Inflation Considerations and the Monetary Policy Response

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Inflation History; Unemployment Scenarios

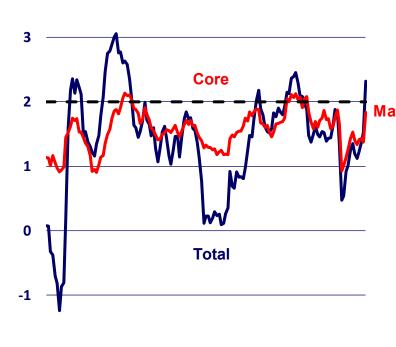
2021

2019

Inflation Below 2% for Long Time

(PCE price indexes; 12-month percent change)

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Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis from Haver Analytics

2015

2017

2013

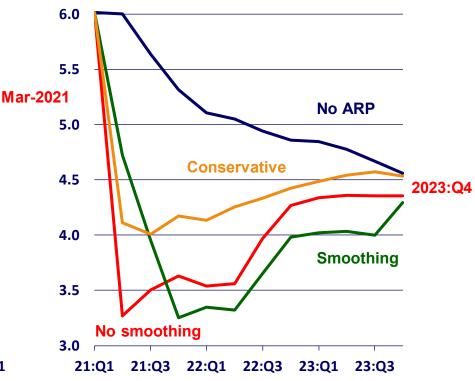
2011

2009

Unemployment Falling Rapidly with American Rescue Plan (ARP)

(unemployment rate in alternative ARP scenarios, percent)

6.5



Source: Francesco Bianchi, Jonas D. M. Fisher, and Leonardo Melosi. Authors' calculations based on data from the Congressional Budget Office, Edelberg and Sheiner (2021). 2 Chicago Fed Letter available at www.chicagofed.org/publications/chicago-fed-letter/2021/453

Inflation Outcomes from Three Models

Smoothed American Rescue Plan Effects Scenario

Phillips Curves: $\pi = f(resource slack, inflation expectations, lagged inflation, supply shocks)$

New Keynesian: short run inflation expectations, no lagged inflation

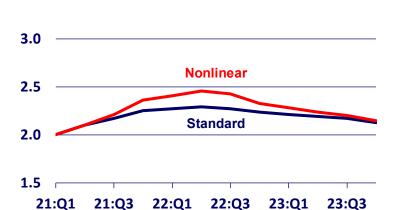
Yellen Model: long run inflation expectations, lagged inflation

Behavioral: adaptive inflation expectations, "speed effects"

Yellen Model

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(percent, annual rate)



New Keynesian (percent, annual rate)

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3.0

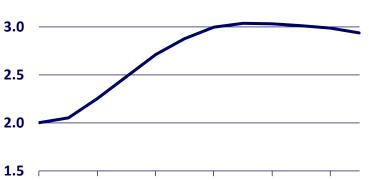


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Behavioral

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