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extensive new archival research to develop a fresh interpretation of this seminal period of American government and social policy development.