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Adjusting TANF to the Social “Infrastructure” Bill

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A Lot More Money Sloshing Around

Additional Cash Payments Went to Many Americans

over 12 months in 2020 and 2021

Stimulus payments

\$8,200

Single mother, 2 children (3/20, 12/20, 3/21)

UI benefits

\$15,600

Average of \$325/wk

Add'l Pandemic UI benefits

\$19,200

\$600/wk (4/20-7/20)

\$300/wk (1/21-8/21)

Emergency rental assistance

\$ 5,400

12/20-Current

Eviction Suspension

\$???

Total \$48,400+

The “Social Infrastructure” Bill

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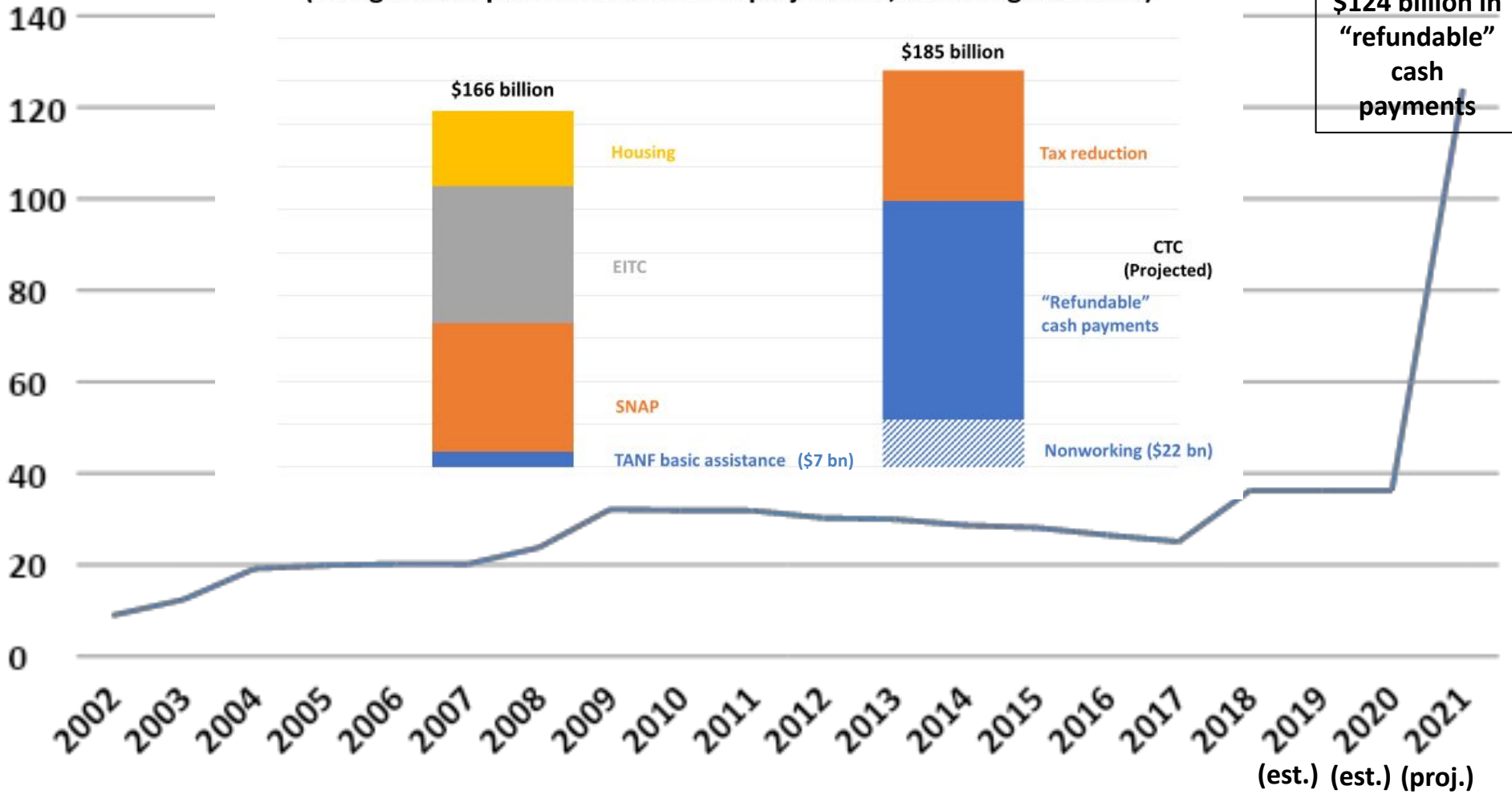
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Assuming that these programs are made permanent, what is their impact on TANF programs?

CTC is Larger than the Rest of the Safety Net COMBINED

Billions

Social Safety Net Expenditures
 (Using 2018 expenditures and 2021 projections, excluding Medicaid)



Approximate Safety-Net Benefits

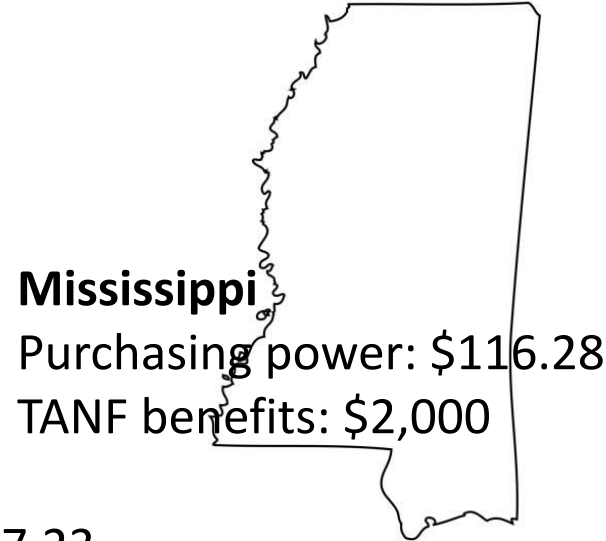
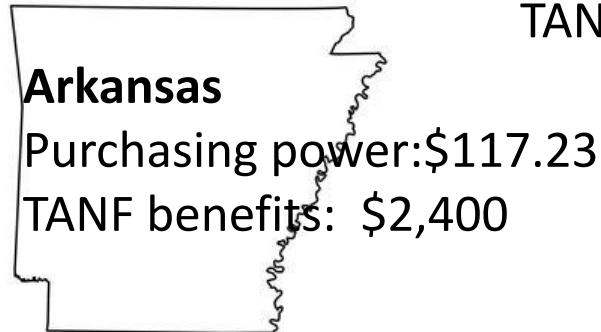
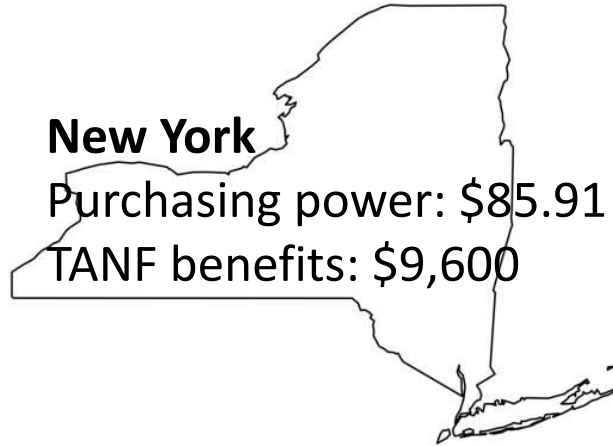
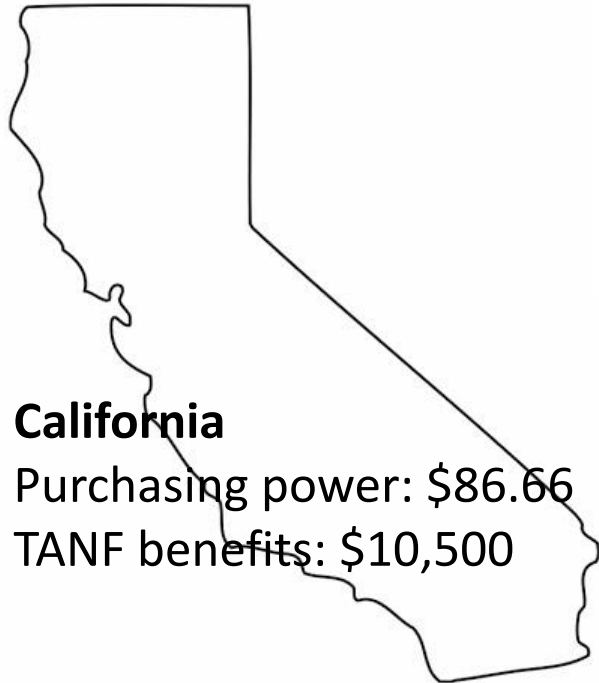
Nonworking Single Mother with 2 Children

(1 under 6 and 1 over 6)

	2020	2021
<i>Cash or near-cash assistance</i>		
CTC	\$0	\$6,600
TANF	\$5,400	\$5,400
SNAP	\$6,420	\$7,896
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$11,820</i>	<i>\$19,896</i>
<i>In-kind assistance often available</i>		
Housing	\$10,000	\$10,000
School meals (over 6)	\$785	\$785
WIC (under 6)	\$381	\$381
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$11,166</i>	<i>\$11,166</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$22,986</i>	<i>\$31,062</i>

Notes: Additional programs for which low-income families may be eligible include Head Start, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (if one of the family members has a disability), and Unemployment Insurance (if the mother was recently employed and meets eligibility requirements).

Is a National Benefit Level Fair/Sustainable?



What if the Governor Asks?



	State administrative action	State legislative action	Federal administrative action	Federal legislative action
Suspend TANF				
Increase hours of required work				
Reduce amount of benefits				
Shorten time limits				
Eliminate solely state funded programs				
Reduce or eliminate state EITC				
Reduce or eliminate diversion payments				
Reduce TANF asset limits				
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Tighten work exemptions				
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Projected Annual National Child Care Spending

(2022, in billions)

	Federal	State	Total
CCDF	\$8.2 (\$1.4 from TANF)	\$2.0 (MOE)	\$10.2
TANF	\$1.5	\$5.0 (MOE)	\$6.5
Head Start	\$10.0	\$0.4	\$10.4
Subtotal	\$19.7	\$7.4	\$27.1
ARP	\$9.8	\$0	\$9.8 (4 yrs)
Build Back Better	\$66.7	\$0	\$66.7 (6 yrs)
TOTAL	\$96.2	\$7.4	\$103.6

What should happen to the current \$7.9B in state child care spending?

Keep the Status Quo?



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Child Care/

Early Childhood Education Spending

CCDF: \$8.2 billion (federal); \$2.0 (state)

TANF: \$1.5 billion (federal); \$5.0 (state)

Head Start: \$10 billion (federal)

American Rescue Plan: \$39 billion/4 years

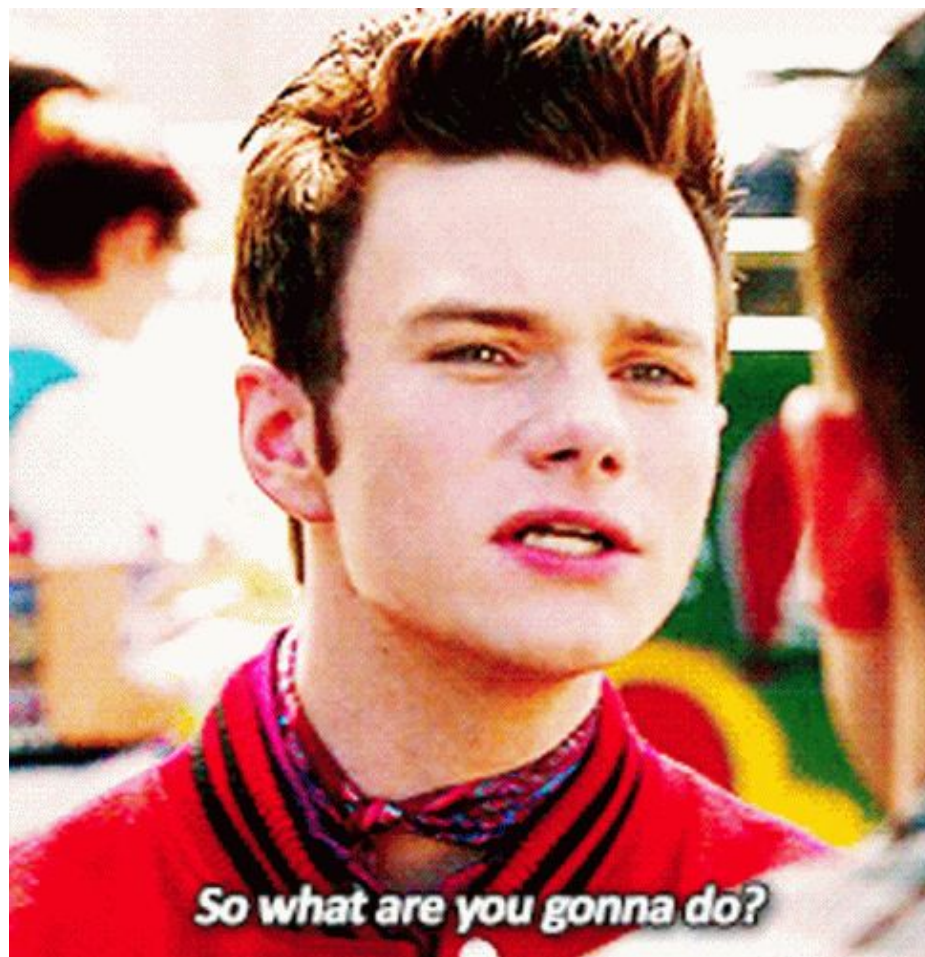
Build Back Better: \$400 billion/6 years





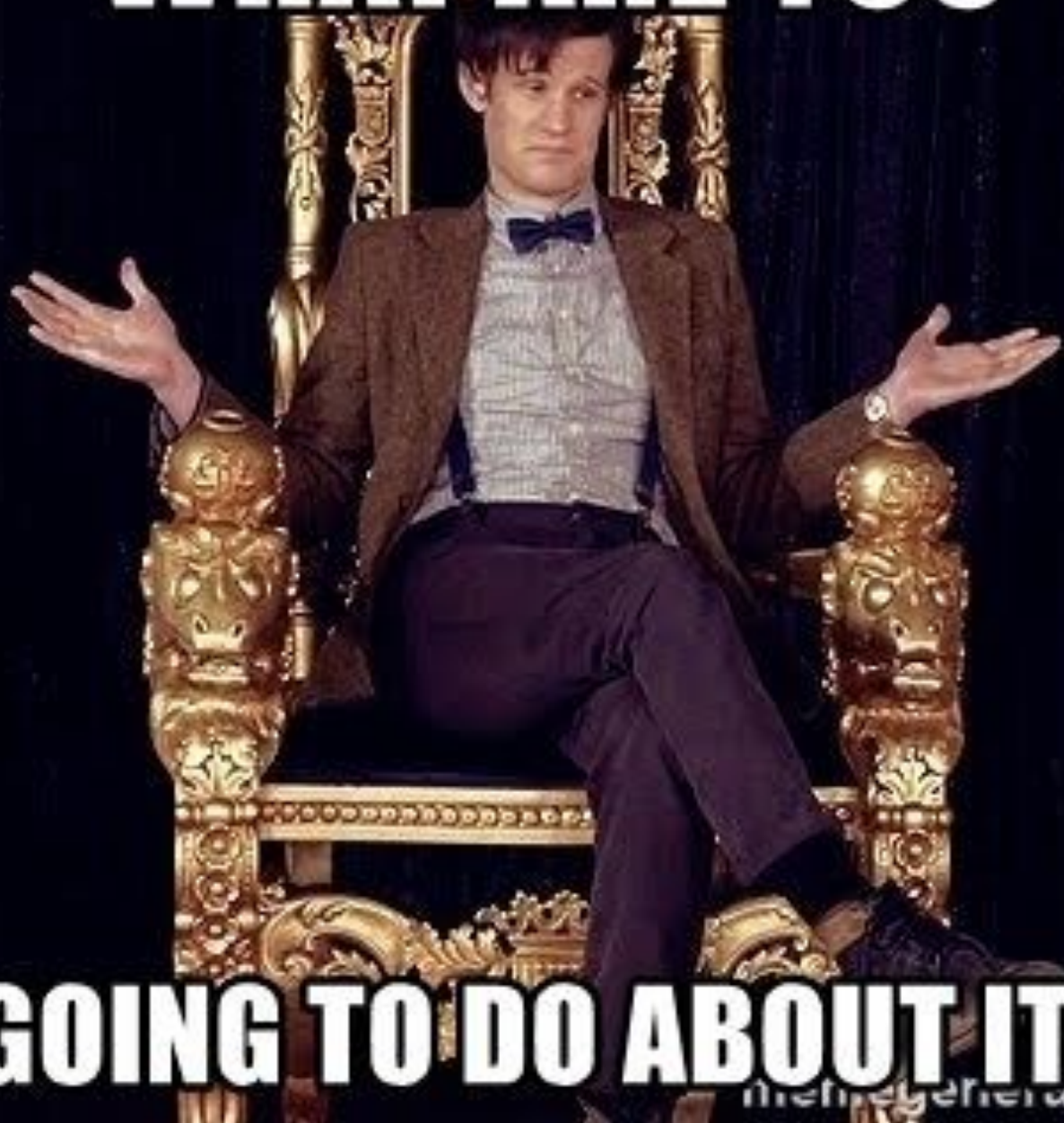
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO

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RESCUE



So what are you gonna do?

WHAT ARE YOU



GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

WHAT ARE YOU

**TANF and the
Social Infrastructure Bill**

GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

**WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA DO? CRY?**



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ADJUSTING TANF TO THE CHILD TAX CREDIT?

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