



# WAR ON THE DREAM

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The universal dream of home ownership is associated with unprecedented improvement in the quality of life throughout the high-income world. Yet, there is a war on the dream: policies that seek to curb urban sprawl (suburbanization). These policies have been adopted with little debate, little consideration of the economic consequences and are rooted in faulty analysis. Development is banned on large swaths of land, creating scarcity and raising house prices, reducing home ownership and accumulation of equity that creates so much wealth. Roadway construction is halted, worsening congestion and air pollution, justified by a clueless dogma that imagines people can switch to mass transit. These policies promise fewer jobs and a heavy economic toll. Anti-suburban policies must be rejected and repealed.

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