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**LATEST ISSUE OF *FORBES*:
HOW OUR GOVERNMENT IS BEATING UP THE MIDDLE CLASS**

New York, NY (September 16, 2009) — For decades, there has been debate about how to help the poor without discouraging work, savings or marriage. In its latest issue, *Forbes* examines how today middle-class virtues are being punished, as Congress creates family-friendly-sound tax breaks, then yanks them away (**When Work Doesn't Pay, p. 88**). Now that earning a raise or adding a second paycheck does not always mean living well, is it time to work less?

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

The Guy Who's Beating Google (p. 82) – *Forbes* profiles Rob Li, who has built the most popular search site in China, home to the world's biggest audience. Go in-depth to explore the battle for market share in China, while Li's company, Baidu, goes head to head with Internet giants Yahoo! China and Google. Can he win?

America's Most Promising Companies (p. 68) – Twenty companies have been recognized by *Forbes* in its inaugural ranking of "America's Most Promising Companies." Topping the list is VEXTEC Corp., which provides companies with accurate information about the behavior and life expectancy of their components, systems, and product lots or fleets. For more information, visit www.forbes.com/promising after 6pm ET on Wednesday, September 16.

Death Squads (p. 48) – It's never been easier to unload a life insurance policy you no longer need. But beware: life settlements are so complex that it's easy to leave money on the table.

The Kindness of Strangers (p. 26) – In order to finance his programs, President Obama must convince foreigners to hand over more of their cash than ever before. Between now and next year, the Administration needs to sell \$2 trillion of Treasury paper to cover the economic stimulus program. Who's going to buy it?

Getting a Piece of Lehman (p. 32) – A year after Lehman went bust, the IRS is seeking between \$100 million and \$200 million in back taxes for controversial derivatives and stock loan trades the bank did years ago with hedge funds. Plus: other now-troubled banks who helped clients escape hundreds of millions in taxes.

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