Loan Guarantees, Bank Lending and Credit Reallocation

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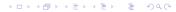
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- My suggestions: additional perspectives to increase impact

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Did guarantees helped weak banks lend? What happened to weakest firms (not eligible)?

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- Non-guaranteed loans could have been issued absent intervention
- Potentially much larger than 10-15 cents

Smaller comments

- Focus on total commitments: What about actual borrowing? In the US draw-downs moved much more than commitments
- Sum stats: report number of banking relationships/main bank share

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