

## The Dying Middle Class

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I do not know a lot about [BusinessInsider.com](http://BusinessInsider.com), but it does not strike as a progressive or liberal leaning web site. Their stated view is that of business, and business in this country is definitely not in the liberal camp. All that makes it even more interesting that they would run the following article: [30 Statistics That Show The Middle Class Is Dying Right In Front Of Our Eyes](#)

A couple quotes from the article to titillate your curiosity.

*“Every single day, more Americans fall out of the middle class and into poverty In fact, more Americans fell into poverty last year than has ever been recorded before. The number of middle class jobs and middle class neighborhoods continues to decline at a staggering pace.”*”

*“Today, only 55.3 percent of all Americans between the ages of 16 and 29 have jobs.”*

IMHO, the Occupy Wall Street movement has it right. As long as the wealth gap grows the problem will continue. As long as corporations control our government and politicians it is not going to get any better. The sad part is that so many Americans have bought in to the rhetoric of Libertarians, the Tea Party, etc. As long as we continue to buy the proposition that any tax is bad, the rich will continue to be under taxed and the diminishing middle class will carry the burden. As long as we continue with the myth of rugged individualism in this country will we not do the things we need to do to have a sane society. As long as we continue to support businesses that have marched our jobs overseas, the headlong rush to all of us fighting over jobs flipping burgers will go on. At some point we need to dig our collective heads out of our asses and fight back. I wish I was hopefully that we will.

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