# The Effect of the Financial Crisis on the "Real Economy"

Separating Financial from Real Effects in the Current GDP Statistics

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#### Overview

- Motivation
  - Provide awareness of the parts of GDP effected
  - Macro fact checking
- Behavioral effects on GDP statistics
  - Anticipate the effects on the demand components of GDP
  - Ensure source data & methods capturing these effects
- Current financial interventions by the Federal Government
  - Separate the financial treatments from real effects in the GDP statistics
- Roundtable discussion



### Economic Effect of Credit Crisis on GDP Statistics

#### Consumption:

- Wealth effect
- Credit constraints
- Precautionary effects

#### Investment:

- Housing market
- Credit constraints
- Demand effects



## Economic Effect of Credit Crisis on GDP Statistics(cont'd)

- Net exports
  - Global markets
- Government:
  - State & local:
    - Property taxes
    - Sales taxes
    - Credit constraints
  - Federal:
    - Administrative costs

### Selected Current Financial Interventions by the Federal Government

Intervention	Action	Possible Effect on:	
		Flow of Funds	GDP Statistics
TARP	•Authority for purchases up to \$700b •Of which \$250b available to purchase senior preferred shares in banks and thrifts	•Federal government •Banks and thrifts	•Federal dividends receipts •Federal administrative costs
AIG	•Two-year secured loan from FRB of up to \$122.8b	•Federal Reserve •Funding corps (AIG)	•Federal Reserve profits •Federal administrative costs
Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (GSEs)	<ul> <li>Placed in conservatorship</li> <li>Purchases of:</li> <li>Senior preferred stock</li> <li>Mortgage-back securities</li> </ul>	-Federal government -GSEs	<ul><li>Federal dividend receipts</li><li>Federal interest receipts</li><li>Federal administrative costs</li></ul>
Bear Stearns	•Asset purchase for \$28.8b through Maiden Lane LLC controlled by the FRB	•Federal Reserve •Funding corps (Maiden Lane)	•Federal Reserve profits •Federal administrative costs