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Pittsburgh germany

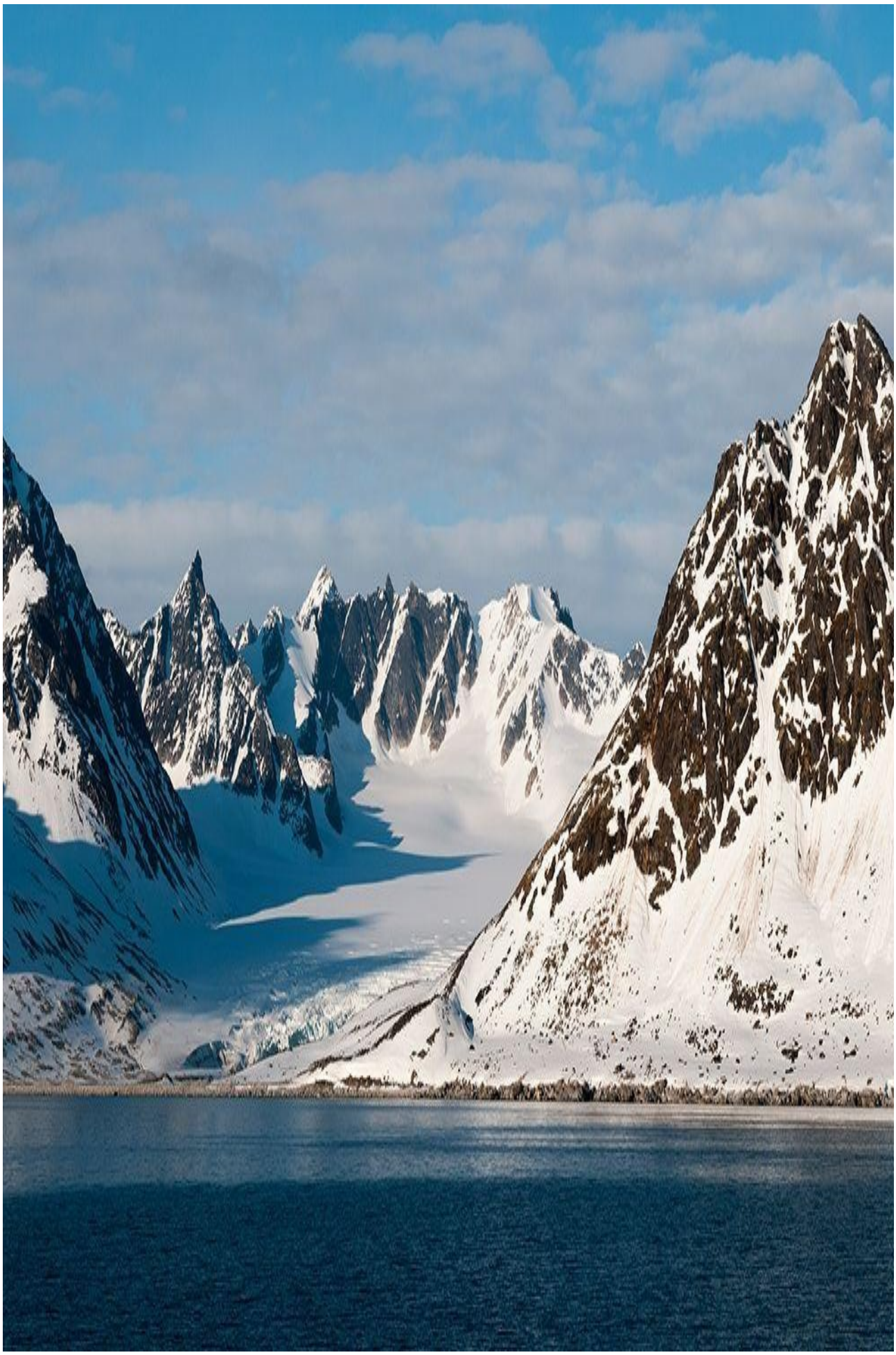
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Spitzberg

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What are the demographics of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

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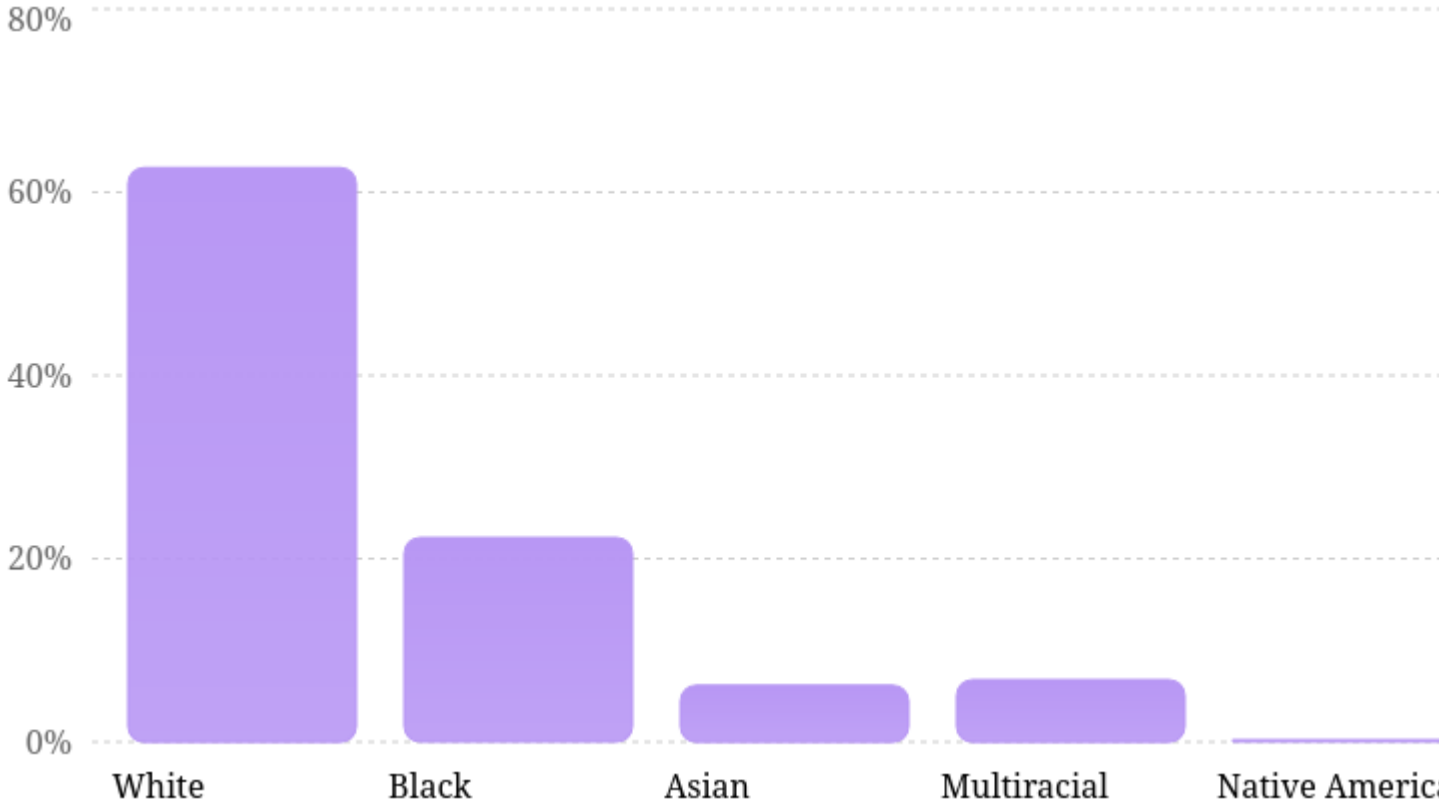
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People on the streets of Manchester, New Hampshire

Taco Tour Manchester Returns for 2025 - New Hampshire Magazine
Elm Street — street festival crowds
Moving to Manchester? Cost of Living, Best Neighborhoods & What to Expect | Apartments.com
Downtown — people walking past shops
Cruising Downtown Manchester NH | 25th Annual Classic Car Show
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Elm Street — pedestrians

These are photographs of Manchester, New Hampshire, particularly its main downtown thoroughfare, Elm Street.

More photographs: Downtown Manchester street photography.

Would you like ordinary everyday street photographs, rather than festival crowds, showing people in Manchester's residential and shopping neighborhoods?

What year did each one of these city vaults in their city banks go empty

For the 100 American cities named after foreign places, there is no established historical record showing a single year when each city's bank vaults became empty.

We need to distinguish between three events:

1. Bank closures — when individual banks shut down.
2. Bank runs — when depositors withdrew cash, sometimes exhausting a bank's available reserves.

3. Gold and currency withdrawals — when banks or governments transferred precious metals or cash elsewhere.

The major nationwide banking crisis occurred in 1930–1933, culminating in the March 1933 national bank holiday. But banks in different cities experienced different events.

According to the FDIC, approximately 9,000 U.S. banks suspended operations between 1930 and 1933. That does not mean their vaults were physically empty.

FDIC

One clarification: Are you asking when the banks in those 100 cities lost their gold and silver reserves, or when their banks closed or failed?

Those would require two different historical investigations.

Yes but the trust and state banks still had vaults with valuables and stored metals

Correct. State-chartered banks, trust companies, and private banks continued to maintain vaults containing valuables and precious metals, even during periods of bank failures.

An important distinction is that a bank's vault could contain several categories of property:

1. Bank-owned reserves: Gold, silver, currency, and coin.
2. Customer safe-deposit boxes: Jewelry, precious metals, documents, and other private property.
3. Trust assets: Securities, estate property, and valuables held in fiduciary custody.
4. Commercial deposits: Bullion, securities, and other assets stored for businesses.

The closure of a bank did not necessarily mean these assets disappeared or became government property.

The important dates

Year	What happened
1913	Federal Reserve System established
1930–1933	Thousands of commercial banks suspended operations
March 1933	Nationwide banking holiday, including state banks and trust companies
April 1933	Executive Order 6102 required surrender of most privately held monetary gold, subject to exceptions
January 1934	Gold Reserve Act transferred ownership of Federal Reserve monetary gold to the U.S. Treasury

Later decades	Banks continued operating safe-deposit vaults and holding customer property

The Federal Reserve's own 1933 annual report confirms that banks were permitted to provide limited access to safe-deposit boxes and conduct certain trust activities during the banking holiday.

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For our 100-city investigation

We should investigate when each city's historic bank vaults ceased holding monetary gold, and separately what happened to privately stored valuables.

That requires tracing individual institutions, their vault inventories where available, bank mergers, liquidations, and state unclaimed-property transfers.

One especially important distinction: unclaimed safe-deposit contents can eventually be transferred to state custody rather than simply disappearing.

HelpWithMyBank.gov

Do you want to begin in 1913, when the Federal Reserve was established, and trace the vaults through 1933–1934 and afterward?

No through the 1990s what happened extensivevresearchb1990sAmerican bank vaults, trust companies and precious-metal storage: 1933–1999
The investigation should continue through the 1990s, not stop with the banking crisis of 1933.

The central question is what happened to the physical contents of bank vaults in American cities as local banks, state banks, savings banks and trust companies closed, merged, relocated or were acquired.

We need to trace three different forms of property:

1. Bank-owned assets: Gold, silver, cash, bullion and securities.
2. Customer-owned valuables: Safe-deposit boxes, jewelry, precious metals, documents and inherited property.
3. Trust and custodial property: Estate assets, certificates, securities, institutional bullion and valuables held for beneficiaries.

A bank disappearing from a city's business directory does not establish that its vault was emptied. Its assets and customer obligations might have transferred to another institution.

The 1980s and 1990s are particularly important because of the savings-and-loan crisis, interstate banking expansion, consolidation of local banks and changes in the physical custody of securities.

1. What happened from 1980 through 1999?

Period	Documented development	Significance for vault investigations
1980–1984	Banking deregulation and increasing thrift problems	Institutions changed their financial operations; physical custody arrangements must be traced

		individually
1985–1989	Large numbers of bank and thrift failures	Failed institutions entered receivership or were acquired
1989	Resolution Trust Corporation established	Failed thrift assets were transferred, managed and sold
1990–1991	Another major wave of bank failures	Receivership and acquisition records become essential
1991–1993	Stronger federal intervention and abandoned-property litigation	Greater documentation of receiverships and disputed custody
1994–1997	Interstate banking expansion	Local banks increasingly merged into regional and national institutions
1998–1999	Continued consolidation and financial-services integration	Some historic local banking institutions lost their independent corporate identity

These developments are documented in FDIC and Federal Reserve histories.

FDIC+3

2. The major financial crisis of the late 1980s

1989

207

Bank failures or assistance transactions

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169

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The FDIC reported that failed-bank assets totaled approximately $29.4 billion in 1989 and $15.7 billion in 1990. Those amounts describe institutional assets, not inventories of gold, silver or customer safe-deposit boxes.

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A major distinction emerges: financial insolvency and physical vault liquidation were not the same event.

When a bank failed, the institution's loans, deposits, property and other assets could pass into receivership or be acquired by another bank. Customer-owned safe-deposit contents were subject to different custody obligations.

3. The 1990s banking consolidation

The Riegle–Neal Act of September 29, 1994, significantly expanded interstate banking.

Beginning in September 1995, qualifying bank holding companies could acquire banks across state lines. Interstate branch mergers became generally permissible in June 1997.

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Federal Reserve History+1

This is particularly relevant to historic vaults in Boston, Manchester, Cambridge, Syracuse, Bethlehem, Reading and the other cities on our list.

A former independent bank might have become a branch of another institution. That alone does not tell us whether its vault remained operational, whether customers' boxes were transferred, or whether the building was sold.

4. What happened to valuables in safe-deposit boxes?

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency describes how an unpaid safe-deposit box could be classified as dormant after a state-defined period, often three to five years.

Depending on the applicable law and circumstances, the bank could eventually transfer abandoned contents to a state unclaimed-property authority.

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Customer-owned valuables

Jewelry, bullion, documents and other personal property

Bank custody

Safe-deposit storage under the applicable agreement

Bank merger or closure

Custody may transfer to a successor institution or receiver

Abandoned property

Contents may be delivered to a state authority under law

California provides an especially useful historical example. Its unclaimed-property dormancy period for checking accounts decreased from 15 years to seven years in 1976, five years in 1988, and three years in 1990. A later state report also identifies a three-year period for safe-deposit-box contents under the law it reviewed.

lao.ca.gov

That establishes a documented legal mechanism for the movement of private property out of bank custody. It does not establish how many boxes contained precious metals.

5. A documented 1999 case: California's safe-deposit vaults

One particularly significant finding is a May 28, 1999, Los Angeles Times investigation.

California held a two-day auction of jewelry, coins and other valuables from more than 2,000 supposedly abandoned safe-deposit boxes.

The newspaper reported that it had located some owners whom banks had failed to find. The state controller subsequently sought additional resources to identify property owners.

Los Angeles Times

This gives us a concrete example of the process:

- Private valuables were originally held by banks.
- Banks classified certain boxes as abandoned.
- Property was transferred into state custody.
- The state auctioned some contents.
- Questions arose over whether owners had been adequately located.

This is stronger evidence than simply assuming that vaults were emptied during the Depression. It documents physical valuables leaving the banking system as late as 1999.

6. Another major finding: securities held by financial intermediaries

In Delaware v. New York (1993), the U.S. Supreme Court examined competing state claims to abandoned property associated with securities intermediaries.

The case records that New York had taken custody of approximately $360 million in abandoned securities-related funds between 1985 and 1989.

These were not necessarily physical securities or precious metals in vaults. Nevertheless, the case is important because it identifies a substantial transfer of unclaimed financial property into state custody and clarifies which states could claim it.

Legal Information Institute

7. How we can trace the banks in the original 100 cities

The FDIC maintains historical institution records that identify bank closures, mergers, acquisitions, relocations and successor institutions.

The most useful sources are:

FDIC BankFind Suite

Search former banks by city, state and institution name, including historical records.

Bank Structure Changes

Identify mergers, branch closures, liquidations and trust-powers changes.

FDIC Failures and Assistance

Identify failed banks and their resolution dates.

These databases establish institutional history, but they generally do not supply individual safe-deposit-box inventories. Those would require separate archival or custodial records.

BankFind Suite+2

8. Proposed historical investigation for the 100 cities

For each city, the useful record would contain:

Field	Evidence to establish
Historic banks	Names of commercial, state and trust banks
Original vault	Address, construction and operating dates
Precious metals	Documented bullion, coin or metal holdings
Bank closure	Actual date, if any
Merger	Acquiring bank and transaction date
Vault closure	Date physical storage ended, if recorded
Property transfer	Receiver, successor bank or state agency
Disposal	Auction, sale, return to owner or continued custody
Final custodian	Last documented institution or government agency

Findings so far

The 1990s were a major period of change in American bank ownership and property custody. The evidence establishes large-scale bank consolidation, receiverships, state custody of abandoned assets, and auctions of physical valuables.

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The next substantial step is a city-by-city reconstruction of actual banks and vaults, beginning with Boston, Memphis, Manchester, Cambridge and the other locations in the original list, using records from 1933 through December 1999.

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1. The banking system had a structural problem

For decades, savings-and-loan associations (S&Ls), also called thrifts, operated on a relatively simple business model:

- Accept customer savings deposits.
- Pay depositors interest.
- Lend that money through long-term residential mortgages.
- Earn the difference between mortgage interest and deposit interest.

The problem was that mortgages often had fixed interest rates for 20–30 years, while the cost of attracting deposits could change rapidly.

Example: how a solvent-looking thrift could become unprofitable

SIMPLIFIED EXAMPLE · $100 MILLION IN MORTGAGES

Mortgage interest received

$7M

7% fixed interest

Deposit interest paid

$12M

12% funding cost

Annual interest shortfall

−$5M

Illustrative calculation before operating expenses, credit losses and other income. It assumes $100 million in interest-bearing deposits.

When interest rates surged around 1979–1982, many thrifts were trapped with low-yield mortgages while paying much more to retain deposits.

This was called interest-rate mismatch, and it weakened the industry before the peak failures of the late 1980s.

2. What was set up incorrectly?

There were six major failures in the financial system.

Problem	What went wrong
Interest-rate exposure	Long-term fixed-rate mortgages were funded with deposits whose costs could rise rapidly.
Deregulation	Institutions received authority to make riskier investments without adequate safeguards.
Weak capital requirements	Some institutions were permitted to continue operating with inadequate financial capital.
Deposit insurance incentives	Troubled institutions could attract insured deposits while taking risks whose losses might fall on the insurance system.
Regulatory forbearance	Regulators delayed closing insolvent institutions, hoping they would recover.
Concentrated lending	Banks made excessive loans in vulnerable industries, especially energy, agriculture and commercial real estate.

The FDIC's retrospective investigation specifically found that deregulation was not accompanied by adequate restrictions on increased risk-taking.

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3. Which government decisions contributed?

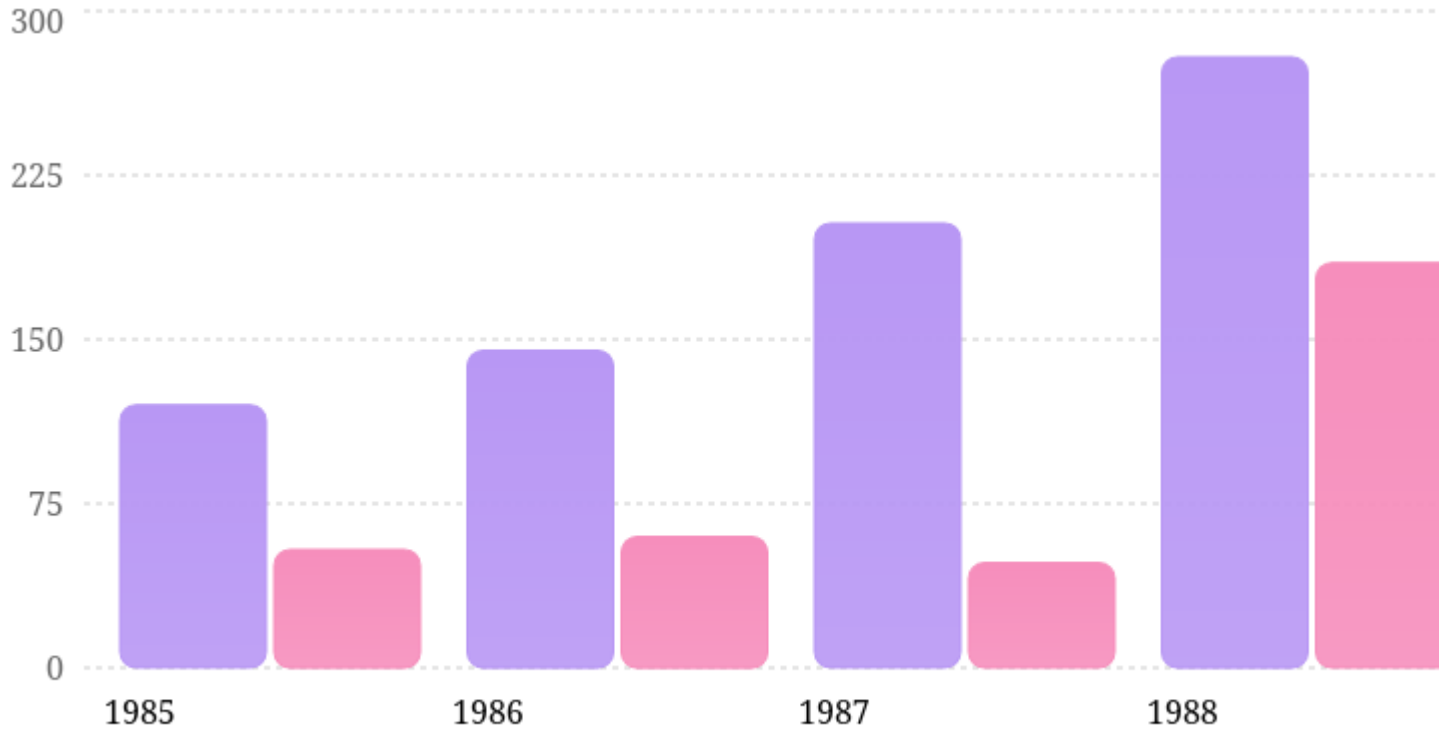
Year	Law or action	Consequence
1980	Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act	Expanded thrift powers and increased deposit insurance from $40,000 to $100,000
1982	Garn–St Germain Act	Expanded lending and investment authority for federally chartered thrifts
1982–1986	Regulatory forbearance	Allowed numerous insolvent institutions to remain operational
1987	Competitive Equality Banking Act	Provided additional resources and resolution

		powers
1989	Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act	Reorganized thrift regulation and established the Resolution Trust Corporation

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The original intention was to help financially stressed institutions survive. But expanding lending powers while weakening capital safeguards allowed some institutions to gamble on increasingly speculative projects.

4. How many institutions actually failed?



- FDIC-insured banks
- FSLIC-insured thrifts

FDIC historical timeline. Bank and thrift failures are distinct categories.

These figures show the acceleration in failures, particularly in 1988. The FDIC identifies Texas as a major center of the banking and thrift crisis.

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5. What did the government do with the failed banks?

When a bank failed, a receiver could take control of its assets and liabilities.

The process generally involved:

1. Regulators closed the insolvent institution.
2. The FDIC or another authorized receiver assumed responsibility.
3. Deposits and selected assets could be transferred to an acquiring institution.
4. Remaining assets, including loans, securities and real estate, were collected or sold.
5. Proceeds were distributed according to applicable creditor priorities.

For failed thrifts, the Resolution Trust Corporation eventually handled 747 institutions holding more than $407 billion in assets.

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This is where your earlier vault investigation becomes important. Those asset figures do not reveal how much physical gold, silver, cash or privately owned property was stored in each bank's vault.

Customer safe-deposit contents were not ordinarily bank-owned assets available to satisfy creditors.

6. Who ultimately paid?

The Federal Reserve's historical account estimates that the thrift crisis cost taxpayers as much as $124 billion.

The industry deposit insurance fund was also overwhelmed. By 1983, estimated costs to pay insured depositors at insolvent thrifts were approximately $25 billion, against only $6 billion in available FSLIC reserves.

Federal Reserve History

7. The most important finding

The system did not fail because every bank suddenly ran out of cash or because every vault was emptied.

It failed because institutions accumulated losses on loans and investments, lacked sufficient capital to absorb them, and in many cases were allowed to remain open after becoming economically insolvent.

The problem was made worse by regional economic collapses and, in some institutions, fraud and insider abuse.

For our historical investigation, two primary sources are especially valuable:

- FDIC — History of the Eighties: Lessons for the Future (1997)
- Federal Reserve — Savings and Loan Crisis

The next question worth examining is how regulators allowed insolvent institutions to continue collecting insured deposits, who authorized those decisions, and how the institutions' assets were subsequently transferred or sold between 1985 and 1999.

When did the safeguards dissapear? What happened that financial institutions took" risks"? Who allows banks to take on such a burden when it is one of the main forces stabilizing a capitalist economy?

When did American banking safeguards begin to disappear?

The decisive period was 1980–1982, but the weakening began earlier, during the 1960s and 1970s.

The safeguards did not disappear all at once. Congress, federal regulators, state governments and financial institutions made a series of changes that altered the banking system.

The central contradiction was this: the government continued guaranteeing many bank deposits while permitting certain institutions to take substantially greater investment risks.

That created an imbalance between private financial decision-making and public responsibility for insured deposits.

1. The historical timeline

Period	What changed
1933–1935	Banking reforms established federal deposit insurance and separated important commercial and investment banking activities.
1950s–1960s	Banking expanded under relatively restrictive rules, but competitive pressures increased.
1970s	Inflation, rising interest rates and new financial products weakened the effectiveness of existing regulations.
1980	Congress began phasing out deposit interest-rate ceilings and expanded lending authority for thrifts.
1982	Congress expanded thrift investment powers further. Regulators also relaxed certain capital and accounting standards.
1983–1988	Many financially weakened institutions continued operating while pursuing risky investments.
1989	Congress passed major legislation to reorganize thrift regulation and resolve failed institutions.
1994–	Interstate banking expansion and financial consolidation continued; the 1999 Gramm–

1999	Leach–Bliley Act removed major remaining Glass–Steagall affiliation restrictions.

The 1999 legislation was important to the longer history of financial deregulation, but it did not cause the savings-and-loan failures of the 1980s.

2. Who actually authorized the increased risks?

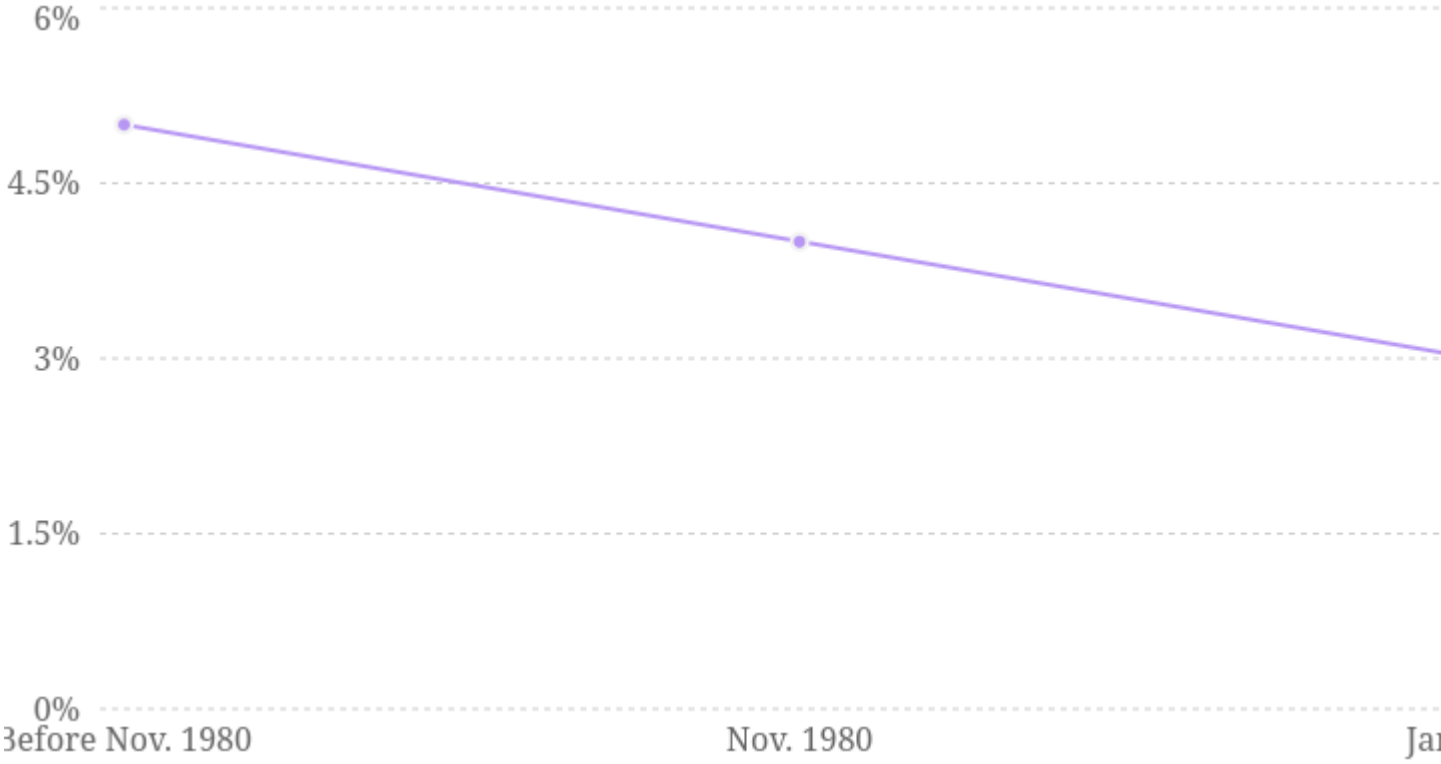
There were identifiable decision-makers.

Authority	Decision or responsibility
Congress and President Jimmy Carter	Enacted the 1980 deregulation law, increasing deposit insurance and expanding thrift powers
Congress and President Ronald Reagan	Enacted the 1982 Garn–St Germain Act, expanding thrift lending and investment powers
Federal Home Loan Bank Board (FHLBB)	Relaxed capital requirements and accounting rules for federally regulated thrifts
State legislatures and regulators	In some states, permitted even broader investments by state-chartered thrifts
Thrift executives and directors	Chose the loans, investments, funding strategies and risks taken by individual institutions
FSLIC	Insured thrift deposits and delayed resolving many insolvent institutions

Federal Reserve History+2

The most consequential regulatory decisions can be dated quite precisely.

3. The capital safeguards were actually reduced



Approximate federal thrift capital requirements, based on Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's historical analysis. The 1980 figure excludes further effective reductions through qualifying deductions.

A Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland analysis documents these reductions:

- November 1980: The FHLBB reduced the thrift capital requirement from approximately 5% to 4%.
- January 1982: It reduced the requirement to 3%.
- 1982 onward: Regulatory accounting rules permitted certain assets and accounting entries to count toward capital even when they provided little capacity to absorb actual losses.

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To understand the significance, consider a thrift holding $100 million in assets. At 5% capital, it would have $5 million of capital to absorb losses. At 3%, it would have only $3 million, assuming it operated at the minimum.

A $4 million asset loss could therefore exhaust its capital under the second arrangement.

This is one of the clearest examples of a safeguard being deliberately weakened.

4. Why would lawmakers permit this?

The stated reasons were economic, not simply a desire to encourage speculation.

By the late 1970s, inflation and interest rates were extremely high. Savings institutions were losing deposits to money-market funds offering better returns.

Congress wanted institutions to compete for deposits, offer more financial products, make profitable loans and recover from existing losses.

There was also a serious financial constraint: the government-backed thrift insurance fund lacked sufficient resources to close every insolvent institution promptly.

According to the Federal Reserve, by 1983 the estimated cost of paying insured depositors at insolvent thrifts was approximately $25 billion, while the FSLIC had only $6 billion in reserves.

Federal Reserve History

Regulators therefore allowed some troubled institutions to continue operating in the hope that they would recover.

That policy is called regulatory forbearance.

5. How did this turn into speculative lending?

The 1982 legislation allowed thrifts to move beyond traditional residential mortgages into activities such as commercial lending and real estate development.

Some institutions could now finance speculative development projects while relying on federally insured deposits.

The FDIC's historical research identifies a particularly significant change: previous statutory restrictions on loan-to-value ratios were removed, allowing certain institutions to finance development projects at up to 100% of their appraised value.

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Consider the consequences.

A developer proposes a $20 million commercial project. A thrift finances the entire appraised value. If the development fails and the property sells for $12 million, the lender suffers an $8 million loss before recoveries and expenses.

A well-capitalized institution might survive such a loss. An already insolvent institution could not.

The combination of weak capital, insured funding, concentrated lending and speculative projects magnified losses.

6. Why did the regulators not stop it?

The FDIC's 1997 historical investigation identifies two distinct problems.

First, some thrift regulators lacked the financial resources to close the institutions that had already failed economically.

Second, permitting troubled institutions to remain open created incentives for management to undertake increasingly risky investments.

The FDIC concluded that this prolonged forbearance increased the ultimate cost of thrift failures.

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The regulatory structure also divided responsibility among federal and state authorities. A single regulator did not control every financial institution.

Importantly, ordinary commercial banks were generally supervised under different rules. Their regulators did not practice the same degree of prolonged forbearance as the thrift regulators.

7. Did anyone restore the safeguards?

Yes, beginning in 1989 and continuing into the 1990s.

The 1989 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act abolished the FHLBB and FSLIC and established a new thrift regulatory structure.

The 1991 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act introduced prompt corrective action, requiring progressively stronger regulatory intervention as a bank's capital deteriorated.

These reforms were intended to prevent regulators from allowing severely undercapitalized institutions to remain open indefinitely.

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8. What this means for the stability of capitalism

Your question identifies a genuine economic tension.

Banks perform functions that are essential to a market economy: safeguarding deposits, extending credit, processing payments and providing liquidity.

But deposit insurance can also create a problem known as moral hazard.

If depositors believe their money is protected by the government, they may have less incentive to investigate a bank's risk-taking. Meanwhile, owners and executives can benefit when speculative investments succeed, even though insured depositors and the insurance fund are exposed when those investments fail.

That is why banking systems require a combination of capital requirements, liquidity safeguards, lending supervision, independent examinations and credible procedures for resolving failed institutions.

The central lesson from the 1980s is not that all financial risk should be prohibited. Banks must take carefully managed credit risks to perform their economic function.

It is that the expansion of risk-taking authority without corresponding capital and supervisory protections can undermine the very institutions responsible for financial stability.

The FDIC itself reached a closely related conclusion in its retrospective history of the crisis.

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Primary historical records

- FDIC — History of the Eighties: Lessons for the Future (1997)
- Federal Reserve — Garn–St Germain Act of 1982

- Federal Reserve — Savings and Loan Crisis

For the investigation into historic city banks and their vaults, the next critical distinction is between banks that failed because of losses and banks that disappeared through mergers or acquisitions. Their vaults, customer property and surviving records would have followed very different paths.

What did the deregulation consist of ? Please list all deregulation from then . Why would they lay off such burden onto the insurance companies? Insurance is tremendous in stability of economics and a society being well civilized .3 so this ridiculous company the fed came in and said it was perfectly ok to do ridiculous actions while being an active bank of stability for the citizens on the usa? How do the banks need recovery its nyc in 1989 the streets rats were making millions a quarter then. How do you fuck that up ? Too much cocaine and crying maybe the jews can bymurn more of our lives down like its st elmos bar again....5. What happened to fslic? What i dont understand above above above all in any system especially a capitalist system with huge natural resources of its own how A a small mercantile exchange can cause the untire usa to go into a depression and B who made people think the idea of banks taking risks is acceptable. That's what small third world countries and their banks do to get money for a power dam on the river to make garments a few hours a day to pay it all off. How did this happen in nyc or anywhere in the usa in the 1980s

How U.S. banking deregulation developed, 1970–1999

The important distinction is that the Federal Reserve did not independently authorize the entire deregulation program. Congress, presidents, federal banking agencies, state legislatures, and individual bank executives made different decisions.

Also, the 1980s crisis involved two overlapping but distinct industries: commercial banks and savings-and-loan associations (thrifts). Their rules, regulators, insurance funds, and failure patterns were not identical.

1. What was deregulated?

The following is a chronological inventory of the principal federal changes, including regulatory decisions and major state-level changes that affected the crisis.

Year	Law or regulatory change	What changed
1970	Bank Holding Company Act Amendments	Expanded the Federal Reserve's authority over companies controlling banks while permitting certain approved nonbank activities
1978	Marquette Supreme Court decision	Allowed national banks to apply their home state's permitted interest rates to qualifying interstate credit-card lending

1980	Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act	Began phasing out deposit-rate ceilings, expanded thrift lending powers, and raised federal deposit insurance limits
1980	Federal Home Loan Bank Board capital-rule changes	Reduced required capital for federally chartered thrifts
1981–1982	Regulatory accounting changes	Permitted certain accounting treatments that made troubled thrifts appear better capitalized than their economic condition justified
1982	Garn–St Germain Depository Institutions Act	Expanded thrift authority in commercial lending, consumer lending, and other investments
1982	Additional FHLBB capital reductions	Reduced the general thrift capital requirement to approximately 3%
1982	Alternative mortgage regulations	Expanded authorization for adjustable-rate and other nontraditional mortgage structures
1982	Federal thrift lending changes	Relaxed certain loan-to-value restrictions
1982–1984	State thrift deregulation	Some states, notably California and Texas, expanded permissible thrift investments and lending activities
1983	Deposit-rate ceiling phaseout continued	Banks and thrifts increasingly competed through market-rate deposits
1984	Money-market deposit account competition	Institutions had broader opportunities to attract deposits with market-sensitive rates
1986	Deposit interest-rate ceiling phaseout completed	Most Regulation Q deposit-rate ceilings ended
1987	Competitive Equality Banking Act	Addressed financial-sector restructuring and provided limited thrift insurance recapitalization
1994	Riegle–Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act	Permitted expanded interstate bank acquisitions and, beginning in 1997, interstate branching
1996	Federal Reserve Section 20 revenue-limit change	Expanded permissible securities activity by certain bank holding company affiliates
1999	Gramm–Leach–Bliley Act	Removed major restrictions on affiliations among commercial banks, securities firms, and insurance companies

Not all these changes weakened safeguards. Some expanded competition while retaining supervisory requirements. Others specifically reduced capital protection or broadened the assets thrifts could hold.

The 1999 law also came too late to explain the failures of 1985–1989.

2. Why was the insurance system made responsible?

This is one of the most consequential parts of the crisis.

The FSLIC was not an ordinary private insurance company. It was a federally established deposit insurer created in 1934 to protect savings-and-loan depositors.

The FDIC insured commercial bank deposits; the FSLIC insured federally insured thrift deposits.

Insurance coverage was intended to protect depositors and prevent destabilizing bank runs—not to guarantee profits to bank owners.

In 1980, Congress increased the insurance limit from $40,000 to $100,000 per depositor at an insured institution.

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This created a dangerous combination:

- Depositors could place substantial funds in federally insured accounts.
- Troubled thrifts could offer high interest rates to attract those funds.
- Some thrift managers invested the money in speculative real estate or other risky assets.
- If those investments failed, deposit insurance protected eligible depositors while shareholders generally lost their investment.

The insurance fund collected premiums, but the system was not adequately priced or funded for the scale of losses that developed.

In effect, the government had allowed some institutions to increase their risks without requiring them to bear the full potential costs of failure.

The FDIC's own historical assessment describes the crisis as a major public-policy failure, citing deregulation and regulatory forbearance that exposed taxpayers to losses while allowing private owners and managers to benefit from potential profits.

Chapter 4

3. What happened to the FSLIC?

1934

FSLIC established

Early 1980s

Industry insolvencies accelerate

1986–1988

Insurance fund overwhelmed

August 9, 1989

FSLIC abolished by federal law

1989–1995

RTC resolves failed thrifts

President George H. W. Bush signed the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) in August 1989.

The legislation:

1. Abolished the insolvent FSLIC.
2. Abolished the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.
3. Created the Office of Thrift Supervision.
4. Transferred thrift deposit-insurance responsibilities to the FDIC.
5. Established the Resolution Trust Corporation to manage and dispose of assets from failed thrifts.

The RTC eventually resolved 747 failed savings-and-loan institutions holding more than $407 billion in assets. It closed at the end of 1995.

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Those assets included loans, securities, real estate and other institutional property. The $407 billion figure is not a count of cash or valuables recovered from bank vaults.

4. Why were banks supposedly needing recovery when businesses were making money?

Because a profitable city economy and a solvent banking institution are not the same thing.

A bank can fail in a prosperous city if it has accumulated enough losses, borrowed at excessive rates, or concentrated its lending in failing investments.

Consider an illustrative New York bank:

Balance-sheet item	Amount
Loans and investments	$1 billion
Deposits and other liabilities	$950 million
Shareholder capital	$50 million
Loss on commercial property loans	−$100 million
Remaining shareholder equity	−$50 million

Even if businesses on nearby streets are generating substantial profits, this particular bank is insolvent.

The FDIC documents an example from 1980: First Pennsylvania Bank, then among the country's largest banks, experienced severe difficulties because it held long-term, low-yield securities while its funding costs rose, alongside significant problem loans.

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During the 1980s, many banks outside New York were especially exposed to collapsing oil prices, agricultural losses and commercial real estate downturns.

The FDIC reports 1,618 commercial bank failures between 1980 and 1994, during a series of regional economic downturns.

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That was not a simultaneous collapse of every bank or of the entire U.S. economy.

5. How could financial markets destabilize an economy with enormous natural resources?

Because a country's physical resources and its financial payment system perform different functions.

A country can possess productive farmland, energy reserves, factories, minerals and valuable real estate while simultaneously experiencing a financial crisis.

For example, a farmer may own valuable land but still be unable to operate if a bank suddenly withdraws working-capital credit. A manufacturer may own machinery but fail to meet payroll if its customers cannot obtain financing.

Financial crises can spread through four mechanisms:

1. Credit contraction: Banks stop making loans or demand repayment.
2. Liquidity shortages: Businesses cannot obtain cash when obligations become due.
3. Asset-price declines: Falling collateral values force further loan losses.
4. Loss of confidence: Depositors and investors withdraw funds, increasing pressure on otherwise viable institutions.

This is why a banking system can transmit financial problems across an economy even when the country's underlying natural resources remain intact.

However, the Great Depression of the 1930s and the banking crisis of the 1980s are different historical events. Neither can be explained solely by the actions of a small mercantile exchange.

The 1980s crisis involved monetary policy, inflation, interest-rate mismatches, regional recessions, commercial lending losses, and failures of financial supervision.

6. Who decided that banks should be allowed to take risks?

Banks have always taken financial risks. Lending itself involves the possibility that a borrower will not repay.

The historical issue was not whether banks should take any risk, but how much risk they could take with insured deposits, how much shareholder capital they had to maintain, and how effectively regulators enforced those limits.

The decisions were divided among:

- Congress: Set statutory lending powers, insurance rules and regulatory structures.
- Presidents: Signed or vetoed legislation and appointed regulatory leadership.
- Federal Reserve: Conducted monetary policy and supervised specified banking institutions.
- OCC: Supervised national banks.
- FHLBB: Supervised federally chartered thrifts during the crisis.
- State regulators: Supervised state-chartered institutions under applicable state laws.
- Bank directors and executives: Made the actual lending and investment decisions.

It would therefore be inaccurate to attribute the entire crisis to the Federal Reserve alone.

There is also an important distinction between the Federal Reserve's interest-rate policies—which contributed to financial pressures—and the FHLBB's decisions to weaken thrift capital standards and tolerate insolvent institutions.

7. What the government's own investigation concluded

The FDIC's History of the Eighties, published in 1997, is particularly significant because it examines the government's own regulatory failures.

It concludes that the savings-and-loan crisis reflected a major public-policy failure and that earlier intervention could have reduced the eventual cost.

Chapter 4

That is a documented institutional finding, not merely a criticism made after the fact by outside commentators.

The records worth investigating next

FDIC — The Savings and Loan Crisis and Its Relationship to Banking

Government analysis of regulatory decisions, failures and costs.

Federal Reserve — The 1980 Deregulation Act

Detailed explanation of the original legislative changes.

FDIC — Chronology of the 1980s Banking Crisis

Dated bank failures, emergency assistance and regulatory actions.

For the New York City investigation, the most useful next step is to identify which New York commercial banks and trust companies actually failed, which remained profitable, which received emergency assistance, and which were acquired between 1980 and 1999.

That would also let us examine their executives, regulatory authorities, institutional assets and the documented disposition of their historic vaults without confusing the nationwide thrift crisis with the specific financial history of New York City.

Cocaine! They were too fucking high on cocaine for too fucking many days on end each and every one of em.

Cocaine use was documented in parts of Wall Street's financial culture during the 1980s. However, there is no evidence that all bank executives used cocaine or that drug use was the principal cause of the banking crisis.

The documented causes include reckless lending, speculative investments, inadequate capital, regulatory failures, and, in some institutions, fraud.

An investigation of cocaine use, financial misconduct, and criminal prosecutions involving Wall Street and banking executives from 1980–1999 would be a separate, worthwhile part of the historical record.

So your probably correct not to accuse any of them of cocaine use ... yet. ... also not just city chat but countrywide. That's a little broader then nyc economy. I said nyc and countrywide so thats different metrics

The investigation should cover both New York City and the entire United States, using separate economic measurements.

Area	Investigation
New York City	Commercial banks, trust companies, Wall Street firms, bank failures, mergers, and vault closures
Nationwide	Federal and state banking deregulation, bank and thrift failures, regional economic conditions, and insurance-fund losses
Federal oversight	Congress, Federal Reserve, OCC, FHLBB, FSLIC, FDIC, and RTC decisions
Financial misconduct	Documented fraud, insider transactions, criminal prosecutions, and substantiated drug-related cases
Physical assets	Gold, silver, securities, safe-deposit property, and transfers of custody

Time frame: 1970–1999, with earlier banking legislation included where necessary.

We should also distinguish New York City's economic performance from national economic conditions. A profitable Wall Street firm, a solvent New York bank, and a failing thrift in Texas represent three different financial situations.

Regarding cocaine, we can investigate documented evidence without making unsupported accusations against individuals.

The central question remains: Who authorized the changes to banking safeguards, what financial consequences followed, and who ultimately received or controlled the assets of failed institutions?

Ok so back to the topic.Returning to the nationwide U.S. banking investigation, 1970–1999, with New York City examined separately.
The central issue is how banking safeguards were weakened, who authorized the changes, and how the resulting failures affected deposit insurance, bank ownership, and stored assets.

The next subject is the 1980 and 1982 deregulation laws, particularly the removal of lending restrictions, reductions in capital requirements, and the decisions that allowed insolvent institutions to remain open.

Who passed these bills laws rules regs etc? Who were the people involved. Please give me an ordered lust of all the people involved in each of these mentioned or referred too or about.not just the principal but the other parties involved make a elaborate summary of the first one in list then we will continue on each seperately through the rest of the listU.S. Banking Deregulation, 1970–1999

Historical investigation: lawmakers, regulators, bankers and financial institutions

We'll organize this as a chronological investigation, covering the individuals responsible for proposing, sponsoring, amending, approving, implementing, supervising and opposing each major change.

Each investigation will distinguish between legislative responsibility, regulatory authority, industry influence and actual financial misconduct. Participation in legislation or financial regulation does not, by itself, establish wrongdoing.

Master investigation index

No.	Year	Legislation, regulation or event
1	1970	Bank Holding Company Act Amendments
2	1978	Marquette National Bank v. First of Omaha
3	1980	Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act
4	1980	Federal Home Loan Bank Board capital reductions
5	1981–1982	Regulatory accounting changes for thrifts

6	1982	Garn–St Germain Depository Institutions Act
7	1982	Further FHLBB capital reductions
8	1982	Alternative mortgage regulations
9	1982	Relaxation of thrift loan-to-value restrictions
10	1982–1984	State thrift deregulation, including California and Texas
11	1983–1986	Removal of deposit interest-rate ceilings
12	1987	Competitive Equality Banking Act
13	1989	FIRREA, abolition of FSLIC and creation of RTC
14	1991	FDIC Improvement Act and prompt corrective action
15	1994	Riegle–Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act
16	1996	Federal Reserve Section 20 securities revenue-limit change
17	1999	Gramm–Leach–Bliley Act

The 1989 and 1991 laws were principally corrective reforms, but they belong in the investigation because they identify how Congress responded to earlier regulatory failures.

We'll begin with No. 1 and preserve this numbering for the remaining investigations.

Investigation 01 — Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970

Public Law 91-607 · H.R. 6778 · 91st Congress

Signed December 31, 1970

President Richard Nixon

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A. Why was this legislation introduced?

In 1956, Congress regulated companies controlling multiple banks, but companies controlling only one bank remained largely outside the Bank Holding Company Act.

During the 1960s, major banking organizations increasingly used one-bank holding-company structures. These corporate arrangements could allow banks to operate alongside other financial or commercial businesses.

Congress was concerned about concentrations of economic power, conflicts of interest, and companies using banking relationships to gain advantages in unrelated businesses.

The 1970 amendments therefore expanded federal oversight of one-bank holding companies.

This is an important correction to the broader deregulation chronology: the 1970 law was primarily an expansion of regulation, not a general removal of banking safeguards. Nevertheless, it also authorized certain nonbank activities subject to Federal Reserve approval.

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B. The people involved

The following list distinguishes the principal officeholders, legislative participants, and regulatory authorities. It is not yet a complete roll of every member of Congress who voted or testified.

#	Individual	Position in 1970	Connection
1	Richard Nixon	U.S. President	Signed Public Law 91-607
2	Wright Patman	Chairman, House Banking and Currency Committee	Principal House banking committee leader
3	John Sparkman	Chairman, Senate Banking and Currency Committee	Led the Senate committee responsible for reviewing the legislation
4	William Proxmire	U.S. Senator, Wisconsin	Introduced a competing Senate proposal
5	Edward Brooke	U.S. Senator, Massachusetts	Introduced another Senate proposal
6	Wallace F. Bennett	U.S. Senator, Utah	Introduced an administration-backed proposal
7	Arthur F. Burns	Chairman, Federal Reserve Board	Provided influential testimony on the proposed regulatory structure
8	William McChesney Martin Jr.	Federal Reserve Chairman until January 1970	Led the Federal Reserve during the preceding debate over one-bank holding companies
9	David M. Kennedy	Secretary of the Treasury	Headed the Treasury Department during the legislation's consideration
10	John N. Mitchell	U.S. Attorney General	Headed the Justice Department, which participated in the legislative review

11	William B. Camp	Comptroller of the Currency	Led the national-bank supervisory agency involved in the regulatory framework
12	Frank Wille	FDIC Chairman	Led the federal bank deposit insurer during the legislation's consideration

The September 1970 Congressional Record explicitly identifies the competing proposals from Bennett, Proxmire and Brooke, and the important influence of Federal Reserve Chairman Burns. It also identifies the Treasury, Justice, OCC and FDIC as participating agencies.

SENATE

Important distinction: The table establishes roles and institutional involvement. It does not mean every named person supported every provision, personally drafted the final text, or voted on the legislation.

C. The legislative process

1. February 17, 1969 — Introduction

   H.R. 6778 was introduced to extend holding-company regulation to organizations controlling only one bank.

2. November 4–5, 1969 — House consideration

   After amendments, the House passed the bill by 351 votes to 24, with 12 voting present.

3. May 12–27, 1970 — Senate hearings

   The Senate Banking and Currency Committee examined the House bill and alternative proposals.

4. August 10, 1970 — Senate committee report

   Senate Report 91-1084 presented the committee's version, including supplementary and individual views.

5. September 16, 1970 — Senate approval

   The Senate passed an amended version, creating differences requiring a House–Senate conference.

6. December 9–18, 1970 — Final agreement

   Conferees reached agreement. The House approved the conference report 365–4, with seven voting present; the Senate approved it by voice vote.

7. December 31, 1970 — Enactment

   President Nixon signed the legislation into law.

Congressional legislative history.
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D. What powers did the legislation actually change?

Provision	Effect
One-bank holding companies	Brought them under federal regulation
Corporate control	Allowed regulators to identify control through influence, not solely a 25% ownership threshold
Nonbank activities	Allowed qualifying activities closely related to banking, subject to Federal Reserve approval
Public-benefits test	Required consideration of competition, efficiency, conflicts of interest and unsound banking practices
Existing nonbank interests	Provided certain exemptions and transitional arrangements
Foreign banking	Established exceptions and supervisory treatment for certain international activities
Anti-tying protections	Restricted certain practices that conditioned banking services on unrelated business arrangements

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The particularly significant provision

Section 4(c)(8) permitted the Federal Reserve to approve nonbank activities considered closely related to banking.

The Board was instructed to weigh potential public benefits against adverse effects, including concentration of resources, unfair competition, conflicts of interest and unsound banking practices.

This gave the Federal Reserve substantial administrative discretion, although it was not unrestricted permission for banks to engage in speculative investments.

That distinction matters for the later investigation: the legal foundation for expanding certain bank-affiliate activities existed before the more extensive deregulatory changes of the 1980s.

E. Additional congressional participants identified

The legislative record identifies further participants beyond the principal committee leaders.

#	Person	Involvement
13	William A. Barrett	Pennsylvania representative and House conference manager
14	Leonor K. Sullivan	Missouri representative and House conference manager

15	Henry S. Reuss	Wisconsin representative and House conference manager
16	Ben F. Bevill	Alabama representative who proposed amendments concerning holding-company insurance activities
17	John Tower	Texas senator involved in Senate committee deliberations
18	Harrison A. Williams Jr.	New Jersey senator involved in committee negotiations
19	Edmund Muskie	Maine senator involved in debate over exemptions and restrictions
20	William B. Widnall	New Jersey representative who addressed the interpretation of the final legislation
21	Florence P. Dwyer	New Jersey representative who participated in the final legislative debate

The contemporary Congressional Record and subsequent judicial opinions document these participants and disagreements.

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F. What did the participants disagree about?

The principal dispute concerned how far banking companies should be permitted to expand into other businesses.

Wright Patman and several House colleagues sought stronger restrictions to prevent bank holding companies from concentrating commercial and financial power.

Wallace Bennett and other Senate participants supported greater flexibility in determining which activities could be considered related to banking.

Arthur Burns and the Federal Reserve supported a framework in which the Board could evaluate proposed nonbank activities individually.

The compromise retained the requirement that approved activities be closely related to banking, while removing some restrictive language.

The disagreement was substantial enough that courts later examined the legislative history to interpret Congress's intentions.

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G. What happened after passage?

The Federal Reserve was responsible for implementing the holding-company provisions, principally through Regulation Y.

A significant later finding came from the Government Accountability Office.

In March 1980, the GAO published a report titled The Federal Reserve Should Assure Compliance With the 1970 Bank Holding Company Act Amendments.

It examined whether the Federal Reserve had adequately supervised compliance with the law's requirements concerning nonbanking activities and divestitures.

This provides a direct documentary connection between the 1970 legislation and the regulatory environment entering the 1980s.

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H. Primary documents for Investigation 01

Public Law 91-607 — Original enacted statute

Original statutory language, December 31, 1970.

Senate Report 91-1084

Committee analysis, supplementary views and individual positions.

House Conference Report 91-1747

Final legislative compromise and explanation of disputed provisions.

GAO investigation of Federal Reserve compliance (1980)

Examination of implementation and supervisory responsibility.

1970 Senate hearings — 1,416 pages

Witness testimony, agency submissions, industry statements and the hearing index.

Investigation 01 — Findings and remaining records

The historical record establishes that Wright Patman introduced H.R. 6778 on February 17, 1969. It also establishes that the Nixon administration presented alternative proposals and that Congress negotiated competing approaches to banking-company expansion.

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The legislation expanded supervision while leaving room for approved nonbank activities. It did not directly authorize the speculative thrift lending that later characterized the 1980s crisis.

Twenty-one identifiable participants are listed above, but this is not an exhaustive personnel register. The remaining archival work for this first investigation includes the complete committee membership, all recorded individual votes, the conference delegation, the hearing witness roster, executive-agency contributors and named banking-industry representatives. Those should not be inferred merely from institutional affiliations.

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