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# Foreclosure Nation

## Mortgaging the American Dream

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### *Suggested Interview Questions*

- 1. This book could not be more timely. The real estate crises hit everyone by surprise. What led you to realize it was coming and to write the book?**
- 2. We hear some people saying this is nothing more than a market correction. Real estate has always had cycles and we're merely in the midst of down-stroke similar to times before. Is this true or is something different between now and prior down markets?**
- 3. Is there anything we could have done differently that would have avoided the real estate crisis?**
- 4. What about someone who says "I've owned my house for fifteen years. I really wasn't a part of the real estate bubble. I didn't buy a property. I didn't refinance my home, I've had the same mortgage since '94. The real estate crisis has nothing to do with me, does it?"**
- 5. Let's cut to the chase. The question on everyone's mind is when will the real estate crisis end?**
- 6. What should the average homeowner be doing with their home or investment real estate at this point?**

**7. What about someone whose home is in foreclosure or who thinks they are at risk of foreclosure?**

**8. Are there any opportunities that may come as a result of the real estate crises?**

**9. What is our government doing to help people and make sure this doesn't happen again?**

**10. Some people feel they were duped by a mortgage broker or Realtor into buying a home or taking out a mortgage what's going to happen to professionals like that who are accused of ripping off innocent homeowners?**

**11. For those of us thinking about buying a home but afraid to do so, what are your recommendations? When will the time be right and what kinds of things can we do to make sure our investment is safe?**

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