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THE WHITE HOUSE IS JUST LIKE YOUR HOUSE...NOT REALLY

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This week, we all took time to remember and honor the brave men who have and continue to lead our country as our President. The demands on them, regardless of your affiliation, are great. However, like you, they want a place to come home to in order to relax and unwind. I don't know about you, but it got me thinking: I wonder how the White House compares to an average home in the United States?

If you've ever wondered this question with me, I went searching for the answer and what I've found is an impressive as the men who have served our great country. Here are some interesting comparisons.

MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE

Every four years, we choose who will be our leader. For most of us, we still have boxes that aren't unpacked from our move in that happened twice as many years as an election. While the expected tenure in the White House is between 4 and 8 years, the average American has a little more time to get comfortable in their home. Of all the buyers in 2019, according to the National Association of Realtors®, the expected tenure in the home they purchased last year is about 15 years. So, you still have plenty of time to unpack those boxes. No one is going to be voting you out anytime soon.

ROOM TO MOVE

One of the reasons people look for a better home is because they outgrow the one they currently are living in with their family. In 2019, homes purchased typically had 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and were still of a newer construction, built in 1990 with just less than 2,000 square feet. The Leader of the Free World needs a little larger space to stretch out. Although construction of The White House started in 1792, it wasn't until 1800, with John Adams, that it was occupied. And since then, it has grown into the 6-level house that includes 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, a tennis court, jogging track, swimming pool, billiard room, movie theater and a bowling alley, just to name a few. While that sounds a little extravagant and nice to have, just be thankful you don't have to clean it.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

That's the golden rule when it comes to real estate: location, location, location. It is understandable that our President needs to be in the heart of Washington, D.C. The White House is conveniently located in downtown D.C. in an urban and central area. Take a look outside of your window. You likely don't have the Washington Monument sitting there. Instead, you are probably looking at Betty's flowerbeds or Gary walking to get the mail in his robe. That's because over 50% of the houses sold last year were in a suburb or subdivision.

Let's be honest...no other house can compare to The White House. The size, features and responsibilities the house requires to protect our President's is as legendary as the men and women who have taken up residence in it. However, I would argue that these elements don't make it a better home than yours. What your home may be lacking in size or bowling alleys, it makes up for in memories and security it provides you. So be grateful for your home that pledges to protect you with one roof, under God, with comfort and love for all who enter it.

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