



## Which political forces are responsible for retrenchment in social services in social democratic welfare states?

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