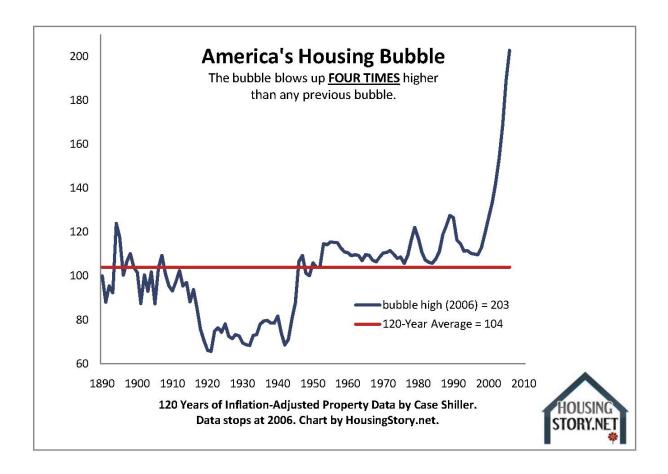
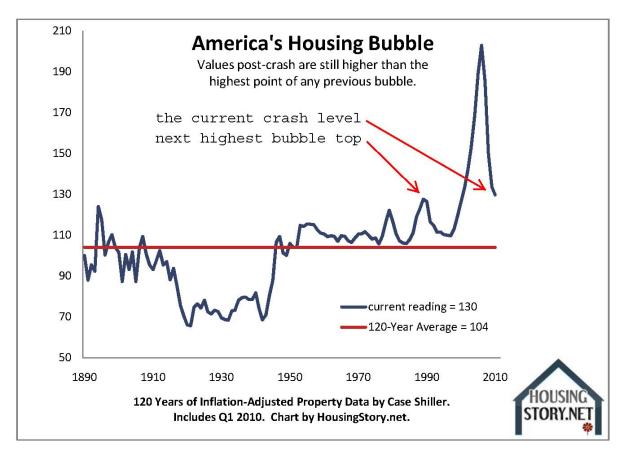
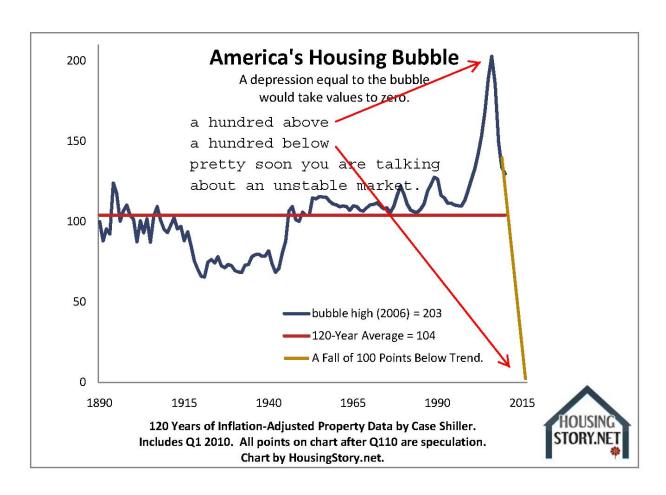
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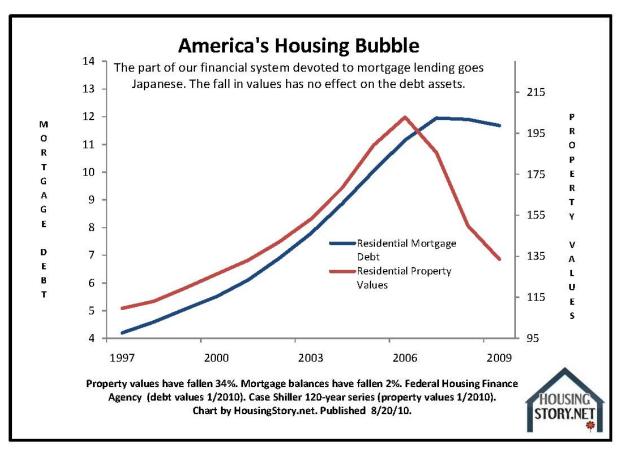
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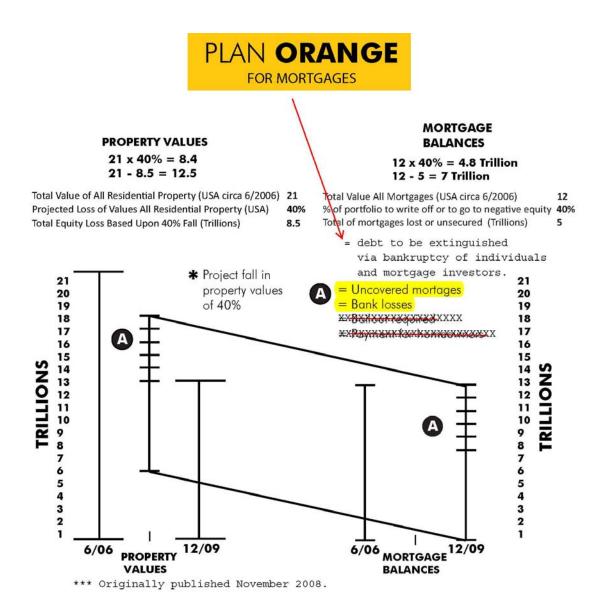
While nobody doubts that a fall of 34% from the peak is a crash, do observers know that values remain higher above trend than the top of any previous bubble?



If the depression falls as hard as the mania exploded up, then values will fall to zero. That might be a time to look at buying.



A \$7 trillion loss of property values suggests a \$4 trillion loss of mortgage values. To date mortgage balances have fallen by \$271 billion. Here's the math: \$4 trillion - \$271 billion = Japanese Zombie.



It's all very simple. Write off \$5 trillion of mortgages and call me in the morning.