

What We're Looking Forward To in 2022

In a year filled with bad news, there were reasons for optimism as well.

[Reasons for Optimism in 2022 - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/23/nyregion/optimism-2022.html)

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Investors focus more on corporate political transparency. The Jan. 6 Capitol attack convinced major Wall Street investors that the [money flowing from business' coffers](#) into politics, directly and indirectly, was [a serious issue](#). This past proxy season, BlackRock and Vanguard backed disclosure frameworks modeled on standards from the Center for Political Accountability. State Street backed such proposals 75 percent of the time, up from about 45 percent last year. Bruce Freed, the center's president, said that this sends the message to corporate America that "business as usual" won't cut it anymore.