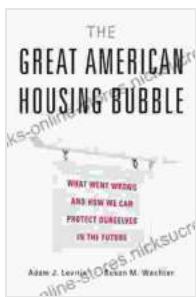


# What Went Wrong and How We Can Protect Ourselves in the Future

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There were many factors that contributed to the crisis, including:

1. The housing bubble: The housing bubble was caused by a combination of factors, including low interest rates, easy credit, and speculation. When the bubble burst, it led to a sharp decline in home prices and a wave of foreclosures.
2. The financial crisis: The financial crisis was caused by the collapse of the subprime mortgage market. Subprime mortgages are loans made

to borrowers with poor credit histories and low credit scores. When these loans began to default, it caused a loss of confidence in the financial system.

3. The economic recession: The economic recession was caused by the housing bubble and the financial crisis. The recession led to widespread job losses and a decline in economic growth.

The global crisis had a devastating impact on the world economy. It caused a sharp decline in economic growth, job losses, and foreclosures. The crisis also led to a loss of confidence in the financial system and the government.

In order to protect ourselves from future crises, we need to:

1. Reduce our dependence on debt. Debt can be a useful tool, but it can also be a dangerous trap. When we borrow too much money, we become vulnerable to financial shocks.
2. Save for the future. Saving money can help us to weather financial storms. When we have a savings cushion, we are less likely to have to rely on debt.
3. Invest in our education and skills. Investing in our education and skills can help us to get better jobs and earn higher wages. This can make us more resilient to economic downturns.
4. Get involved in our communities. Getting involved in our communities can help us to build relationships and support networks. These networks can be invaluable in times of crisis.

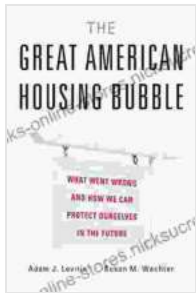
By taking these steps, we can help to protect ourselves from future crises and build a more resilient future.

The global crisis was a wake-up call. It showed us that the world economy is interconnected and that we are all vulnerable to financial shocks. In order to protect ourselves from future crises, we need to reduce our dependence on debt, save for the future, invest in our education and skills, and get involved in our communities.

By working together, we can build a more resilient future for ourselves and for our children.



**Caption:** This graph shows the decline in economic growth during the global crisis.

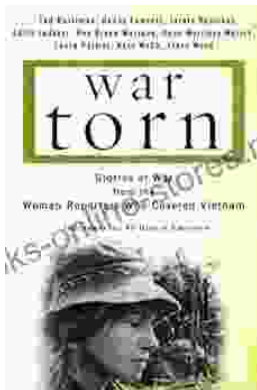


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