

LINDNER S CRAIG  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LINDNER S CRAIG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/15/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	03/17/2009		G	V	1,713	A	\$ 0	4,014,882	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		75,000	D	\$ 20.36 (2)	3,939,882	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	05/18/2009		S		125,000	D	\$ 20.52 (3)	3,814,882	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	05/19/2009		S		50,000	D	\$ 21.08 (4)	3,764,882	I	#1 (1)

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Common Stock	03/17/2009	G	V	1,713	A	\$ 0	110,162	I	#3 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	03/17/2009	G	V	1,713	A	\$ 0	29,398	I	#6 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock							1,020,043	I	#9 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock							1,485,000	I	#10 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock							37,679.02	I	#12 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock							63,604	I	#14 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock							63,604	I	#15 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock							63,604	I	#16 <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock							36,330	I	#20 <sup>(13)</sup>
Common Stock							341,568	I	#23 <sup>(14)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

