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Looking Forward 2022: Six Key Events to Watch For

In our last briefing, we looked back at 2021, and benchmarked our predictions with significant success. This week, we look forward at the year ahead. Kevin Freeman reviews the Six Key Events to Watch for in 2022, the Seven Challenges We Will Likely Face, and Five Things We Must Do in Preparation. All of these will directly impact your money, your livelihood, and your way of life. As the New Year begins, it is important to understand and prepare now.



While we expect many positive things ahead, there are some key challenges you will want to consider as you rebalance portfolios and prepare for several scenarios. This should be a good year but that won't always seem obvious. You will want to have the Economic War Room[®] library and our Economic Battle Plans[™] handy throughout this year to navigate what lies ahead.

Your Mission: To be aware of and prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead. Also, to share these with neighbors and friends. If there is turmoil, having a network of support around you is good for everyone.

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1. Six key events to watch out for in 2022. These are major as this will be a year of significance in more ways than one.

#1) The Federal Reserve WILL try to raise interest rates -

They are already signaling a desire to do so. This will be momentous.

"In fact, during my entire professional career spanning almost 40 years after leaving college, rates have been on a downward trajectory." – Kevin Freeman

- Interest rates peaked in 1982 and have been falling ever since as shown in this chart from the Federal Reserve.
- It's important to note that we are now experiencing 1970s levels of inflation, but interest rates are just a fraction of what they were back then.



Think about this. If you have cash, you can loan it to the Federal Government for 10 years and they promise to pay you about 1.5% per year. You will lose every year to inflation.



WARNING: Inflation is running at a recently reported rate of 6.5% and according to John Mauldin the real rate may be over 10%.

- ⇒ That can't continue. Rates will be forced higher, and this will have enormous implications for the economy and your finances.
- → Higher interest rates will be a drag on some corporate earnings. Banks will be among the sectors that benefit, at least at first.

With rising rates all investments will be impacted.



ATTENTION - There are a whole lot of investments that looked smart when you could borrow money at 1.5% that may not look so good if rates move higher.

- » As an example, if you could get 5% on bank deposits, would you be as willing to speculate? Think about some of the "sure deal" nonsense that people have been pitching to you with no hope of ever earning any money.
- » Stock prices will have to be more realistic.
- » No more P/E ratios of 500+!



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#2) The end of the Pandemic and the return to a real economy.

This may be somewhat offset the rising interest rates but hopefully we will be the return to a real economy with the End of the Pandemic.

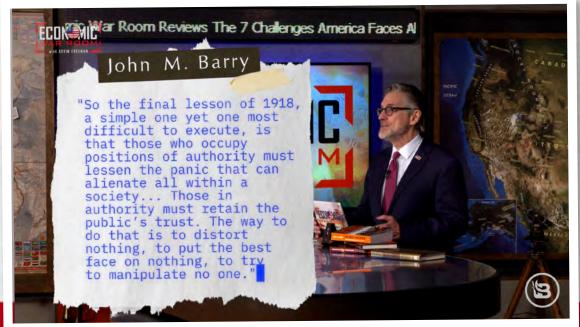
- This is sort of a bold prediction as the Omicron variant seems to be building. Omicron sounds menacing and threatening like a bad Transformers villain called a "Deception." Or maybe Marvel Comics new foe after Thanos.
- » But the reality is that pandemics tend to burn themselves out over time and the people of the World have really had enough at this point.
- » We are seeing protests in Australia, Europe, and even in the United States against the draconian government controls installed over the past year. There is pushback from the people, from the Courts, and from the Medical Community. The momentum is building here. Combined with the cracking of the narrative, we believe this will be unstoppable.

"It does seem likely that this Pandemic will be informally ended this year. It may be over now (except for the shouting)." –Kevin Freeman

Lessons in History - A review of the findings from the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic as recorded in the #1 NY Times Bestseller titled, *The Great Influenza*.

Below are a few passages that seem remarkably instructive but sadly were ignored. Note: "Those in authority must maintain the public trust."

Here is the summation quote at the end of the last chapter:





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CAUTION - Judging by how people are reacting, it appears our government utterly failed regarding that.

It does seem that those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Are masks, lockdowns, and vaccines useful? The book has some interesting insights on the usefulness of masks,

lockdowns, and vaccines. The "Cliff's Notes" version of the 546 pages is as follows:



Masks, lockdowns, and vaccines didn't work very well in 1918 and the author saw them as a failed strategy.

- » Ultimately, it was natural immunity that beat the Spanish Flu and that may be the only answer this time as well.
- » Keep in mind that the 1918 pandemic killed up to 50 million people and, compared to the world population at the time, was far worse than Covid will ever be. And yet, we failed to learn from history.

#3) With the election, the country will move back to the Right.

We expect that the Congress will return to Republican hands even as state legislatures and state governors increasingly turn "Red," as in "Republican Red."

- We expect the push for election integrity to intensify as well. The Republicans have all the momentum at this point. With Biden, Harris, Pelosi, and Schumer as the heads of the Democrat Party, not to mention Cuomo, Whitmer, and Newsome, it seems unlikely that the Democrats will have the energy to stop that momentum.
 - ⇒ As the pandemic winds down, look for efforts to reign in mail-in voting and nursing home ballot harvesting. Plus, the tricks of Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg in funding Democrat strongholds will be challenged.
- The effort begins now to clean voter rolls as well. This will be a major thing in 2022.



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#4) We expect some very Liberty-Centric Supreme Court rulings this year.

Some very interesting cases are winding through, and the Court has clearly moved to the Right in some areas over the past few years.

If the Conservative Justices stay healthy, we could see some important checks and balances return to our government.



This will have its own pushback, as we will explain in the challenges ahead later in this briefing. But for now, let's just enjoy the fact that the Court will likely step in to stop Biden's overreach.

#5) WOKE companies will begin to feel the pushback.

We expect a serious pushback by both states and the people against Woke corporations.

- There's already a strong effort started with <u>StopCorporateTyranny.org</u>, a wonderful coalition that we support.
- This group has been successful at raising awareness. When the people wake up about WOKE, they get mad. No one wants their snack food company funding Critical Race Theory. So, people are starting to speak up with both their voice and their wallets.
- » In addition, multiple states have made it known that they will not work with banks that are trying to punish the traditional energy industry.

This is huge! Here is a headline from The Federalist:

15 States Threaten To Pull \$600 Billion From Banks That Won't Give Equal Service To Energy Industry

https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/30/15-states-threaten-to-pull-600-billion-from-banks-that-wont-give-equal-service-to-energy-industry/



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#6) States will take back their Constitutional Authority.

This banking example above is just the start of States taking back their Constitutional authority.

- The 10th Amendment to the Constitution is plain in its language:
 "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
- With the massive power grab of the Feds, it seemed as if states were becoming less relevant. That's about to change back this year. Not only have the states become more assertive, so have the people.

"We expect the Courts to back them up. This will be powerful for Liberty in the New Year. It offers a New Hope, so to speak. As any Star Wars fan knows, however, A New Hope is followed by The Empire Strikes Back."—Kevin Freeman

- 2. Be Prepared The seven major challenges we will have to face as the other side strikes back.
 - **#1) We can expect the Evil Empire to Push Back Hard**. If the Courts rule for Liberty, expect the far left to push for Court Packing.

We covered this in Episode 163. Basically, when the left doesn't get its way, they want to add Supreme Court Justices who will agree with their view.

- » Because most people expect Republicans to take control of the Congress in the next election, the Democrats feel pressured to take action now. They will want to push through as much as possible as quickly as possible. That may require Court Packing. It also may require ending the Filibuster Rule in the Senate.
- We may see a push to draft soldiers, women, into a new "woke" military.
- These are power moves and if executed, they will never be willing to give up power for fear that these weapons will be turned against them. But desperate people use desperate means.
- » We may see some extreme political efforts this year.





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- There will be draconian laws and mandates to fight.
- We may see electoral changes attempting to benefit progressives.
- And we will no doubt see further tax hikes with attempts to provide major wealth transfers.
- That's why we have to be watchful this year. There will be incredible political pushback.

#2) The number two challenge we will face will be the fallout from the Pandemic.

We haven't really felt the pain from the serious dislocation caused by lockdowns.

- We have seen some inflation and Supply Chain issues. But the pain of unemployment hasn't really hit, mostly because there was so much stimulus pumped into the economy.
- Now keep in mind that one of our 6 Major Events expected for the New Year is the withdrawal of monetary stimulus accompanied by higher interest rates from the Federal Reserve.

"This is where it will start to be felt. Think of it like going off the pain meds and into physical therapy after a bad accident. It's not much fun."—Kevin Freeman

We will be challenged by facing the dislocations of Covid without big government checks. Or, if they keep giving government checks, we will be challenged with even higher inflation. This is a simple economic fact.

#3) A Stock Market sugar high will create a difficult landscape.

"I'm not saying it will crash, but choppy and challenging are likely what we have in our future."—Kevin Freeman

- » Just like the economy, the stock market has enjoyed a serious sugar high.
- » People felt good when the stock market rebounded so strongly in the midst of a panic. Unfortunately, this was pulling forward a lot of the normal gains. Now those gains have to be worked through and paid for. That should start in 2022.
- » Expect a difficult investment landscape.





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#4) Budget woes and a serious challenge to the US dollar.

When people realize that our Federal Government is already \$30 trillion in debt it will be a shock.



WARNING: When people realize that interest rates are rising, and that debt could soon cost three or four times as much in interest as we are paying now, there will be panic.

» A 6% interest rate on our debt will soon be almost \$2 trillion per year in interest expense.

To put that in context, that means that interest costs alone will soak up half our annual tax revenues. And then the spiral will begin because we will have to borrow an extra \$2 trillion.

Having such low interest rates has hidden just how bad our total debt really is. We are already spending about \$2 trillion more per year than we take in. Add an extra \$2 trillion in interest and things go downhill fast. Interest rates go up more and then pain is even worse.



"This will be a challenge this year. If we don't face it now, things will get even worse next year and far worse the next. It's not impossible, but it will be challenging." –Kevin Freeman

#5) The government in power will be tempted to ramp up rather than reduce the stimulus.

- With the upcoming election, the Biden team will likely try to send additional checks to every family. You can call it vote buying because that's what it will be.
 - "The challenge part will be to push back. As long as people are getting checks to stay home, the economy will be dislocated, and the debt will be rising. America needs an intervention, and it will be up to us to do it."—Kevin Freeman
- This will require massive education. The people will have to decide whether they want free market capitalism or socialism by voting themselves checks from the public treasury. The good news is that the draconian and really inept efforts of the first Biden year aren't that attractive, checks or not.



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#6) China will act out and we may see an Islamist attack from Afghanistan.

China understands that this may be their year. It is the *Year of the Tiger* after all. Here is a description from the Chinese Zodiac:

"With stubborn personalities and tough judgment, Tigers work actively and express themselves boldly, doing things in a high-handed manner. They are authoritative and never go back on what they have said."

https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/tiger.htm



- Now imagine Xi Jinping as the Tiger. He knows that the Biden presidency will be a lame duck if the Republicans take back the Congress in the midterm election. So, it may be "act decisively now," or wait a long time.
- » We expect Chinese aggression, maybe even against Taiwan.
- We also expect Iran to be aggressive and possibly a terror attack launched from Afghanistan.

Any of these could be domino #1 in a series of unfortunate events. If there is an attack:

- We expect an attempt to reinstate the draft and to conscript women in the draft.
- » Biden and team will be hoping that the patriotic goodwill that supported Roosevelt, Truman, and GW Bush would help his political standing.

"I don't think it will, but they will certainly try to get a wartime halo if at all possible. This will make Biden seem hawkish even as he sold us out in Afghanistan." -Kevin Freeman

- ⇒ Look for the Administration to speak loudly even though they carry a small stick.
- ⇒ Saber rattling, especially in the media will suggest we are getting closer to war.



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"Ironically, I expect this to backfire and actually hurt Biden's polling. His far-left wing is against a strong military and the conservatives will never trust him." -Kevin Freeman



CAUTION: We do believe there will be a summer of international struggle and that will only add to the other challenges we will face. The Summer Olympics may prove to be a disaster.

#7) We will have energy problems, including serious threats to the grid.

- » We already know that the Biden energy policy is crushing domestic energy development and making us more dependent on expensive foreign supplies.
- We also know that demand will grow as the economy reopens.
- » Add to that the push to electric cars without new power plants.
- Together, they spell ENERGY CRISIS. Maybe one in the winter and another in the summer.
- This will be troubling and difficult but will only feel catastrophic. The American energy industry is prepared to ramp up as soon as the government constrictions are removed. Open up a pipeline or two, allow fracking, and things get much better quite quickly.

This, of course, is why we will see a serious push on the Climate Change issue in early 2022. They have to lock in control BEFORE the crisis and while they still have some political power. The NEW NEW Green New deal will be front and center. As the pandemic fades away, the new "big bad" will be climate change.

"I don't believe this will work very well. The government lost so much credibility over Covid that it will be tough to get the voters behind draconian climate controls." -Kevin Freeman

Bottom line from all seven challenges is that this is a time we must fight for Truth, Justice, and the American Way. But if we do fight, we have a very good chance to win, not just for ourselves but for the next generation as well. As President Reagan said, "If not us, Who? If not now, When?"



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3. How to prepare for 2022. Five Important Things You Can Do to Protect Your Family and Save America.

Action Step #1 - Be trained and involved at the local level.

- You've heard the phrase that all politics are local. There's some truth in that.
 - ⇒ Allen West once stated in the Economic War Room that the most important elected position in America is the School Board. If you've paid attention the past year, you understand just how important the School Board is to the future of our



nation. Whether we teach Critical Race Theory and a hatred of America, or Patriotism, Free Enterprise, and Liberty, will largely be determined at the local level.

- In addition to the school board, you need to get involved with your local government either as a leader or supporter. We've seen with the local mandates and controls of the pandemic just how much power is held by mayors, the city council, and other authorities that are really your neighbors.
- You can run for office. Or you can just decide to befriend your local police and firefighters, the Parks and Rec department, and so forth. Reach out with love and kindness and change the climate around you.
- » Finally, don't ignore Precinct Captain and Poll Watcher responsibilities.
- Two political parties control this nation. The local precinct is where you start to control the political parties.

"If you are like me, you are fed up with the elitists running everything. The good news is that if you get trained and operate at the local level, along with patriots in other areas, we can take the power back to where it belongs,

We the People!" -Kevin Freeman

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Action Step #2 - Stock up on key necessities!

Were you caught off guard without toilet paper or medicine when the pandemic started? You weren't if you were following the Economic War Room.



IMPORTANT: The message today is that supply chains are not yet repaired, and things could become more difficult this year.



- ⇒ You don't have to become a full-blown prepper, but you should become prepared. We may see shortages and we may see some hoarding as people buy things ahead of inflation pressures.
- ⇒ If you remember the 1970s, you have a decent idea of what we may be facing. Keep your cars filled with gas. Don't wait till the last minute.
- ⇒ Be aware that there may be power outages caused by weather or other circumstances. Keep that in mind when you buy groceries or medicine.
- ⇒ This is not the time to practice "just in time" purchasing. Keep an extra couple of weeks of necessities available.
- ⇒ In Texas last February, we saw what happens if the power goes out unexpectedly even for a short time.
- ⇒ We expect dislocations. If things were to get really bad, you might pull out the Economic Battle Plan™ from Episode #106. This had a Citizen's "survival guide" in case riots hit your city. The detailed planning is hopefully more than you will need. But it is always great to be prepared.

Action Step #3 - Weaponize your money!

We say it all the Time. But We also MEAN IT all the time: This is an Economic War. In an economic war, your chief weapon is your money.

Jesus taught us in Luke 16:11, paraphrasing, "If you aren't faithful with your money, no one will ever trust you with true wealth."

- » There are three things you can do with your money:
 - ⇒ You can spend it.
 - ⇒ You can give it.
 - ⇒ You can invest it.



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"This is really important. I know you may have a budget and it feels like everything is already accounted for. But I can promise you that if you don't step back at the first of this New Year and reevaluate your financial life, you may really regret it as the year progresses."—Kevin Freeman

- Take a look at your spending. Make certain that it counts. Don't buy frivolous things. Instead, make sure your pantry stays full, your cars are in good working order, and essential repairs are made. This is not the time to add consumer debt if you can avoid it.
 - → Yes, we expect inflation so the debt may cost less in the future. But inflation will not pay your bills.

Align Spending with Your Values. Watch carefully what your suppliers are doing politically. Do you really want to support WOKE? If a corporation is funding Critical Race Theory, do you want to be funding that corporation. Because it really is your money.

- ⇒ A good example of aligning your spending with your values can be found with <u>Patriot Mobile</u>. For full disclosure, I'm on the board of Patriot Mobile, the nation's only Christian Conservative cellphone company. You should check them out. This may be a phone company you want to support.
- <u>Giving In terms of giving, let's start with the idea that giving is good</u>. If you aren't tithing, maybe start there. Kevin Freeman shares from his experience in this area.

My wife and I have found that tithing, setting aside the first tenth of our income, has been a huge blessing. That's a starting point. We tithe to our church. We believe the first tenth belongs to God and that God blesses those who tithe.

Chapter 3 of Malachi (the last book of the Old Testament in the Bible) teaches:

Verse 10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."





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I want that kind of blessing on my family. Just be sure that the place you tithe is worthy, that they do good things, and align with God's will. If not, maybe look for a new church.

Beyond tithing, other GIVING in general is important to our community.

- When giving, you must make certain that the place you give is aligned with your values.
- » A lot of people give to their alma mater. Before you do that, you might want to check in on the school. Has it gone WOKE? Many have.
- » Check out your school and let them know you will never again donate unless they guarantee free speech and stop discriminating against your values.
- » Here's a way to fight back from The Wall Street Journal:

Alumni Withhold Donations, Demand Colleges Enforce Free Speech

Some baby boomers push back against what they see as liberal indoctrination at their schools

https://www.wsj.com/articles/alumni-withhold-donations-demand-colleges-enforce-free-speech-11638280801

Action Step #4 - Invest your money wisely. Have a financial advisor that understands the key market dynamics and threats.

- The challenge with investing will increase over time. We strongly urge everyone to get a good financial advisor (someone who understands the times we live in and someone willing to understand your needs, wants, and desires for your portfolio).
- » Many of our viewers have said that they want their financial advisor, their stockbroker, financial planner, CPA, or insurance agent to know what we cover on this show.
- » That's why we developed a special training program to go into even greater depth with professional advisors.
- We don't give financial advice on the show because we have no idea about your personal situation. But your financial advisor should. So, we take our knowledge of what is happening and the tools we use and make them available in the form of an 8-week online Advisor Training course. There is nothing like it anywhere in the world.



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Our training launches this year at Liberty University online.

- → Your job is to nominate your financial advisor at <u>EconomicWarRoom.com/</u> advisor.
- ⇒ Let them know you nominated them and that it is important to you that they consider participating.
- ⇒ It will be good for their business, and they will play a key role in developing solutions of significance.



Note: If you have a financial advisor and they aren't interested in our training, you may want to get a new advisor.

"Believe me, your financial advisor should care about your values and if they don't, there are plenty of advisors who will." -Kevin Freeman

ANNOUNCING - Economic War Room and the NSIC Institute Executive Advance Center (we don't like the word "retreat") opening in 2022!

- » In addition to our online training, we are pleased to share that we are opening an on-ground training facility just north of DFW airport. This 80-acre facility has 40,000 square feet of buildings, room enough for our studio, and the ability to house, feed, and train up to 100 people at a time.
- It will massively expand our reach and give us a chance to get in-depth with our analysis and research with the top patriots in the country.
- » We've dedicated this facility to God's purpose and would appreciate your prayers as we expand.
- » We hope to close on the property this month.
- » What a great way to start the New Year!



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Action Step #5 - Be part of our Constitutional Currency initiative.

- It is designed to work like Bitcoin but backed by gold, useful as money, and supported by the Sovereign State of Texas.
- We unveiled this idea in Episode #146 and just re-ran it over Christmas week.
 Watch for us to really ramp up this idea in the 2022.
- » If you have not done so be sure to sign our petition at https://www.economicwarroom.com/money and we will keep you informed.

Action Step #6 - Educate your neighbor. Build relationships with the community around you. When things get challenging, you'll be better off if you have a community of informed support.

- » You can do this by introducing neighbors and co-workers to our show.
- This is one of the reasons we produce a weekly Economic Battle Plan™ that you can download FREE. We will even send a weekly email reminder with a link to the new show.
- We want to equip you for the Economic War you are already in. And we want to make it easy to share our teaching with friends, neighbors, and coworkers.
- If they are following Economic War Room, they will join you in being on the leading edge related to global threats, geopolitical analysis, and how to weaponize money to strengthen America.
- Your neighbor's money, livelihood, and way of life are at risk as well and these tools are designed to mobilize America to protect their economic liberty.
- » This can be a GREAT NEW YEAR!

"What we see as a marketplace, our enemies view as a Battle Space. This will become increasingly obvious in 2022."



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In the **Economic War Room®**, we encourage Americans to be the "small ships that make the difference." You cannot solely rely on the government or the president to solve America's problems. You have to make a difference. It is up to you to help take our country back and create a voice for economic liberty. [The small ships are based on Churchill's Operation Dynamo that rescued the British Expeditionary Forces in the Miracle of Dunkirk.

Shareable Quote:

"You've got money. It's a tool to preserve, protect and defend the culture, to enrich your life, to take care of your family. But you've got to weaponize this tool."

-Kevin Freeman, CFA

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