

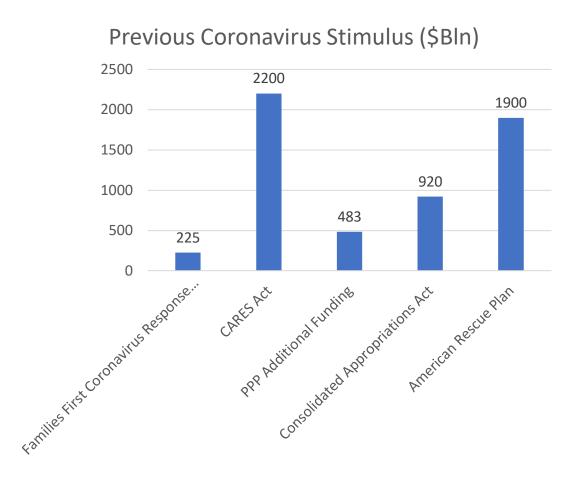
Sevens Report Alpha Webinar:

Are the Four Pillars of the Rally Still Intact?

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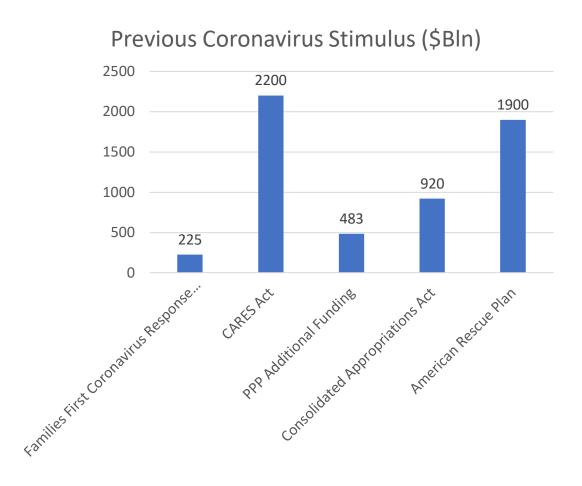
Pillar One: Historic Government Stimulus



- Current Stimulus
 - Unemployment benefits (\$900/week Federal). Expired.
 - State unemployment benefits still in place (but normal rates).
 - Child Tax Credit (Active)
 - \$3600 per child under the age of six
 - \$3000 per child between six and 18.
 - Gradual phase out above \$75k/\$150k income (single/double).



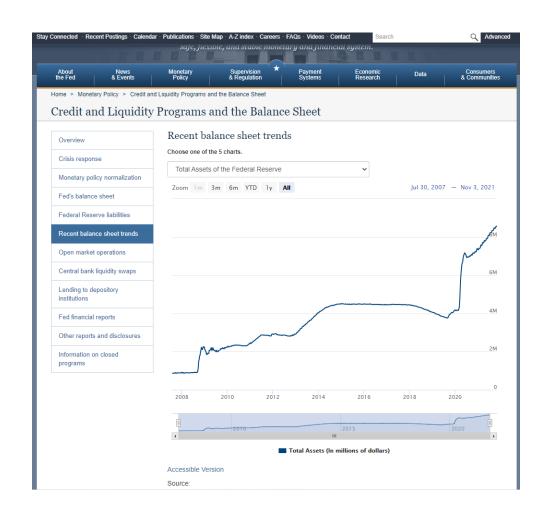
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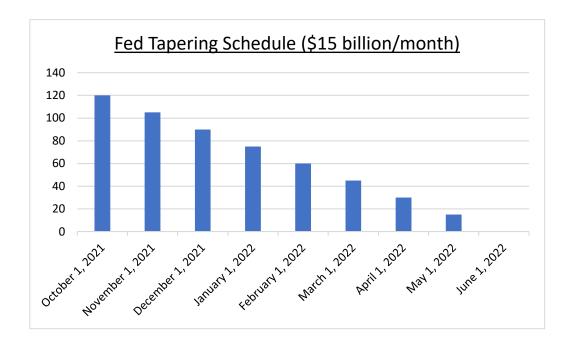


- What's Coming
 - Infrastructure Bill
 - \$1 trillion in spending, but \$450 already authorized. Just \$550 new. Money to be spent in 5-10 years (so average \$50 billion/year. Not substantial).
 - Spending Bill
 - Potential extension of Child Tax Credit through 2025
 - \$3600 per child under the age of six
 - \$3000 per child between six and 18.
 - Gradual phase out above \$75k/\$150k income (single/double).
 - Most other benefits focused on climate, healthcare changes and expansion, universal pre-school.



Pillar Two: Historic Fed Support

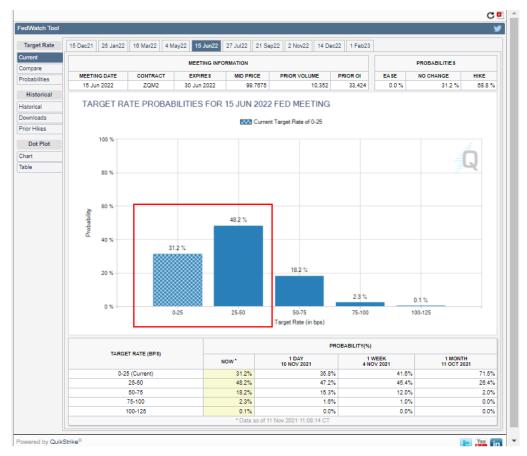




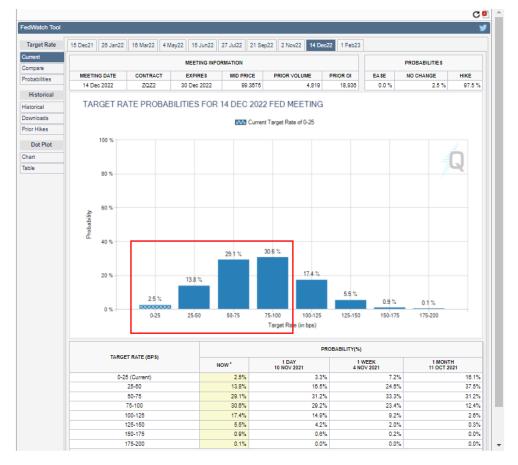


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There's a 70% Chance of a Rate Hike in June 2022



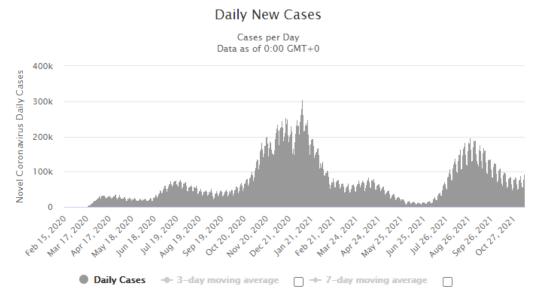
There's a 60% Chance of two rate hikes by the end of 2022.





Pillar Three: COVID Vaccine Optimism

Daily New Cases in the United States



See also: Daily Deaths Graph

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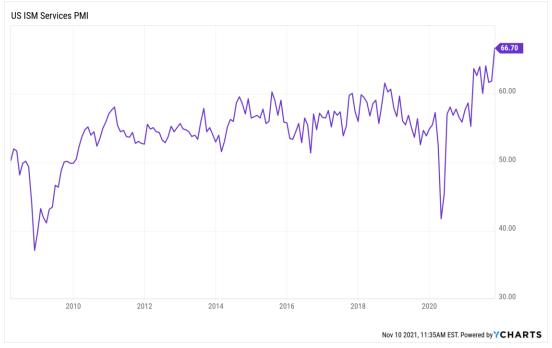
With initial data showing that Pfizer's Paxlovid and Merck's Molnupiravir could slash the risk of severe Covid-19 infection, these pills could bolster the world's therapeutic arsenal against the virus.





Pillar Four: Strong Economic Recovery

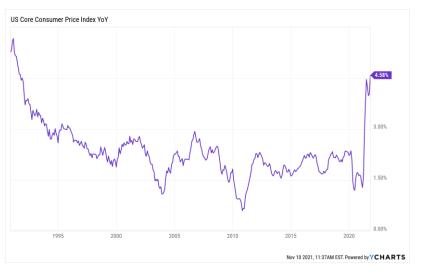


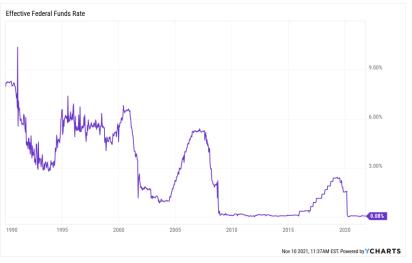




Four Pillars Updated

- Pillar 1: Historic Government Stimulus. Reduced since June
- Pillar 2: Historic Federal Reserve Stimulus. Reduced since June.
- Pillar 3: Vaccine Optimism.
 Reduced since June.
- Pillar 4: Economic Recovery. Intact.
- But, context matters from a market standpoint.





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- Another way to think about it:
 - Despite inflation at 30-year highs and economic growth very strong, the government is still giving out additional stimulus (infrastructure, Child Tax Credit, Spending bill).
 - Despite inflation at 30-year highs and economic growth being very strong, the Fed is still going to be doing QE until Q2 '22 and we won't get a rate hike until mid-2022 at the earliest.
 - COVID is effectively over from a market standpoint as vaccination rates combined with therapeutics (Molnupiravir and Paxlovid) make chances of hospital overruns minimal.
 - Economic growth remains very strong, no indication of slowing down.

- Macro Take: It's true that the "Four Pillars" are not as strong as they were in June, but they remain in place even in a weakened state.
- If we take that in the context of an economy that's already very strong, then it amounts to gasoline on a fire. The pillars aren't as strong as they were, but they don't need to be to help support stocks.
- Alpha Strategies For This Environment:
 - Inflation Playbook: SGOL/PDBC/GNR/RLY/RTM/RGI/BKLN/JAAA /STIP. 2/23/21.
 - "Old Economy": DJD/FDL/RPV. 1/26/21.
 - Finding Value in European Equities: VGK/FEZ. 7/14/20.
 - Socially Responsible Investing: ESGV. 3/26/19.