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In the eighth edition of this highly successful text, the authors seek to develop readers' appreciation of the key substantive areas of social policy but also the context and processes which surround their development.

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