Doesn't it seem silly to put a short term value on the long term long asset unless you have some reason to think the economy and housing prices will not recover I would suggest you value good asset based debt on the value you had when you took out the loan and devalue assets you have a reason to think for some reason they will be short term. Regardless of how you value the assets of a Bank the real concern in my opinion is will the Bank live long enough for the assets to recover the short term loss in value. Therefore we need to be more concerned about the value of an asset as it relates to the health of the loan to which it is attached. It appears there are a lot of loans out there where the customer is still paying on the loan even though the value of the asset at current conditions is less than the loan value and will continue to do so to protect their credit and the with hope it will recover it's value once the recession is over!

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