

Top Ten Reasons for the Financial Crisis

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"How could a few million problem U.S. mortgages bring down the global financial system?"

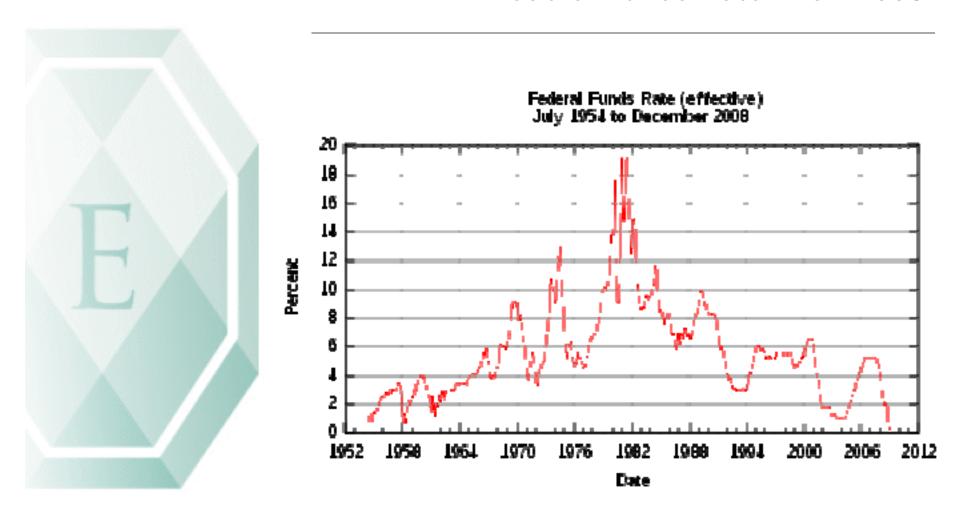






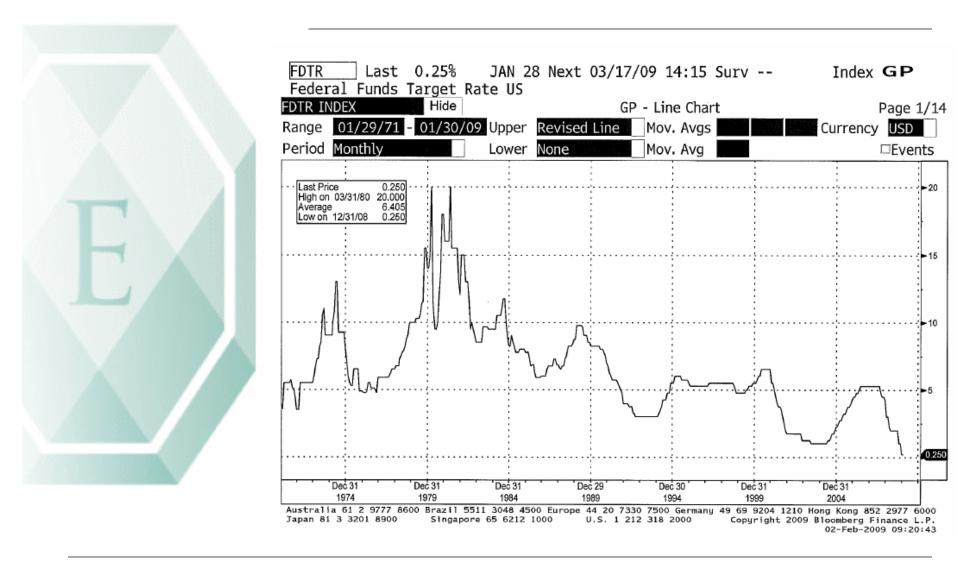


### Federal Funds Rate 1954-2008





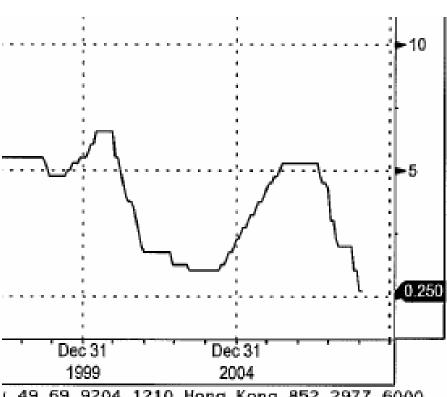
#### Federal Funds Rate 1971-2009





### Federal Funds Rate 1999-2009





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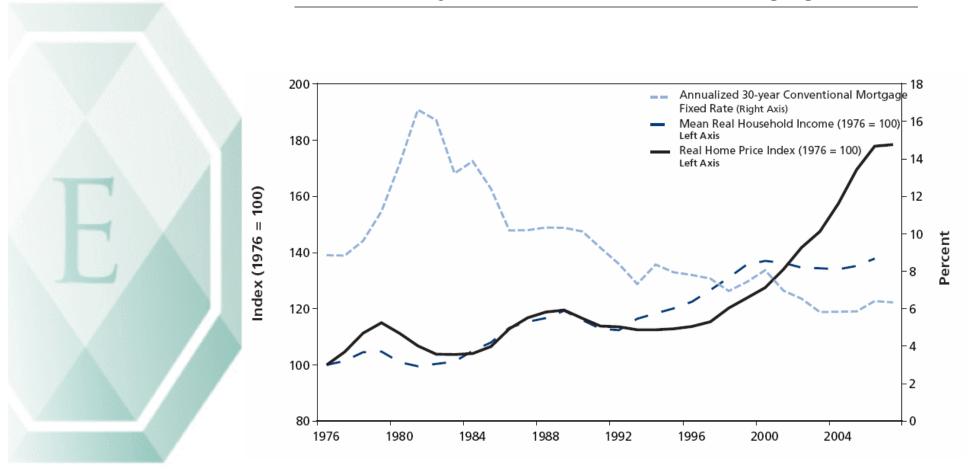
# U.S. Home Ownership Rate (%)





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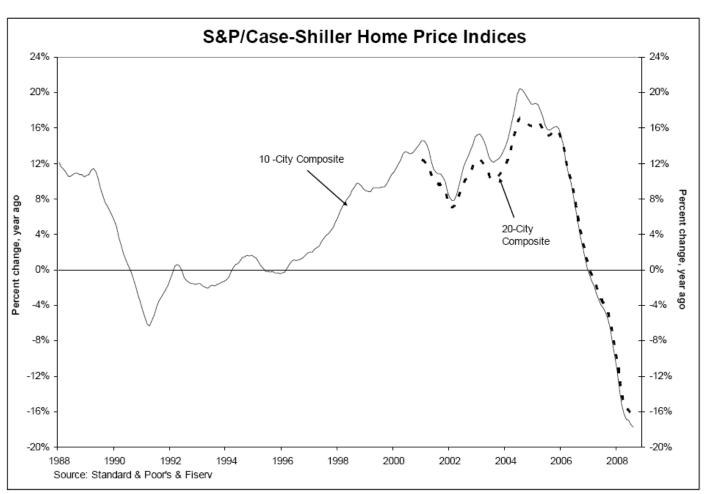
# Real Home Prices and Real Household Income (1976=100) 30-year Conventional Mortgage Rate





### Home Price Index



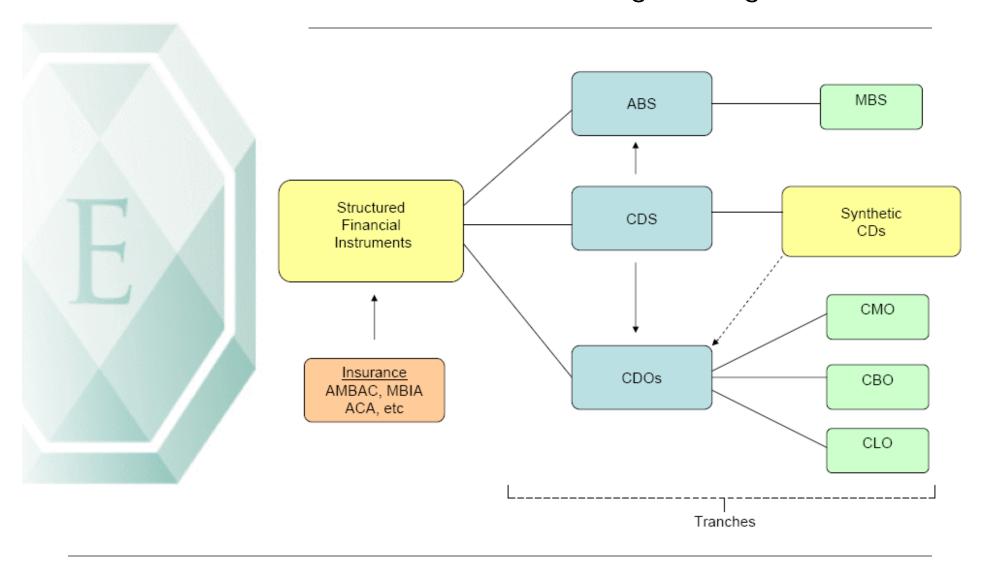






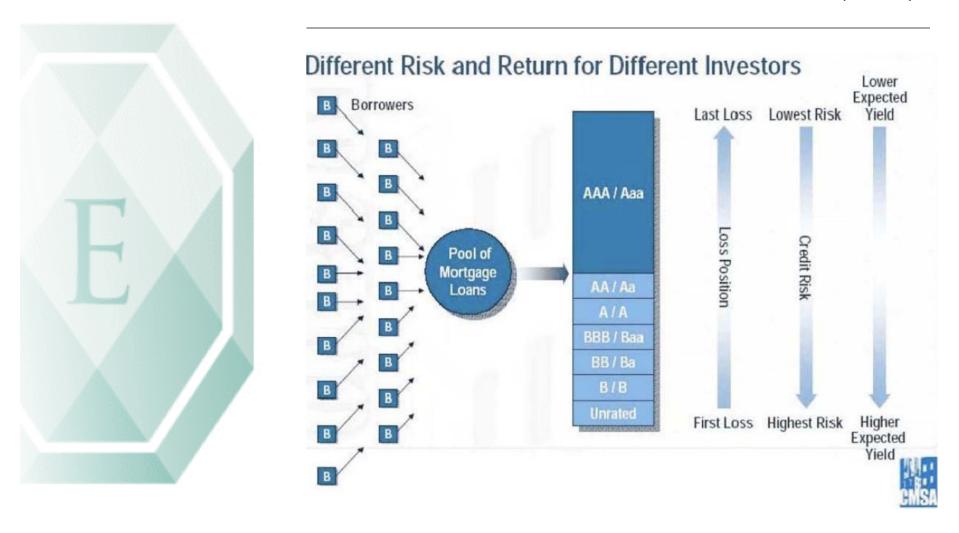
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# Evolution of Financial Engineering 1980-2008



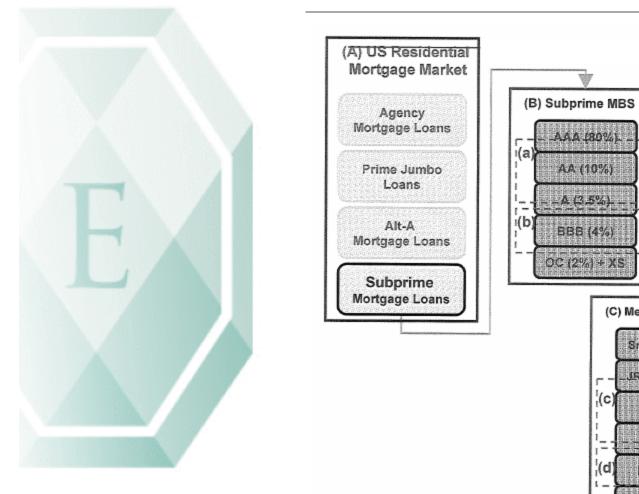


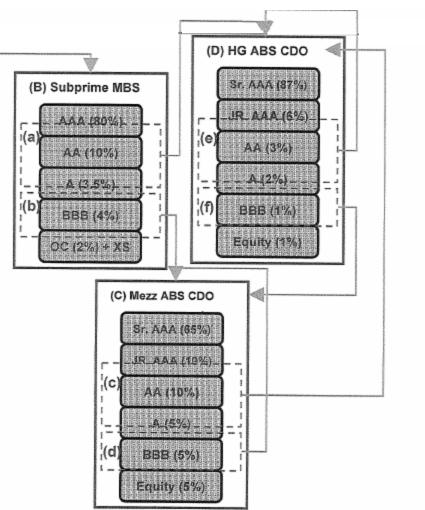
## Asset Backed Securities (MBS)





# **CDO With Subprime Tranches**







## Credit Default Swaps (CDS)



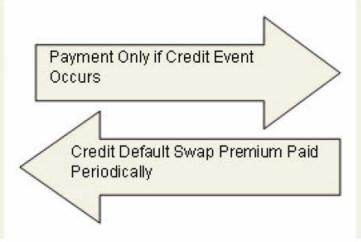
#### A Common Credit Default Swap Transaction

#### Protection Seller

Does not usually own underlying credit asset

Selling Credit Protection

Long Credit Exposure



#### Protection Buyer

Tends to own underlying credit asset

Purchasing Credit Protection

Short Credit Exposure

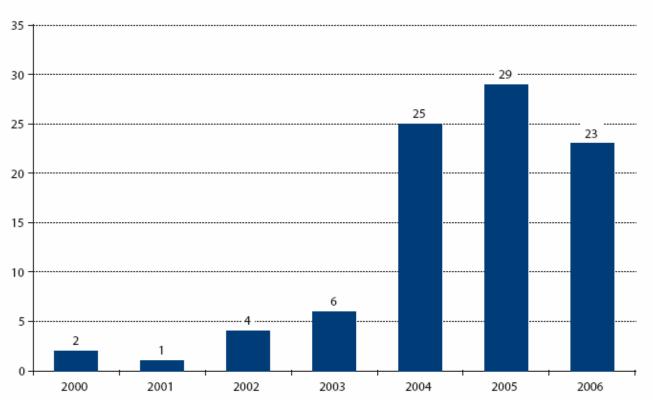


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  - **b. THE MONICA LEWINSKY EFFECT**
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Interest-Only and Negative Amortization Loans, Share of Total Mortgage Originations Used to Purchase a home (excludes refis): 2000-2006; percent



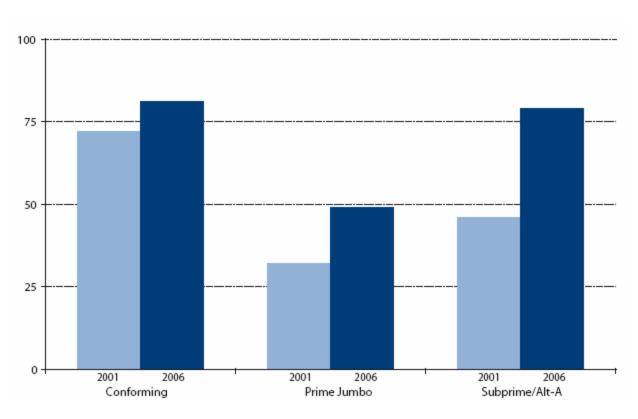






# Securitization Rates by Type of Mortgage, 2001 and 2006; percent









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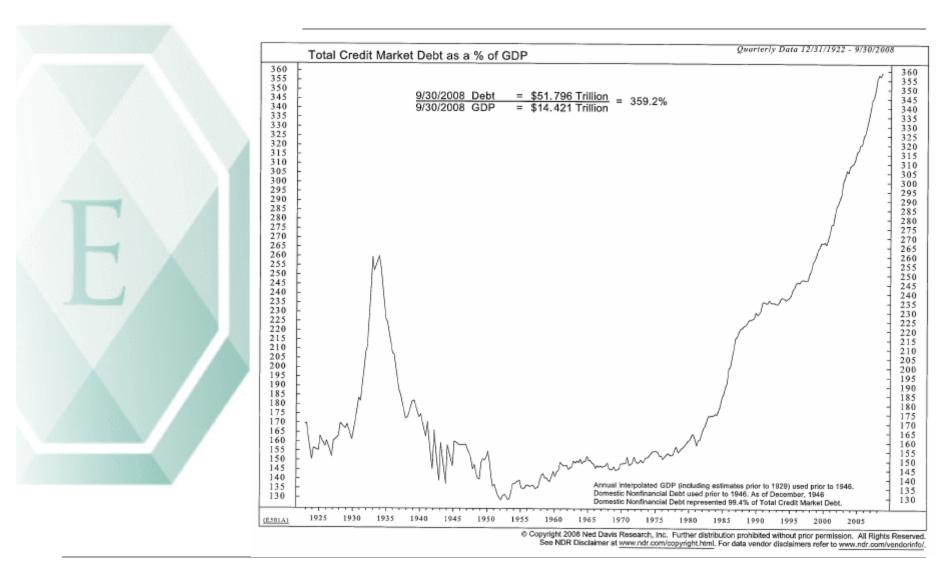


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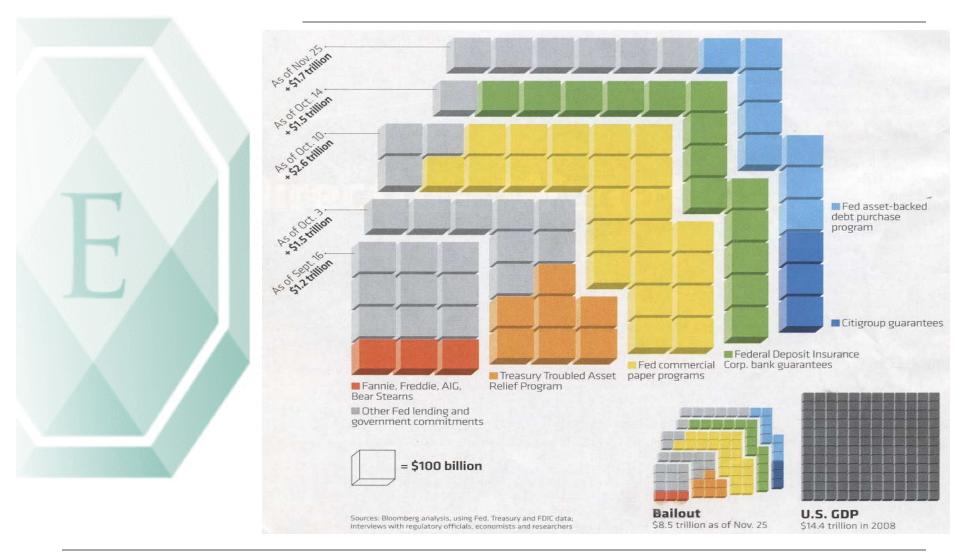
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### Total Credit Market Debt as a % of GDP





# Treasury & Fed Actions



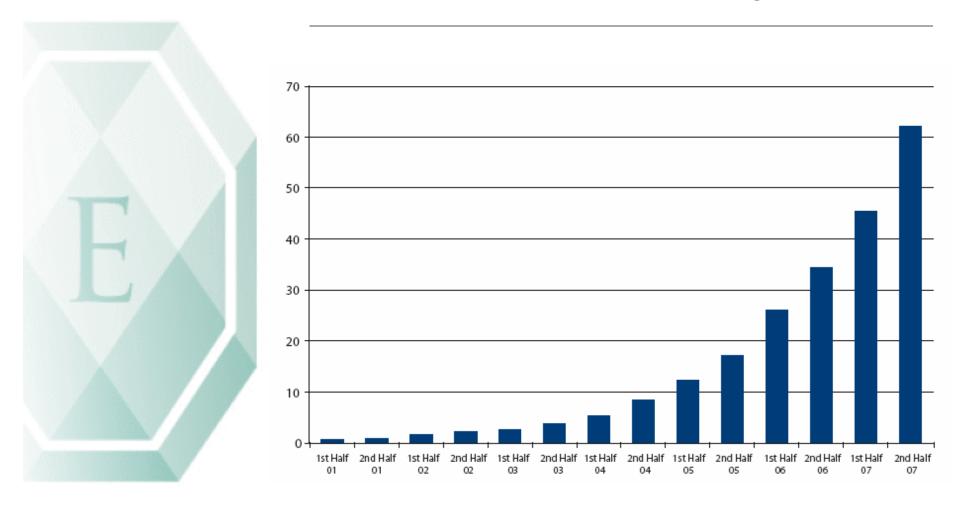
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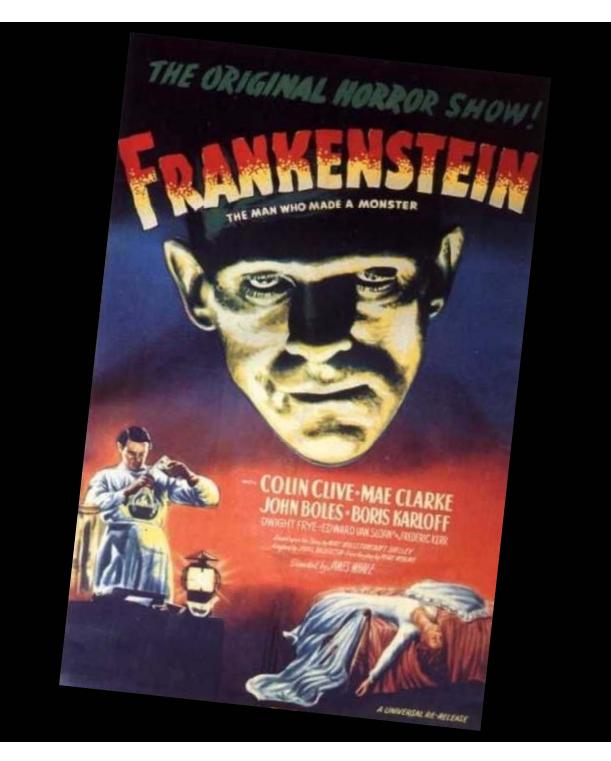
# Value of Credit Default Swaps Outstanding; in trillions





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# The result:

# SYSTEMATIC COLLAPSE OF COUNTERPARTY TRUST

