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Why advocates need to rethink manufactured housing

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Manufactured homes are a major source of unsubsidized, low-cost housing. Accounting for 30 percent of new homes nationwide, they are especially popular in the South. Seventy percent of new manufactured homes are placed on the homeowner's land. The U.S. homeownership rate would drop by almost five percentage points if owners of manufactured homes were excluded. Bias contributes to neglect of issues important to these households, which typically have low incomes and little wealth.

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