#### A STRATEGY FOR

#### CHANGING CONSUMERS

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## CHANGING LIFE STYLES

**WOMEN WORKING** 

**ONE PARENT HOUSEHOLDS** 

SINGLE PERSON HOUSEHOLDS

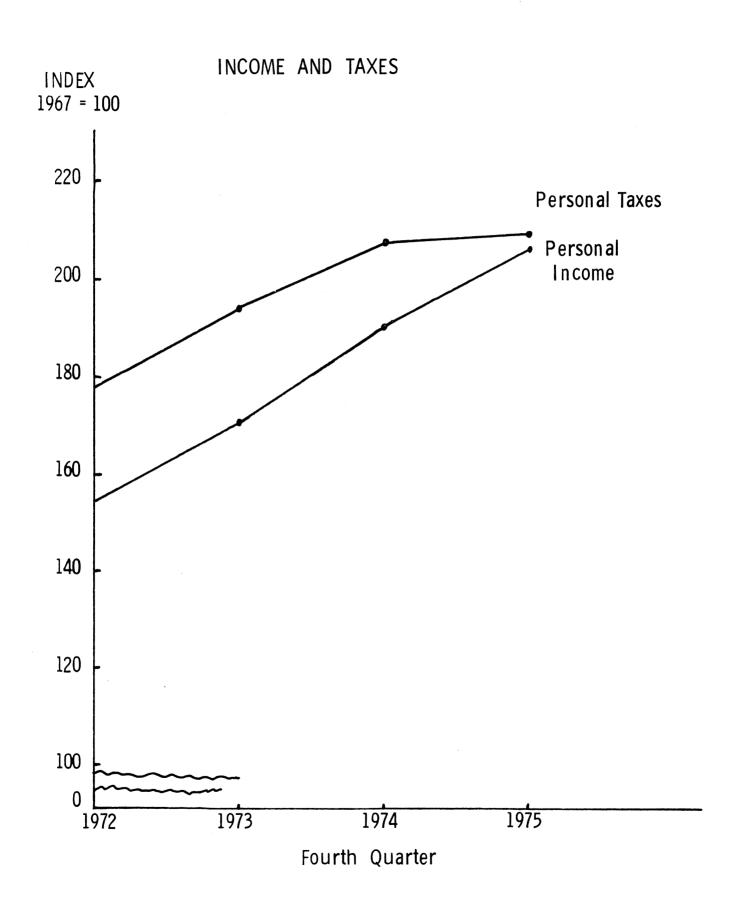
**DELAYED MARRIAGE** 

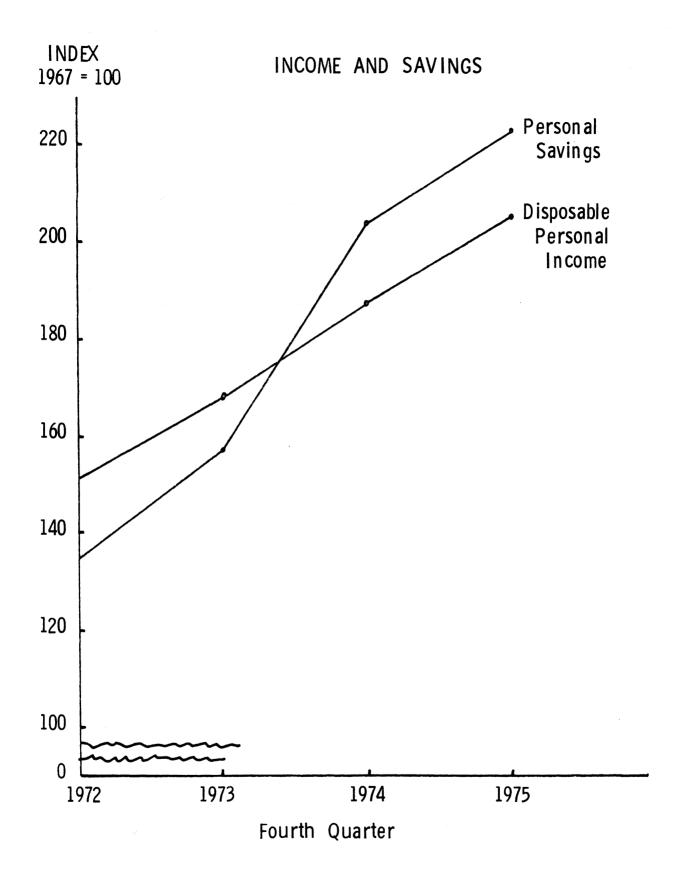
LOWER BIRTH RATE

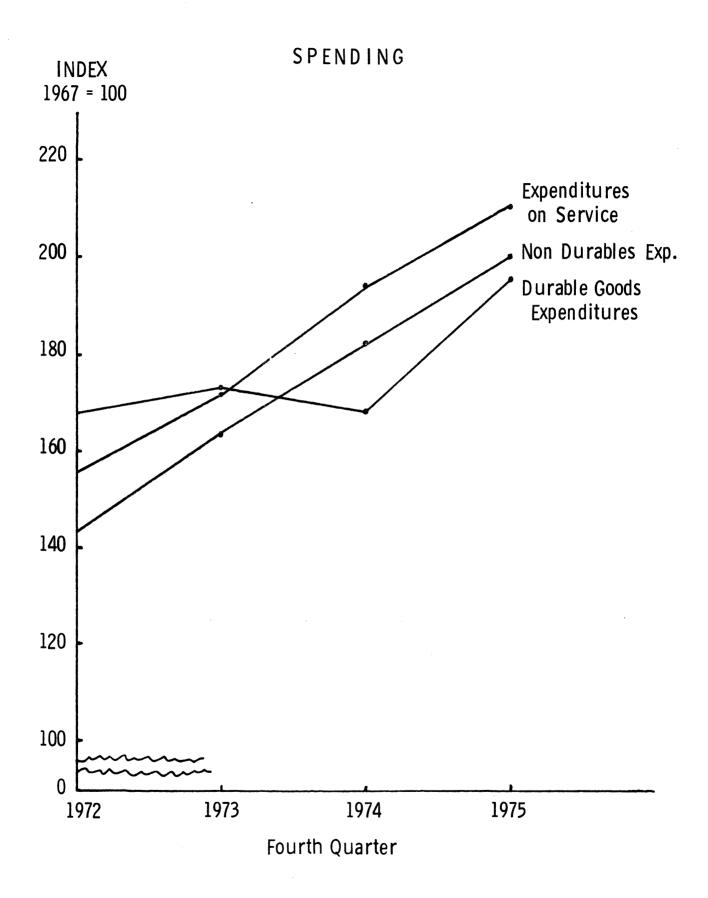
LONGER LIFE SPAN

INFORMAL LIVING

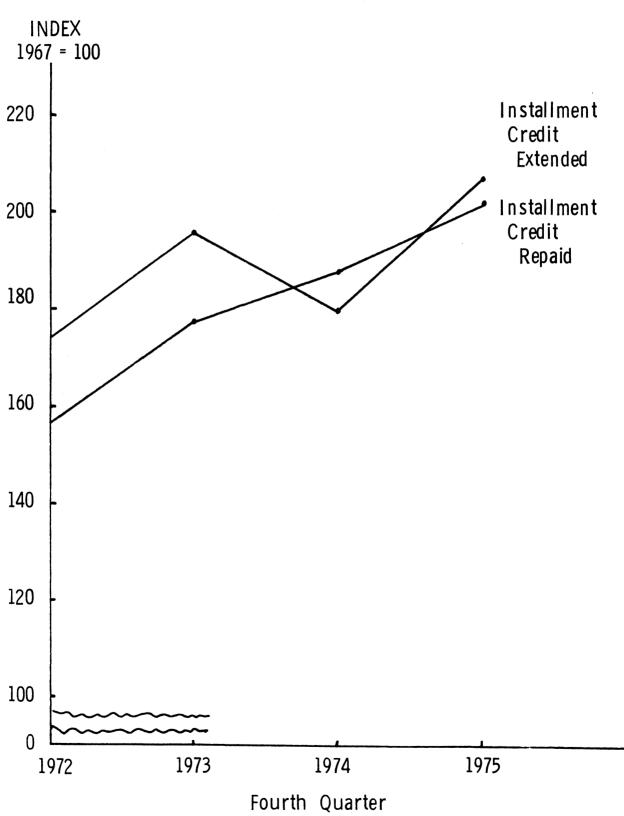
HIGHER EDUCATION LEVEL



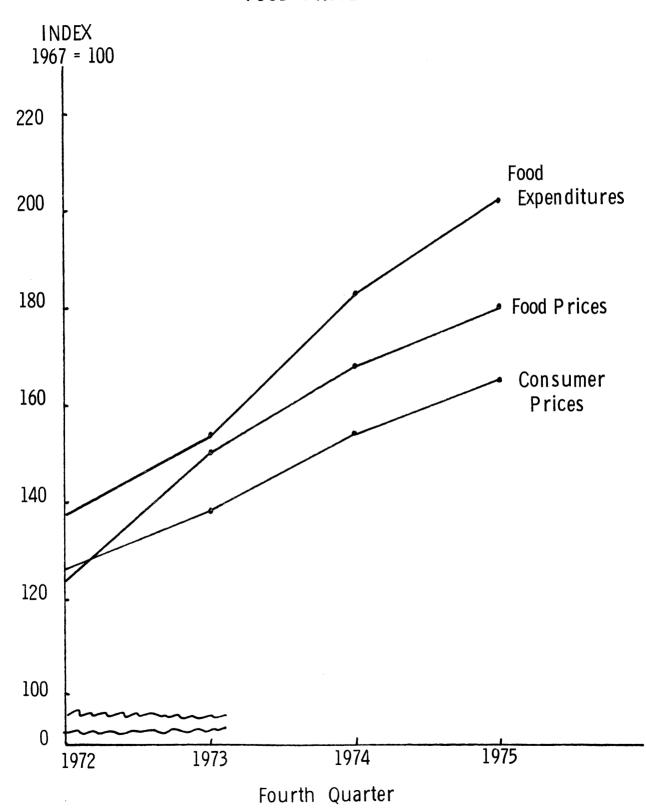




#### CONSUMER DEBT



#### FOOD PRICES & SPENDING



## **c** WHO SHOPS AND HOW OFTEN?

LARGER FAMILIES

**WORK AWAY FROM HOME** 

**AVERAGE INCOMES** 

ONCE A WEEK OR MORE

# • WHY SHOP CONVENIENCE STORES?

**QUICK SERVICE** 

**HOURS OPEN** 

**LOCATION** 

PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

**PARKING** 

**CLEANLINESS** 

FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

# WHY NOT SHOP CONVENIENCE STORES?

HIGH PRICES

LIMITED SELECTION

NO FRESH MEAT

POOR PRODUCE

## HOW TO GET THE NON-SHOPPER?

### **KNOW THE AREA**

INCOME
EMPLOYMENT
LIFE STYLE

## **KNOW THE COMPETITION**

**SUPERMARKETS** 

**SMALL STORES** 

OTHER CONVENIENCE STORES

ROADSIDE MARKETS

**FAST FOOD PLACES** 

## BE DIFFERENT!

**BUT NOT TOO**