

Re: OT: AARP

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Phyllis Nilsson wrote:

I'm not ignoring the fact that a person has to live somewhere. Everyone, except the homeless, have a home to live in. What I "can" relate to is living within our means. Many people do it. I'd like a better house in a nicer neighborhood, a nicer car, and domestic help, but I know what we can afford and what would put us in a hole we'd have trouble digging out of.

If you would, please, define your "nicer neighborhood," because I don't have a basis for comparison.

Also, "nicer car," because I'm fully in support of a car that runs.

Domestic help? Is your "nicer car" and "nicer neighborhood" on the order of "domestic help" (that is not in the context of profitability margins)? I can totally see your point if your nicer house and car are in a neighborhood where one would expect people to have domestic help.

But we're not talking about that.

This is a house 1 block down the street from me that has been on the market for almost a year now (note the price): <http://tinyurl.com/awyvl>

This is my house (bought for almost exactly half the price): <http://tinyurl.com/7suy5>

Now, in a rare reversal of events, the first house is typical of what sells here and for what price (although I can't really say why this one hasn't) and MY house is the one that (typical for this area) should have stayed on the market for a year (but I hate the idea of being house rich and cash poor[1]).

If your definition comes close to that first house I linked, then I can really see your point (and agree), but until we define what's "nicer" to everybody, then we have no basis for debate on the specifics.

[1]When I was delivering pizza at the tender age of 20 for one of my dad's bizarre PI assignments, I saw this a lot. I'd go to the neighborhoods with the million-dollar homes (and Beemers in the drive) and they'd have no furniture, and no cash to tip me with. I thought that was just about as pathetic as any rust-ridden tin-roofed SE Kansas coal-mining shack I'd ever seen.

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