

# **“SOURCES OF SYSTEMIC RISK”**

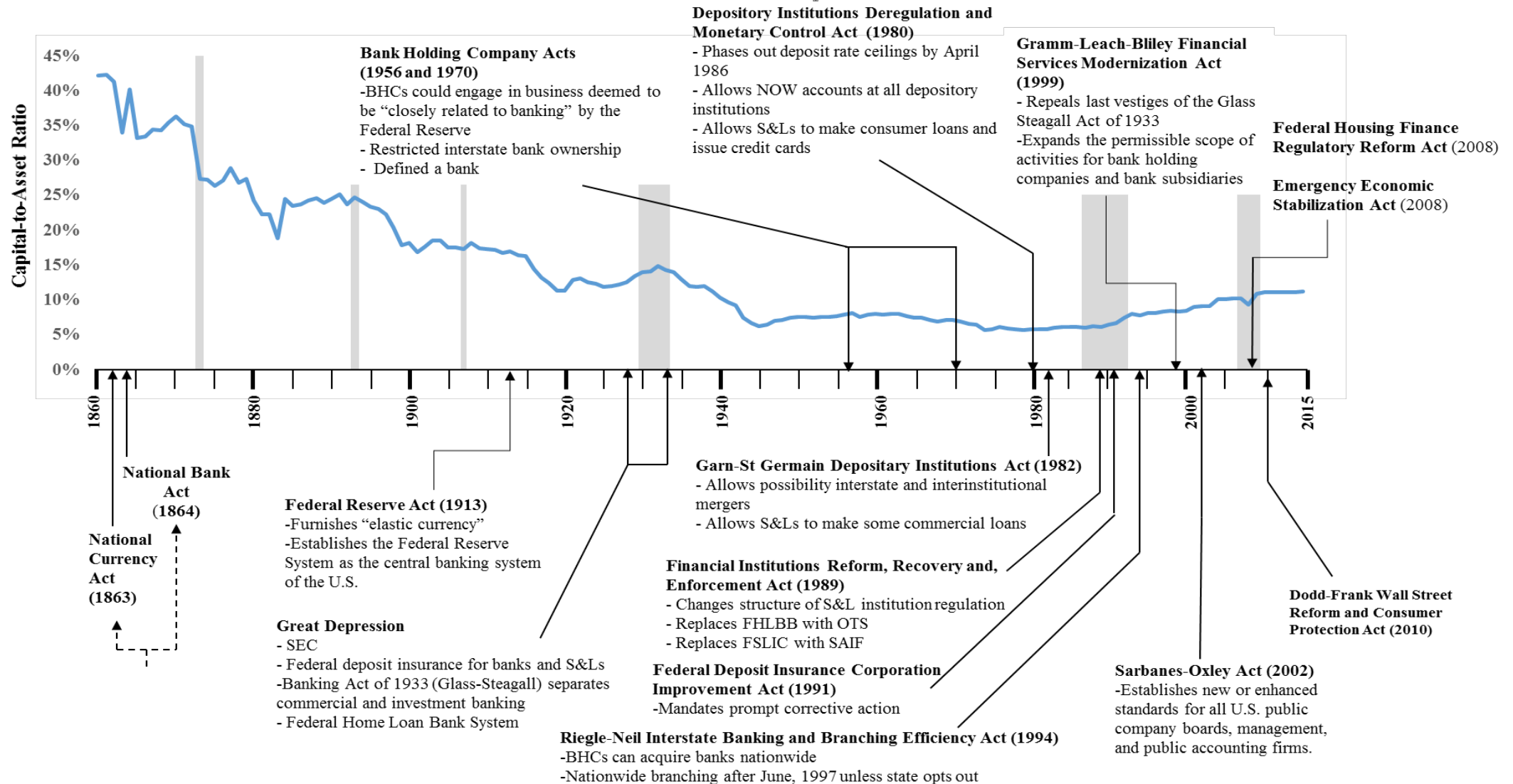
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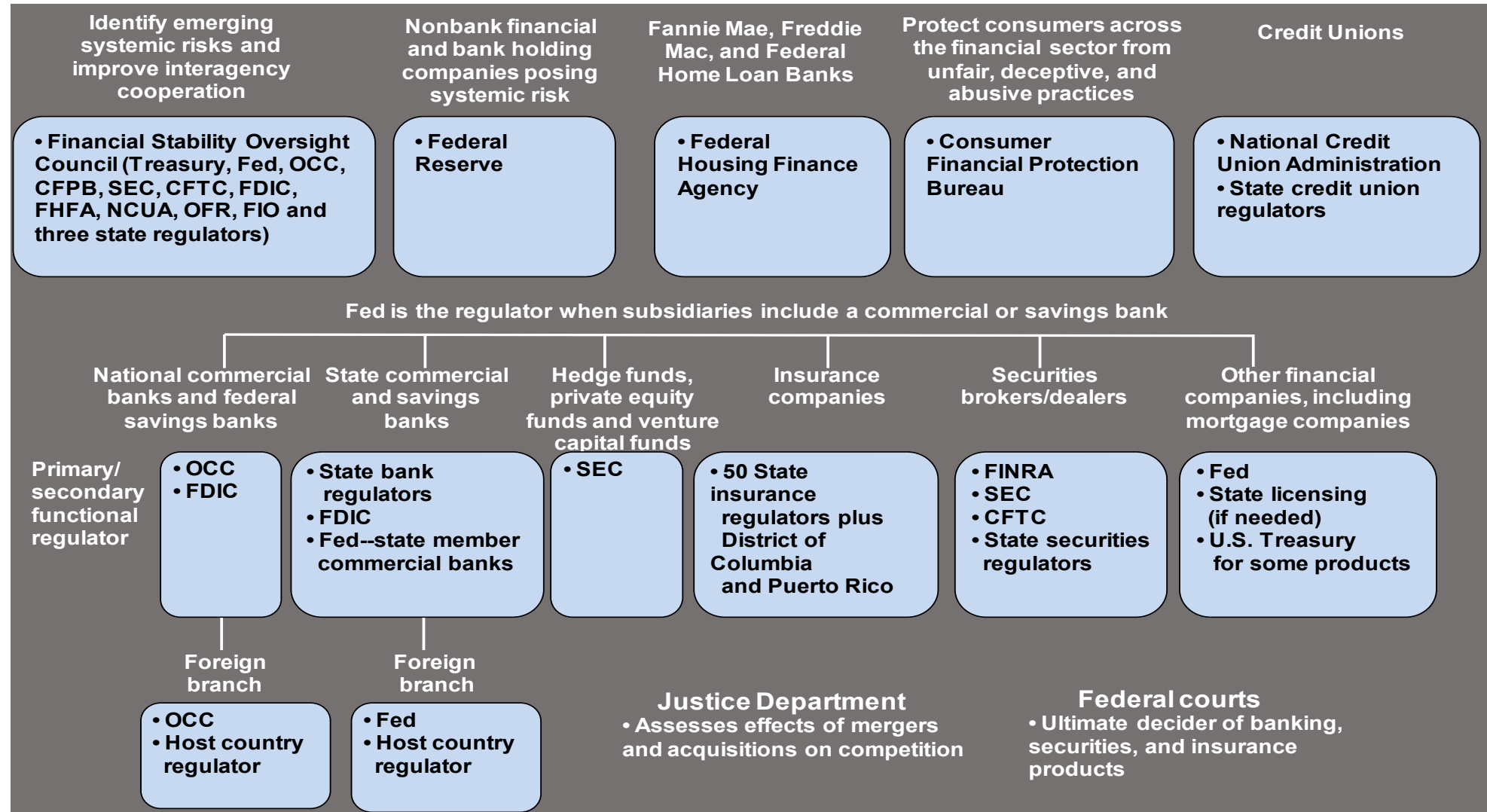
# Systemic Risk: Definition and Sources

- **Definition:** Events that threaten the stability of the financial system, and thus real economic activity.
- **Sources:** Bank runs (historically the key driver); falling asset prices (e.g., real estate prices); contagion (TBTF); sovereign bond defaults (e.g., Greece); maturity and foreign exchange mismatches; collapse of payment system, interbank market and repo market; uncertainty; and government policies (e.g., loose monetary policy and excessive availability of credit, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae).
- **Identification and Measurement:** GSIFIs, DSIFIs, DFAST and CCAR (see Acharya and Engle, <https://vlab.stern.nyu.edu/en/welcome/risk/>).

# A History of Crises and Governmental Response: More Laws & Lower Capital-to-Asset Ratio



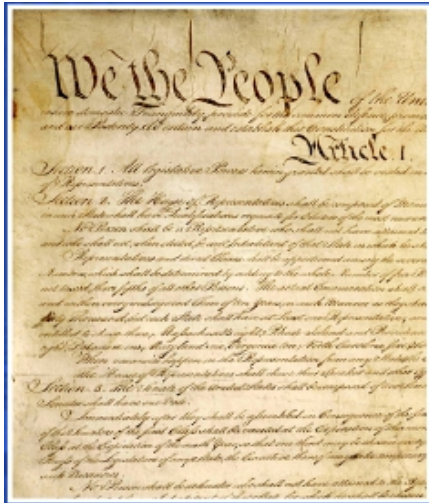
# A History of Crises and Governmental Response: More Regulators



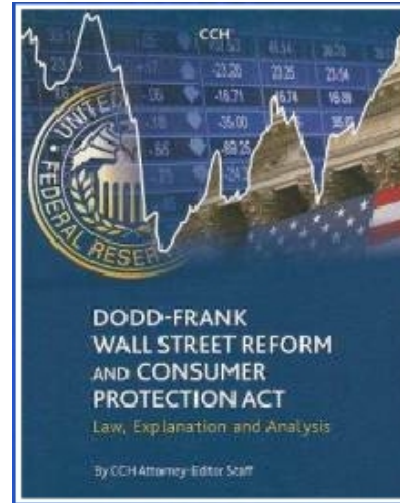
# The First Great Financial Crisis of the 21st Century

- The 2007-2009 Financial Crisis: Cost topped \$22 trillion, GAO says.
- Unemployment: Rate peaked at 10.1 percent in October 2009.
- Government Bailouts: The government poured about \$23 trillion into a host of programs and bailouts.
- Lost Household Wealth: When home prices tanked, there was an estimated loss of \$7 trillion in the real estate industry. The stock market declined contributing another \$11 trillion in losses, and retirement accounts lost \$3.4 trillion.

# Dodd-Frank Act: Regulation Complexity



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# Basel Capital Accords: Capital Complexity

Regulatory capital requirements	US minimum capital standards based on Basel I (%)		Basel II (%)	Basel II.5 (%)	Basel III (%)							
	1991–1992	1993–2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	as of 1 Jan 2019	
Minimum Tier 1 capital (CET1 + additional Tier 1)	3.625	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Minimum total capital (Tier 1 + Tier 2 capital)	7.25	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Tier 1 leverage ratio and supplementary leverage ratio (viewed as a complement to risk-based ratios)	----- 4 (3 for banks that are CAMELS 1-rated) -----						4	4	4	4	3 (AA)	3 (AA)
											5 (GSIBs and 6 for their IDIs)	5 (GSIBs and 6 for their IDIs)
											4 (NAA)	4 (NAA)
Minimum CET1 capital ratio (introduced in 2009 in the United States)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Phase-in of deductions from CET1 (including amounts exceeding the limit for deferred tax assets, mortgage servicing rights, and financials)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20.0	40.0	60.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Capital conservation buffer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.625	1.25	1.875	2.5
Countercyclical capital buffer for AA banks (discretionary, 0.0% to 2.5%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.625	1.25	1.875	2.5
Capital surcharge for GSIBs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.25 to 4.5	0.50 to 4.5	0.75 to 4.5	1 to 4.5
Capital instruments that no longer qualify as CET1 or Tier 1 capital	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	80	60	40	20	0	0	0

# Citigroup: Different Financial Ratios Provide Different Information

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Actual Tier 1 Capital Ratio Minus Required Minimum Tier 1 Capital Ratio of 4 Percent	4.38	4.42	4.47	4.91	4.74	4.79	4.59	3.12	7.92	7.67	8.91	9.55	10.06	9.2	7.6	6.91
Actual Total Capital Ratio Minus Required Minimum Total Capital Ratio of 8 Percent	3.23	2.92	3.25	4.04	3.85	4.02	3.65	2.7	7.7	7.25	8.59	8.99	9.26	8.68	6.53	N.A.
Risk-Weighted Assets as a Percentage of Total Assets	72	66	63	59	57	59	56	57	51	59	51	52	52	58	70	70
Actual Leverage Ratio Minus Required Minimum Leverage Ratio of 4 Percent	1.97	1.64	1.49	1.56	1.2	1.35	1.16	0.03	2.08	2.89	2.6	3.19	3.48	4.2	5.03	5.86
Actual Tangible Common Equity Ratio Minus Assumed Required Minimum Tangible Common Equity Ratio of 4 Percent	1.52	0.98	0.7	0.53	0.51	0.68	-0.21	-1.28	-2.44	2.49	2.89	3.9	4.46	5.05	5.47	6.06
Market Capitalization to Book Value Ratio	3.98	3.26	2.12	2.58	2.31	2.17	2.3	1.3	0.52	0.62	0.84	0.43	0.64	0.8	0.82	0.72