New TV Show Explores Economy's Impact on the American Family

November 1, 2010 - It used to be that the American Dream meant owning your own home, having the ability to purchase a car, and raising a family. But over the past three years, that dream has turned into a nightmare for many. And it doesn't really seem to matter how much money people were earning at the height of the market, or how well educated they are. A lot of very smart people made a lot of very bad decisions which are now coming home to roost. A new reality show on WE TV will air this coming Saturday that will explore some of the impact of those bad decisions and how one family is dealing losing it all and just trying to keep a roof over their heads today.

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Downsized is a show which premiers on November 6th on WE TV; a cable channel. The show follows a family of 9 who lost their family owned business and both of their homes to foreclosure in the market downturn. It deals with a family that got overextended on credit and spending, then had to deal with the fact that their primary source of income was in home contracting.

The show will cover everything from necessary spending cuts to the lengths that the entire family has been forced to go to just to pay their rent. One of the more interesting aspects of the program is that it deals directly with the impact of the economy on children and, based on the scenes available, that impact may not be all bad.

The show's website provides tips on economizing and cutting back that virtually everyone can use in these tough times.

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