Middle class squeeze
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中产阶级消失中

中产阶级，也就是收入介于高收入和低收入之间的社会阶层。中产阶级对社会有重要的影响，他们对社会经济的发展起着重要的作用。中产阶级的收入水平相对较高，他们能够为社会提供更多的消费和投资，从而推动经济的发展。中产阶级的稳定对社会的和谐稳定起着重要的作用。因此，中产阶级的消失对社会的影响是深远的。

中产阶级的消失对社会的影响主要表现在以下几个方面：

1. 经济影响：中产阶级的消失会导致消费的下降，从而影响经济增长。
2. 社会影响：中产阶级的消失会导致社会的不稳定，影响社会的和谐稳定。
3. 政策影响：中产阶级的消失会导致政府的税收减少，从而影响政府的财政政策。

总之，中产阶级的消失对社会的影响是深远的，我们应该高度重视这个问题，采取有效措施，保护中产阶级的利益，促进社会的和谐稳定。
Assistant Professor of Sociology Forrest Zhang from SMU’s School of Economics & Social Sciences felt that while the middle class would comprise those from the 30 to 70 percentile, some may be downgraded if the middle class is swiftly upgrading to higher levels.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Chung Wai Keung from SMU’s School of Economics & Social Sciences said that the “death” of the middle class could be due to government policies or society.

“The disappearance of the middle class is a global problem. Society and government hold the view that the middle class is wealthy and hence does not require assistance. Hence, they are neglected. They do not qualify for social welfare yet in reality, their standard of living is on the decline. The economic structure focuses on two extremes such that the highly skilled are highly remunerated and the unskilled are not rewarded as such. There are many who can fill jobs in between these two. Therefore, salaries have become less competitive.”

He also added that the sad bit was that no government would assist the middle class because they were not the ones most desperate for help. They would never be on top priority consideration. Society resources were reserved for the lower income.

Prof Chung believed that changing the tax system, increase taxes for the affluent and lighten the income tax burden for the poor and offering them more housing or education subsidies would help revive the middle class.