Corporate Restructuring, Downsizing & the middle class
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This article is a unique study focusing on attempts by workers to “rebound” and find jobs in the new economy after they are downsized. Consider the following questions as you read.

1. What contradictory reality characterizes part of the U.s. economic environment at the end of the 20th century?

2. What is “serial employment?”

3. Who was interviewed for this study? In particular, what companies did they work for?

4. What is “the displacement process” (pg. 413- top of 414)?

5. Describe the phases the workers went through in each of the three stages of the displacement process.

6. How did the results vary by gender and age?