

# Saturday night laundromat blues



Every 10 minutes, every weekday afternoon, television commercials depict the average housewife bustling about a gleaming white laundromat amidst shining white washing machines, flashing a sparkling white smile.

If she is lucky, a nice man will rip her husband's dingy shirt in half and make one side brilliantly white again. Now everybody's happy.

But for many clothes washers, the picture is not so pearly. Shades of gray are etched into the portrait.



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