

The aspirations that have defined the American experience — that those who work hard and play by the rules can get ahead, and that the next generation will have a better life than this one — have been battered by a devastating recession that shows few signs of having hit bottom.

"Maybe we were dreaming the American dream, you know what I mean?"

TVNL Comment: It is called the American "dream" because that is what it is to the masses. It has never been a reality except for a very few. Far more people have lived an American nightmare.

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