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**Article**    **A Speculative Analysis of Socio-economic Influences on the Fertility Transition in China**

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**Abstract**    This article examines the channels of influence through which socio-economic forces other than population policies and family planning programmes have affected the fertility transition in China. It argues that, before and since the intensification of population planning activities, the Government influenced -- directly and indirectly -- transformation of the Chinese family, education, employment, health, medical, welfare, cultural and related services. Institutional developments have greatly weakened the motivation for large families. Thus, consideration of China's fertility transition must be broadened to include the issues of social development strategy.

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