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## Reviving the Middle Class Dream in NYC

This major report by the Center for an Urban Future, titled "Reviving the City of Aspiration," concludes that New York's longstanding legacy as a place that both sustained a large middle class and elevated countless people from poorer backgrounds into the middle class is now in serious jeopardy.

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