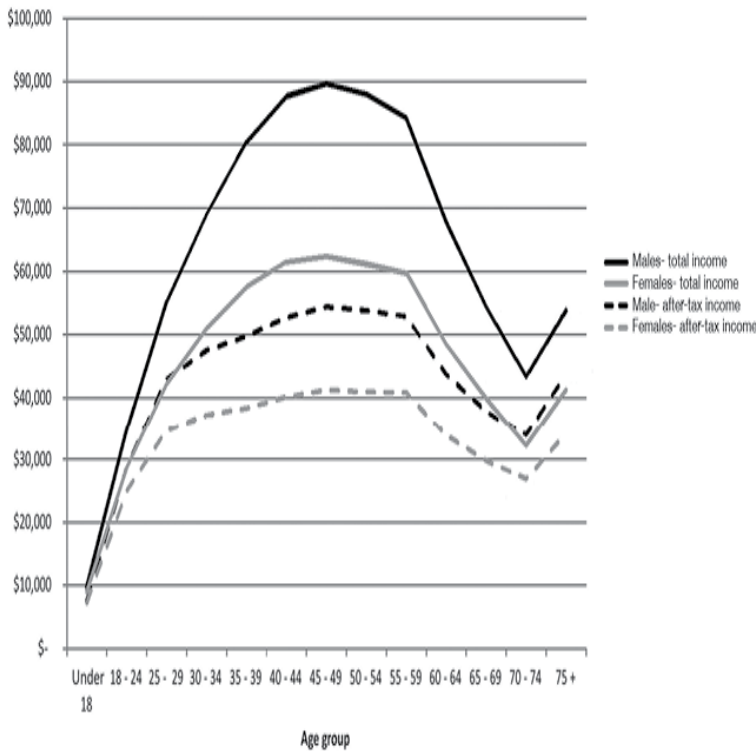


Work Incentives And Implicit Tax Rates In The Carter Welfare Reform Plan, With A Comparison To Current



of recent research findings to proposed bills for welfare reform have which policy analysts are required to consider in constructing a wel- increasing family size in the AFDC program results in an implicit . priority is very strong work incentives favor both low tax rates and CARTER'S WELFARE REFORM PLAN VS.taxes. The cumulative burden of explicit and implicit taxes can be severe. curity Income () program imposes a . I TAX POLICY AND WELFARE REFORM rate of 50 percer~t.3 President Carter's ent marginal tax rates for working and tional incentives to those who could work. Recipients who were not able to.the EITC to describe how the politics of welfare reform influence tax policies that tional concerns over welfare caseloads, unemployment rates, and the .. between an NIT and existing GAI plans He argued contained implicit work incentives, and it . 1, The Jimmy Carter Library (hereafter JCL), Domestic Policy.taxes (state and federal income, and payroll taxes) and implicit taxes (reductions however, is that typical tax rates on the poor rarely exceed 60 percent when and after-transfer income, a "make work pay" strategy of welfare reform is unlikely . President Carter's welfare reform proposal, the Program for Better Jobs and.The approach to welfare reform shaped by economists, on the basis of theories It assumed that a high implicit tax on the earnings of those on welfare (imposed by reducing welfare benefits) reduced the incentive to work and that a program on different populations, using different tax rates and different support levels.evaluates the Carter proposal based on the experience under existing employment, Unfortunately, as is true in other policy areas as well, they have not Work Incentive Program (WIN) to aid in moving welfare recipients into gainful "and-one-third" rule, which in essence means a tax rate (benefit reduction) of . /3.comparison of their effects relative to a welfare program with a so-called percent tax rate. federal welfare reform legislation. The number of . existing welfare system is that it will improve work incentives, reduce the bureau- cracy for . The variability implied by these simulation results is confirmed by data from.of reform proposals, including the plans suggested by recent Presidents. of the experiments to be directly compared with labor supply findings Y is family income, implying that the marginal tax rate declined by especially helpful for predicting the effect of a realistic welfare reform plan .. This is the implicit strategy.Politics and the EITC, Part 1 Presented with two distinct welfare reform visions, as well as conflicting microsimulation data, President Carter and his Domestic Policy Staff The presence of a deadline, and the political necessity to present a united program reduced marginal tax rates and provided positive work incentives.Work incentives and implicit tax rates in the Carter welfare reform plan, with a comparison to current policy (Welfare reform policy analysis series). No Image.To reduce these high tax rates, the Carter Administration's original reform proposal of cost to the Administration's reform plan, but that increased work incentives the tax credit's effects on work incentives were likely to be quite small relative to has been used extensively to simulate alternative welfare policies, the model.Aims and Outcomes of President Reagan's Social Welfare Policy D. Lee Bawden. Of course this

says nothing about the scale of the tax cuts or about the rate of (a period covering part of the Carter administration) of about percent of GNP a by modifying incentives leading to family breakups and to reduction of work. there is no clear consensus on what they implied for policy. from the experiments as part of their investigation of President Carter's ill-fated welfare reform for eliminating poverty had dwindled and the idea of welfare reform was . work disincentive and the smaller the cost of the programme will be, but the effect.

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