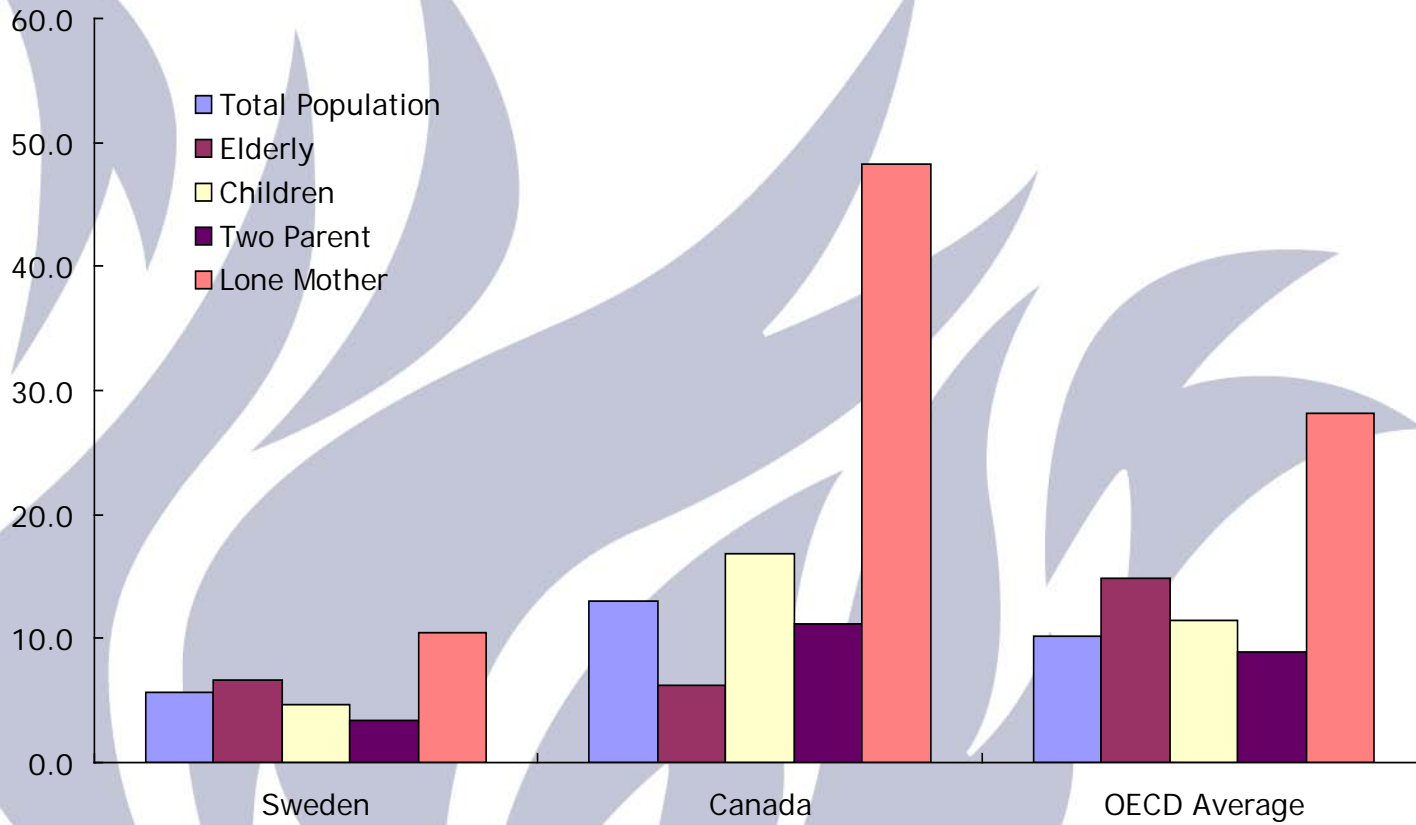


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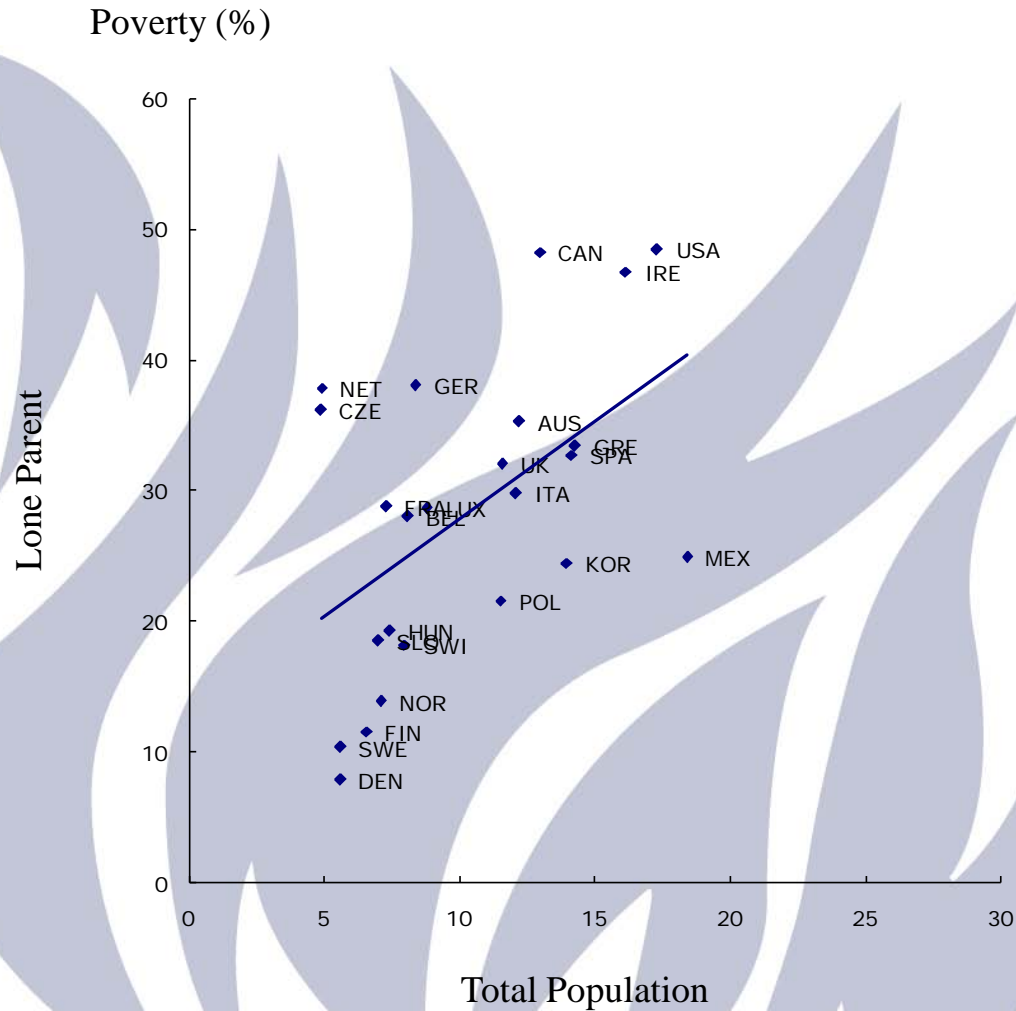


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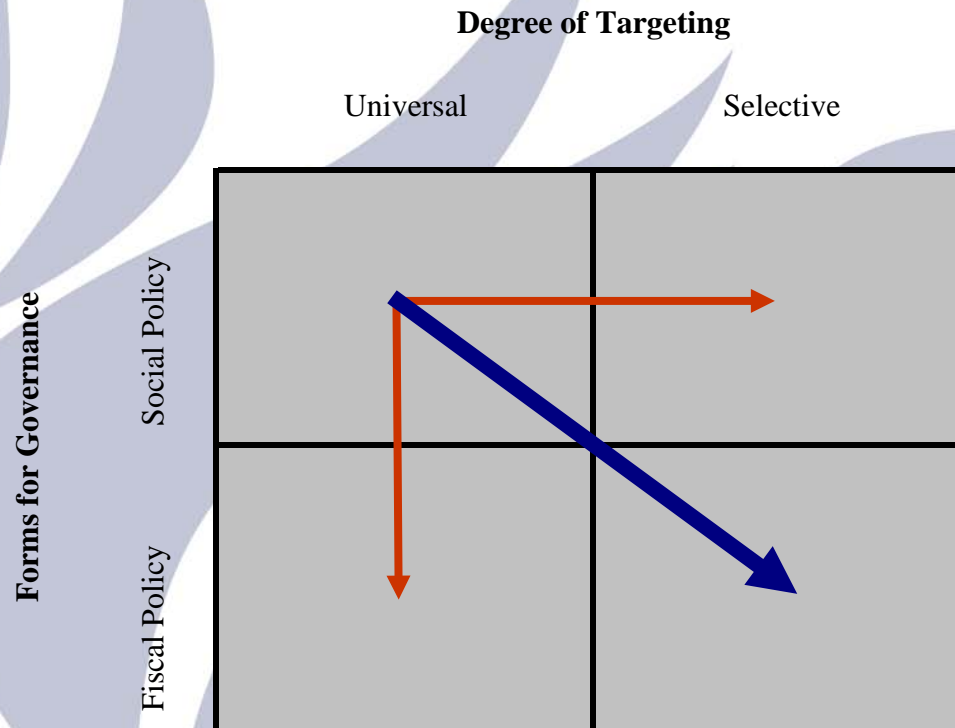
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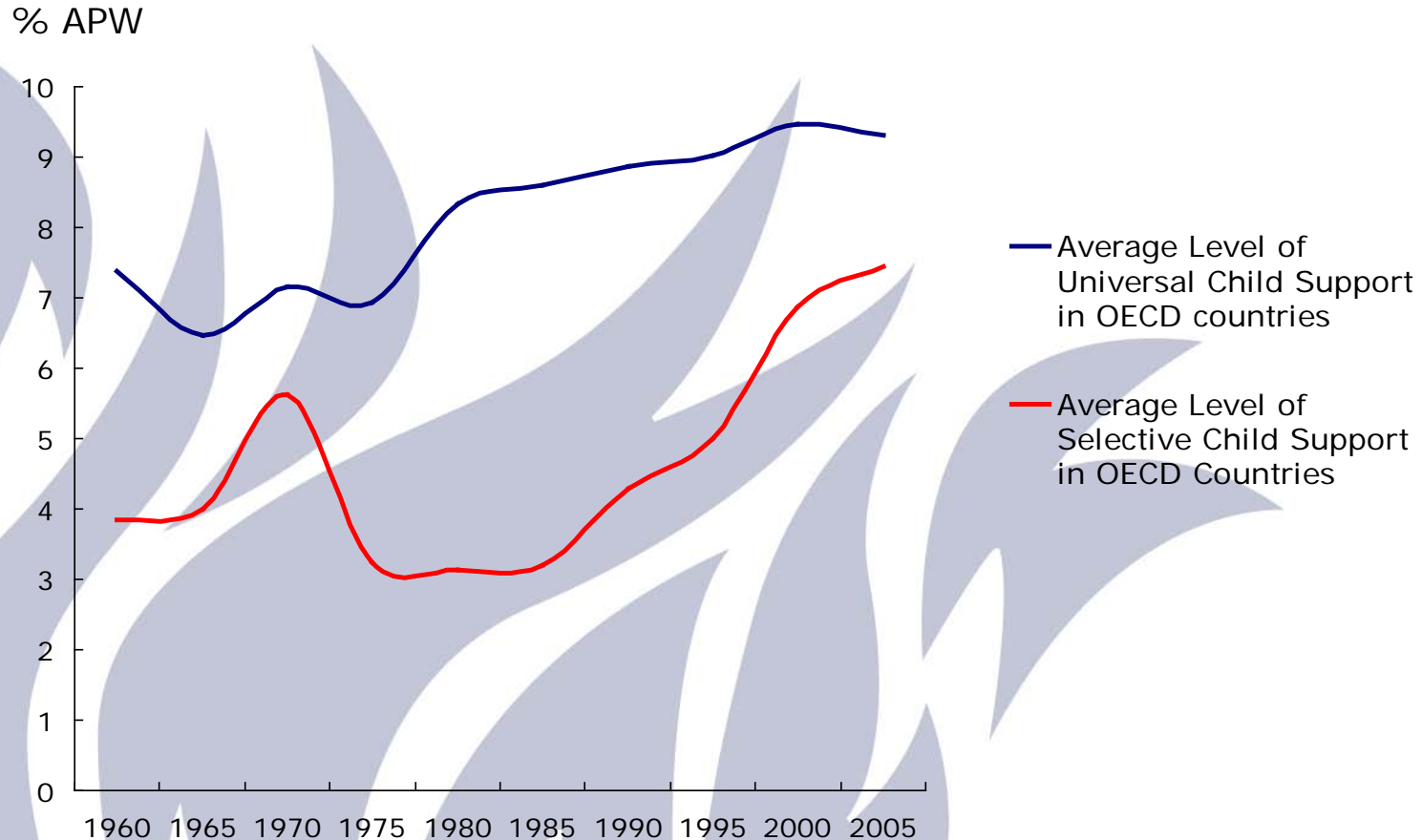
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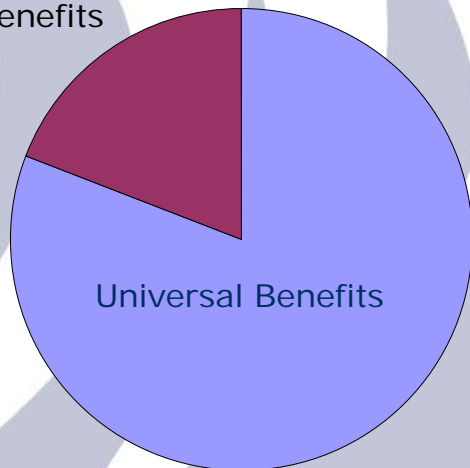
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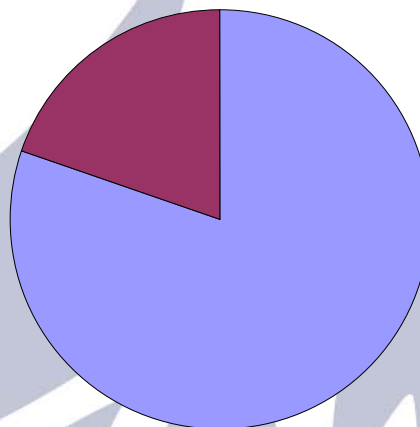
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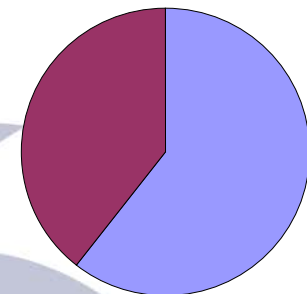
Means-Tested  
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Sweden 81%  
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Germany 73%  
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Canada 51%  
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*Thanks for listening*

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