

The Impact of Government Policy and Regulation on the Financial-Services Industry

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 - D. Establishment of a network to clear and collect checks
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- D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking Act.
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- A. Establish a network to clear and collect checks
- B. Control of the money supply
- C. Prevent banks from realizing monopoly powers
- D. Ensure that customers are aware of their rights and responsibilities under a loan agreement
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60. Which of the following is an unresolved issue in the new century?
- A. What should be done about the regulatory safety net set up to protect small depositors?
 - B. If financial institutions are allowed to take on more risk, how can taxpayers be protected from paying the bill when more institutions fail?
 - C. Does functional regulation actually work?
 - D. Should regulators allow the mixing of banking and commerce?
 - E. All of these are unresolved issues
61. The law that made bank and nonbank depository institutions more alike in the services they could offer and allowed banks and thrifts to more fully compete with other financial institutions is:
- A. the National Banking Act.
 - B. the Federal Reserve Act.
 - C. the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act.
 - D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act.
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63. The equivalent of the Federal Reserve System in Europe is known as the:
- A. European Union.
 - B. Bank of London.
 - C. European Council.
 - D. European Central Bank.
 - E. Swiss Bank Corporation.
64. As per the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, one of the ways through which a banking-insurance-securities affiliation can take place is through:
- A. a financial holding company.
 - B. the state insurance commissions.
 - C. the European Central Bank.
 - D. a financial service corporation.
 - E. a financial modernization organization.
65. The act which requires financial institutions to share information about customer identities with government agencies is:
- A. the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
 - B. the National Banking Act.
 - C. the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act.
 - D. the USA Patriot Act.
 - E. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

66. The 1977 act that prevents banks from "redlining" certain neighborhoods, refusing to serve those areas is:
- A. the National Banking Act.
 - B. the Garn-St. Germain Act.
 - C. the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act.
 - D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act.
 - E. the Community Reinvestment Act.
67. Common minimum capital requirements on banks in leading industrialized nations that are based on the riskiness of their assets is imposed by:
- A. the National Banking Act.
 - B. the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act.
 - C. the International Banking Act.
 - D. the Basel Agreement.
 - E. None of the options are correct.
68. The fastest growing financial crime in the U.S. is:
- A. financial statement misrepresentation.
 - B. bank robberies.
 - C. individual privacy violations.
 - D. credit card fraud.
 - E. identity theft.

69. The oldest federal bank agency is the:

- A. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.
- B. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- C. Federal Reserve System.
- D. state banking commission.
- E. state insurance commission.

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- B. Competitive Equality Banking Act
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- B. keeping unemployment low.
- C. ensuring price stability.
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81. Which of the following has become the principal tool of central bank monetary policy today?

- A. Open market operations
- B. Functional regulation
- C. Umbrella supervision and regulation
- D. Margin requirement
- E. None of the options are correct.

82. The Federal Reserve buys Treasury Bills in the open market. This will tend to:

- A. decrease the price of treasury bills.
- B. increase the available for use funds with banks and dealers involved in the transaction.
- C. cause reserves held at the Federal Reserve to decrease.
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- B. a temporary increase of FDIC deposit insurance to \$250,000 for all deposits.
- C. injections of capital by the government into banks and other qualified lenders.
- D. a closer surveillance of the mortgage market participants, such as brokers and lenders.
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 - C.** Chartering new banks and examining existing ones
 - D. Establishment of a network to clear and collect checks
 - E. Preventing banks from realizing monopoly powers
56. Of the principal reasons for regulating banks, what was the primary purpose of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913?
- A. Establishment of a network to clear and collect checks
 - B.** Control of the money supply
 - C. Preventing banks from realizing monopoly powers
 - D. Ensuring an adequate and fair supply of loans
 - E. None of the options are correct.

57. The law which lifted government deposit interest ceilings in favor of competitive interest rates is:
- A. the National Bank Act.
 - B. the Glass-Steagall Act.
 - C. the Bank Merger Act.
 - D. the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act.
 - E. None of the options are correct.
58. The law that allows banks to affiliate with insurance companies and securities firms to form financial services conglomerates is:
- A. the National Bank Act.
 - B. the Glass-Steagall Act.
 - C. the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act.
 - D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking Act.
 - E. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Financial Services Modernization Act).
59. Of the principal reasons for regulating banks, what was the primary purpose of the Consumer Credit Protection Act?
- A. Establish a network to clear and collect checks
 - B. Control of the money supply
 - C. Prevent banks from realizing monopoly powers
 - D. Ensure that customers are aware of their rights and responsibilities under a loan agreement
 - E. None of the options are correct.

60. Which of the following is an unresolved issue in the new century?
- A. What should be done about the regulatory safety net set up to protect small depositors?
 - B. If financial institutions are allowed to take on more risk, how can taxpayers be protected from paying the bill when more institutions fail?
 - C. Does functional regulation actually work?
 - D. Should regulators allow the mixing of banking and commerce?
 - E. All of these are unresolved issues
61. The law that made bank and nonbank depository institutions more alike in the services they could offer and allowed banks and thrifts to more fully compete with other financial institutions is:
- A. the National Banking Act.
 - B. the Federal Reserve Act.
 - C. the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act.
 - D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act.
 - E. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Financial Services Modernization Act).
62. The act that allowed bank holding companies to acquire nonbank depository institutions and convert them to branches is:
- A. the National Banking Act.
 - B. the Garn-St Germain Act.
 - C. the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act.
 - D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act.
 - E. None of the options are correct.

63. The equivalent of the Federal Reserve System in Europe is known as the:
- A. European Union.
 - B. Bank of London.
 - C. European Council.
 - D. European Central Bank.
 - E. Swiss Bank Corporation.
64. As per the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, one of the ways through which a banking-insurance-securities affiliation can take place is through:
- A. a financial holding company.
 - B. the state insurance commissions.
 - C. the European Central Bank.
 - D. a financial service corporation.
 - E. a financial modernization organization.
65. The act which requires financial institutions to share information about customer identities with government agencies is:
- A. the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
 - B. the National Banking Act.
 - C. the Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act.
 - D. the USA Patriot Act.
 - E. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

66. The 1977 act that prevents banks from "redlining" certain neighborhoods, refusing to serve those areas is:

- A. the National Banking Act.
- B. the Garn-St. Germain Act.
- C. the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act.
- D. the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act.
- E. the Community Reinvestment Act.

67. Common minimum capital requirements on banks in leading industrialized nations that are based on the riskiness of their assets is imposed by:

- A. the National Banking Act.
- B. the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act.
- C. the International Banking Act.
- D. the Basel Agreement.
- E. None of the options are correct.

68. The fastest growing financial crime in the U.S. is:

- A. financial statement misrepresentation.
- B. bank robberies.
- C. individual privacy violations.
- D. credit card fraud.
- E. identity theft.

69. The oldest federal bank agency is the:
- A. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.
 - B. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
 - C. Federal Reserve System.
 - D. state banking commission.
 - E. state insurance commission.
70. The federal agency that regulates the most banks is the:
- A. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.
 - B. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
 - C. Federal Reserve System.
 - D. state banking commission.
 - E. state insurance commission.
71. Which federal banking act requires that financial service providers establish the identity of customers opening new accounts?
- A. the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
 - B. the USA Patriot Act
 - C. the Check 21 Act
 - D. the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act
 - E. the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act

72. Which federal banking act prohibits publishing false or misleading information about the financial performance of a public company and requires top corporate officers to vouch for the accuracy of their company's financial statements?

- A. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- B. The USA Patriot Act
- C. The Check 21 Act
- D. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act
- E. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act

73. Which federal banking act reduces the need for banks to transport paper checks across the country?

- A. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- B. The USA Patriot Act
- C. The Check 21 Act
- D. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act
- E. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act

74. Which federal banking act forces more individuals to repay at least part of what they owe and will push higher-income borrowers into more costly forms of bankruptcy?

- A. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- B. The USA Patriot Act
- C. The Check 21 Act
- D. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act
- E. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act

75. Which federal banking act requires the Federal Trade Commission to make it easier for victims of identity theft to file theft reports and requires credit bureaus to help victims resolve the problem?
- A. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
 - B. The USA Patriot Act
 - C. The Check 21 Act
 - D. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act
 - E. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act
76. The _____ allows adequately capitalized bank holding companies to acquire banks in any state.
- A. Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act
 - B. Competitive Equality Banking Act
 - C. Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act
 - D. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act
 - E. Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act

77. One of the earliest theories regarding the impact of regulation on banks was developed by George Stigler. He contends that:
- A. firms in regulated industries actually seek out regulations because they bring monopolistic rents.
 - B. regulations shelter firms from changes in demand and cost, lowering its risk.
 - C. regulations can increase consumer confidence which increases customer loyalty to regulated firms.
 - D. depository institutions should be regulated no differently than any other corporation with no subsidies or special privileges.
 - E. None of the options are correct.
78. Samuel Peltzman had a different view to George Stigler on the impact of regulation on banks. He contends that:
- A. firms in regulated industries actually seek out regulations because they bring monopolistic rents.
 - B. regulations shelter firms from changes in demand and cost, lowering its risk.
 - C. regulations can increase consumer confidence which increases customer loyalty to regulated firms.
 - D. depository institutions should be regulated no differently than any other corporation with no subsidies or special privileges.
 - E. None of the options are correct.

79. There is an important debate raging today regarding whether banks should be regulated at all. George Benston contends that:
- A. firms in regulated industries actually seek out regulations because they bring monopolistic rents.
 - B. regulations shelter firms from changes in demand and cost, lowering its risk.
 - C. regulations can increase consumer confidence which increases customer loyalty to regulated firms.
 - D. depository institutions should be regulated no differently than any other corporation with no subsidies or special privileges.
 - E. None of the above options are correct.
80. The European Central Bank has the main goal of:
- A. ensuring that commercial and investment banks are separated.
 - B. keeping unemployment low.
 - C. ensuring price stability.
 - D. ensuring an adequate and fair supply of loans.
 - E. All of the above options are correct.
81. Which of the following has become the principal tool of central bank monetary policy today?
- A. Open market operations
 - B. Functional regulation
 - C. Umbrella supervision and regulation
 - D. Margin requirement
 - E. None of the options are correct.

82. The Federal Reserve buys Treasury Bills in the open market. This will tend to:
- A. decrease the price of treasury bills.
 - B.** increase the available for use funds with banks and dealers involved in the transaction.
 - C. cause reserves held at the Federal Reserve to decrease.
 - D. cause a decrease in the growth of deposits and loans.
 - E. All of the options are correct.
83. Which federal banking act extends deposit insurance coverage on qualified retirement accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and authorizes the FDIC to periodically increase deposit insurance coverage to keep up with inflation?
- A. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
 - B. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
 - C. The Check 21 Act
 - D. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act
 - E.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act
84. The Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006:
- A. adds selected new service powers to depository institutions.
 - B. loosens regulations on depository institutions.
 - C. grants the Federal Reserve authority to pay interest on depository institutions' legal reserves.
 - D.** All of the options are correct.
 - E. None of the options are correct.

85. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act passed in 2008 during the global credit crisis, allowed for:
- A. an emergency sale of "bad assets."
 - B. a temporary increase of FDIC deposit insurance to \$250,000 for all deposits.
 - C. injections of capital by the government into banks and other qualified lenders.
 - D. a closer surveillance of the mortgage market participants, such as brokers and lenders.
 - E. All of the options are correct.
86. As per the National Currency and Bank Acts, the comptroller of currency ensures that every national bank is examined by a team of federal examiners at least:
- A. twice in a year.
 - B. once in 3 months.
 - C. once every 12 to 18 months.
 - D. once every 9 to 12 months.
 - E. once in a month.
87. ____ requires corporations controlling two or more banks to register with the Federal Reserve Board and seek approval for any new business acquisitions.
- A. The Glass-Steagall Act
 - B. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act
 - C. The National Bank Act
 - D. The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act
 - E. The Bank Holding Company Act

88. ____ allows European and foreign banks greater freedom to cross national borders.
- A. The European Monetary Union
 - B. The European Council
 - C. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
 - D. The Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act
 - E. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
89. Which of the following acts created a Financial Stability Oversight Council to dampen systemic risk?
- A. The Dodd-Frank Regulatory Reform Act
 - B. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
 - C. The Garn-St Germain Depository Institutions Act
 - D. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
 - E. The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act
90. Which of the following created the Truth in Savings Act?
- A. The FDIC Improvement Act
 - B. The International Banking Act
 - C. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act
 - D. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
 - E. The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act