



Manisha Thakor is a highly sought after speaker and media commentator on the subject of personal finance. Audiences consistently rave about her authentic, upbeat, and straight-from-the-heart style of discussing personal finance. As the founder of the Women's Financial Literacy Initiative, Manisha teaches, writes, and speaks about the basics of personal finance for women. With the triple force of an MBA from Harvard Business School, she had the experience of building and running a \$6 billion money management business. With her "girl next door" personality, Manisha is noted for her unique ability to stand with one foot on Wall Street and one foot on Main Street. Manisha's core message is "Learning and acting on basic financial lessons early and often starting in your 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s will successfully place you on the path to financial nirvana." Manisha teaches a highly regarded online personal finance class called "Money Rules" at Sympoz.com and is a Financial Fellow at Wellesley College. She blogs about personal finance at Forbes and is the co-author of two critically acclaimed personal finance books: ON MY OWN TWO FEET and GET FINANCIALLY NAKED. When asked why she focuses her energy on working with women, Manisha is quick to point out that the technical basics of Personal Finance 101 are essentially the same for both genders. However, she feels it is vital for women to grasp these concepts as early in life as possible, as statistically speaking, the vast majority of men die married while the vast majority of women die single. As such, women quite literally are the ones left holding the bag. And the bag is not a pretty one. For two-thirds of women over the age of 65, meager Social Security payments are their primary source of income.

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