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Building ~~up~~ on Esping-Andersen's approach ~~of~~ toward welfare states according to the level of labor commodification ~~of labour~~, the French state ~~fits~~ adopts in the ~~c~~Conservative approach to social policy and welfare; ~~The~~ the primary aim objective of the French social protection system is income maintenance (Palier 2000: 116). ~~It is~~ ~~more than~~ serves a larger purpose than simple poverty alleviation ~~which that~~ is found in the Anglo-Saxon system or universalistic distribution ~~which and~~ is representative ~~for of~~ the Northern Social-Democratic system. Since ~~the~~ entitlement depends on the workers' contribution history ~~paid by workers~~, most benefits are earnings-related. The French welfare state is largely based on a set of ~~non-~~ ~~state~~ private agencies. The *Sécurité Sociale* (Social Protection) is divided into four main sectors: healthcare and work accidents; ~~;~~ old age and retirement; ~~;~~ and unemployment insurance and family (CNAV 2010). There is a compulsory scheme to which ~~anyone everyone~~ must be affiliated ~~to and~~ as well as a complementary one (*mutuelle*). ~~But~~ However, ~~The~~ some structural changes have transformed the Bismarckian nature of the French welfare state ~~has been transformed~~ into a state-

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Comment [A2]: We added a qualifier based on the transformations.

Comment [A3]: "However" is a better word choice to express contrast as it presents a more formal tone.



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run one ~~by some structural changes~~. This reform relies mainly on a re-insertion policy (*Revenu Minimum d'Insertion; RMI*), which is a non-contributory means-tested scheme ~~that~~ ~~it~~ guarantees a least minimum level of resources. ~~In order t~~To be eligible for this scheme, a non-French resident has to be in ~~the~~ possession of a *carte de séjour* and has to have lived in France for five years. An unemployed North ~~-~~ African resident ~~who is~~ not eligible for ~~a~~ unemployment benefits is therefore eligible for ~~the~~ RMI, which is ~~of~~ €460 a month (Rmi Fr. 2010). ~~He~~ ~~They is~~ are also eligible for housing benefits and health protection. ~~He/she is~~ They are exonerated from paying council tax and ~~he/she~~ can also be eligible for phone-bill reduction ~~of the phone bill~~. However, ~~economic insecurity appears if the~~ a North ~~-~~ African immigrant who has not been in France for a enough sufficient time duration may feel economically insecure.

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