Operational Implications of the FOMC's Principles Statement

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January 2012 Principles Statement

- Statement describes core Committee principles.
- Important: 2 percent inflation target.

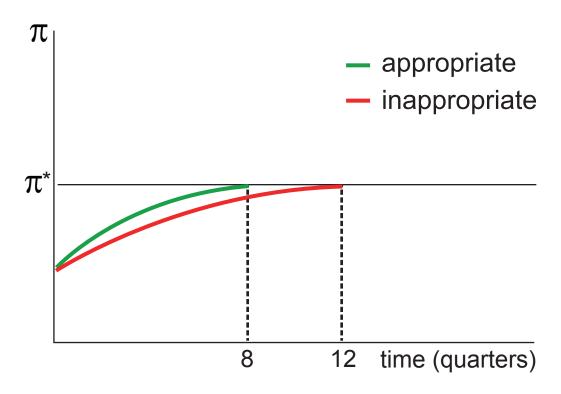
- Reaffirmed in January 2013, with broad FOMC support.
- My talk today: how to operationalize these commonly held FOMC principles.

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Single Mandate Outlook



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