

Trailer Park Script

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Video	Audio
Adult video sign, tattoo sign, pink flamingo	This may not be the kind of neighborhood you'd choose to live in.
SOT: JOHN SHERROD	I WOULD CALL THIS A SLUM FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD.
Mattresses, postal truck, dust	Most people would call it a trailer park, a phrase that carries a heavy freight.
ON CAMERA	We all know what people say about neighborhoods like this. Oh, drag a hundred dollars through a trailer park and who knows what you'll find? But would it make any difference if the language were different? If mobile homes were manufactured housing, and doublewides were multi-section units?
Bags of trash	The people who build trailers think it would. But the people who live in them don't see the point.
SOT: JOHN SHERROD	I, AH, THINK IT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VASE AND A VASE. FIFTY DOLLARS.
Sherrod walking Shephard setup	John Sherrod is a relative newcomer to trailer-park life. So are many of his neighbors. And for some of them, this is a step up.
SOT: LYNN SHEPHARD	THIS IS MY VERY FIRST HOME THAT I'M BUYING, YOU KNOW, THAT'S MINE.
Concrete slab	Mobile homes <u>are</u> affordable — even new ones cost less than half as much per square foot as site-built houses.
NAT SOT: DALE BAXTER	YOU CAN RESTRUCTURE THESE. YOU CAN CHANGE WALLS, YOU CAN CHANGE CABINETS.
Baxter walking	But their reputation for shoddy construction and shady characters persists:
SOT: DALE BAXTER	I THINK WHERE THE PROBLEM EXISTS IS WITH THE PEOPLE; I THINK THEIR ATTITUDES AND THE WAY THEY LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THEM.
Beer can	And despite the best efforts of the industry, it may take more than a new name to change an old attitude.