The Familial State: Get your hands off!

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Having grown up in a radical feminist household in 1970's Leeds, where *Spare Rib* and washing & cleaning rotas were our wall posters, it's a little confusing to see today's
Tories
point the finger at the dinosaurs who object to dismantling what remains of the family they so cherished until recently. What a topsy turvy world we live in now. The notion that the state should define or determine relations within the family was anathema to the liberal friends of our family just a few decades ago, just as much as to conservatives. Indeed, one of the fun parts of growing up was the personal and experimental character of many family arrangements of our extended family and the families of friends.