

Economy, Financial Markets and Year-End Planning

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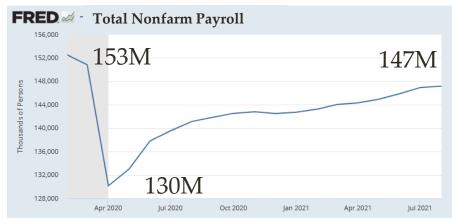
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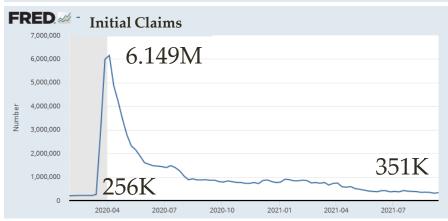
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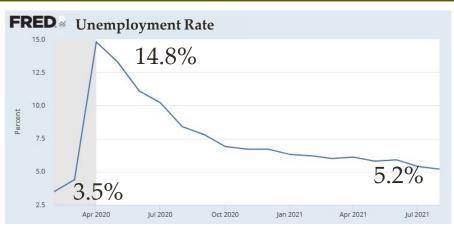
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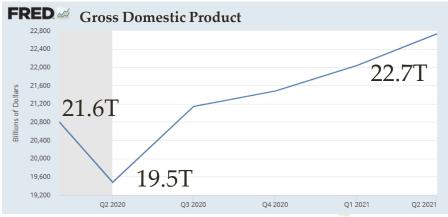


A Shock to the System









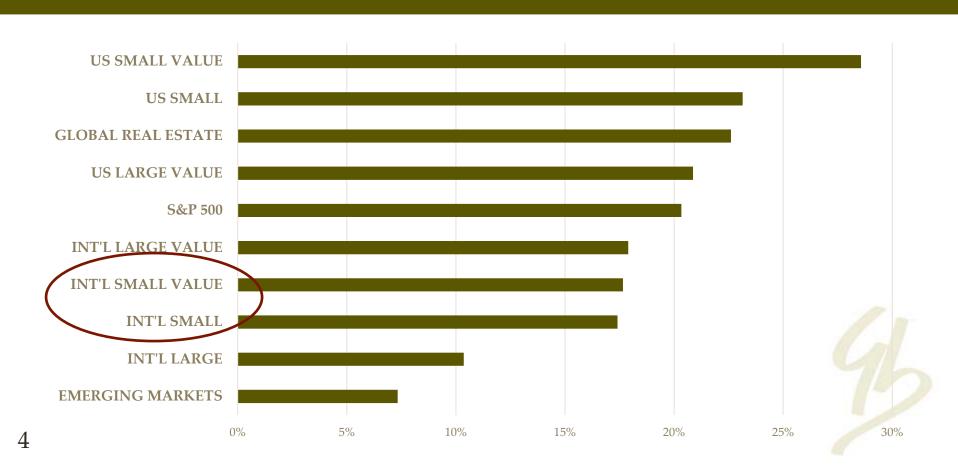
Global Markets

Since March 23rd, 2020 (market bottom)



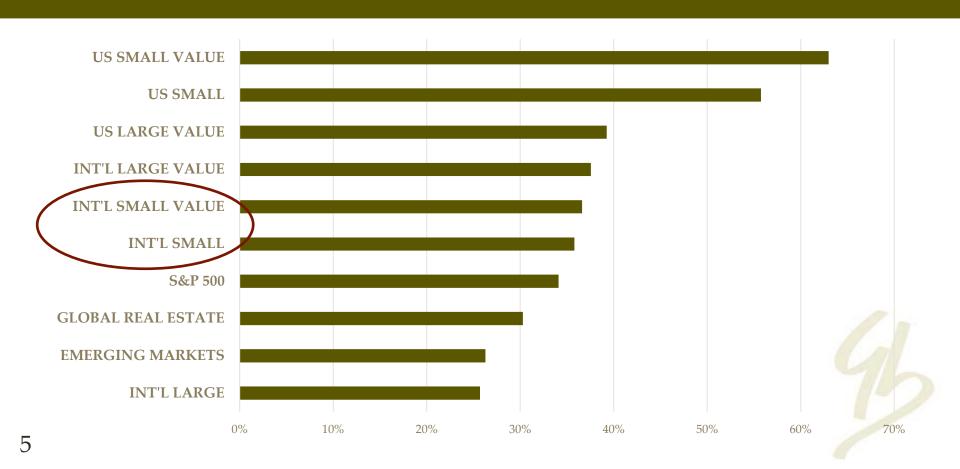
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January 1st, 2020 through September 24th, 2021



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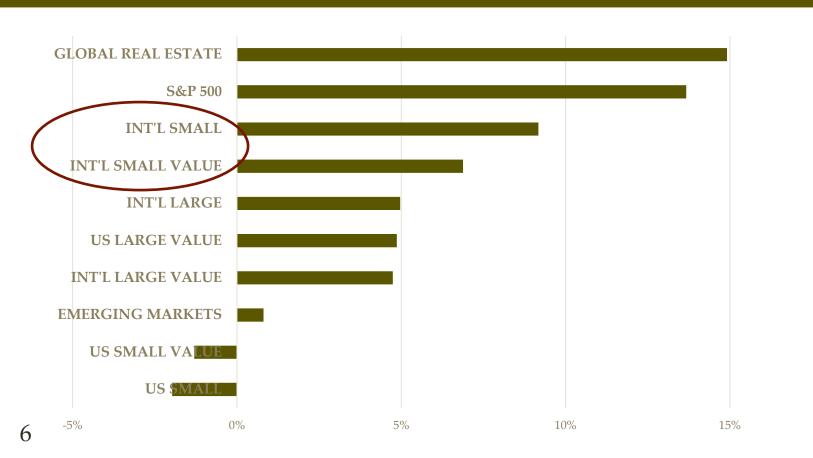
Last 12 months through September 24th, 2021



Yeske Buie Portfolio Performance:

Last six months through September 24th, 2021

20%



Performance of the Premiums

April 2020 – August 2021

Russell 2000 Index	63.3
S&P 500 Index	50.8
Small minus Large	12.5
DFA US Small Cap Value (DFSVX)	74.9
Russell 1000 Large Growth Index	60.3
Small Value minus Large Growth	14.6
DFA Int'l Small Cap Value (DISVX)	49.8
MSCI World ex USA Large Growth Index (net div.)	38.4
Int'l Small Value minus Int'l Large Growth	11.4
DFA EM Targeted Value (DEMGX)	59.2
MSCI EM Large Growth Index (net div.)	37.7
EM Small Value minus EM Large Growth	21.5

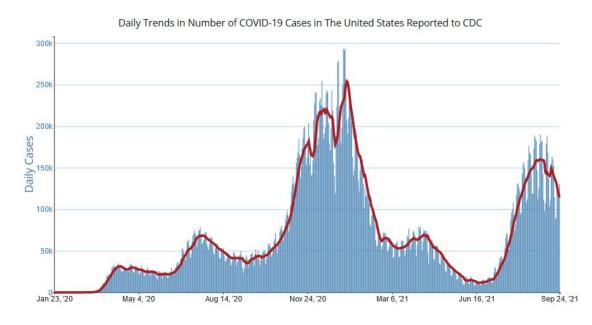


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The Delta Variant



- Since June, daily new cases are up from 8,500 to 130,600
- 77% of adults have received at least one vaccination

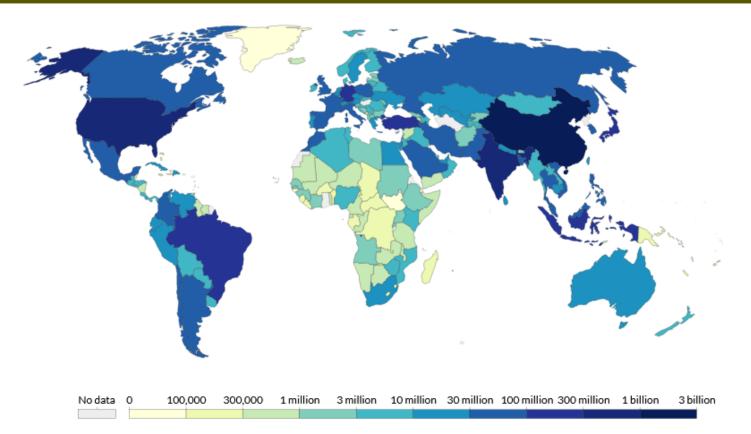
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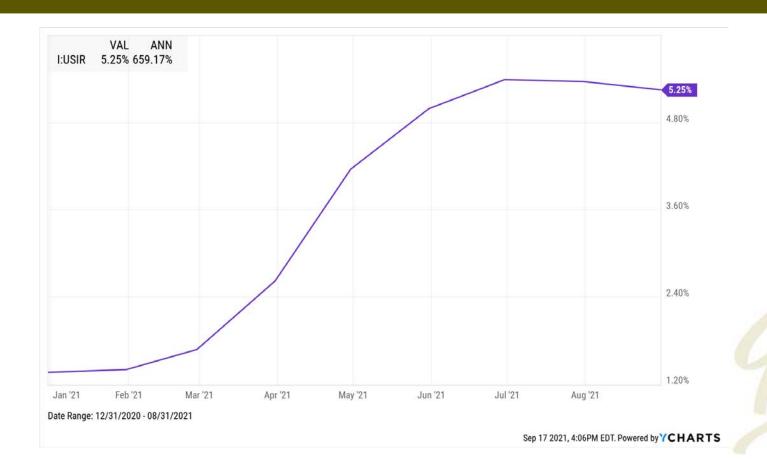


COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

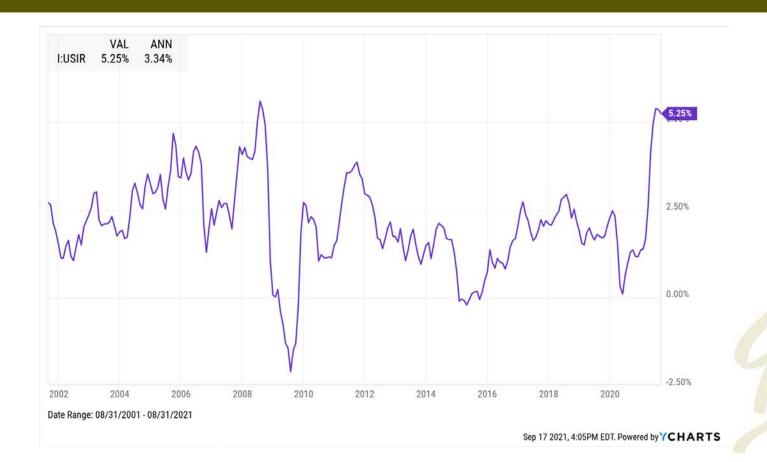
(September 2021)



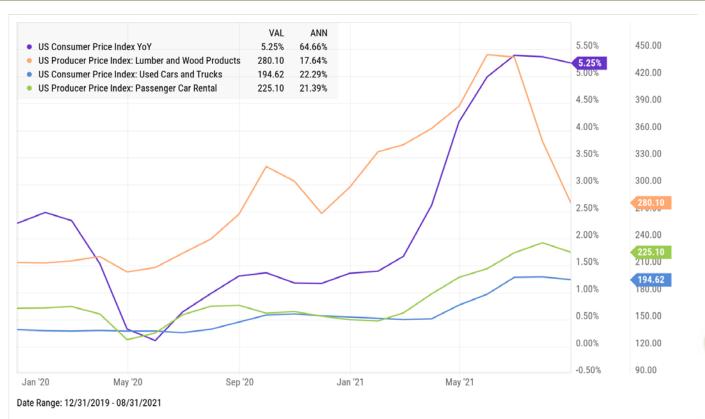
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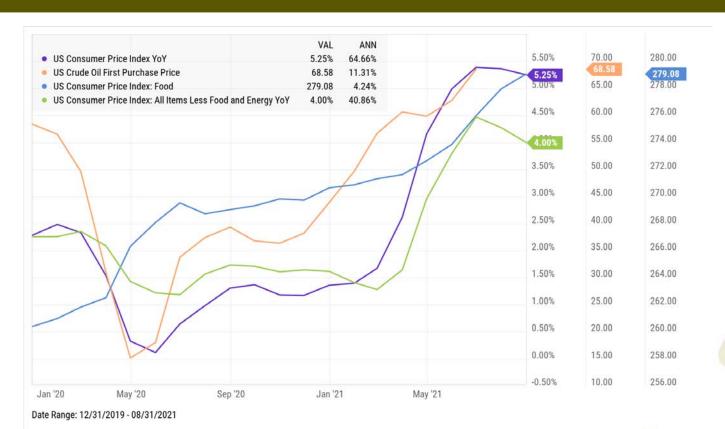
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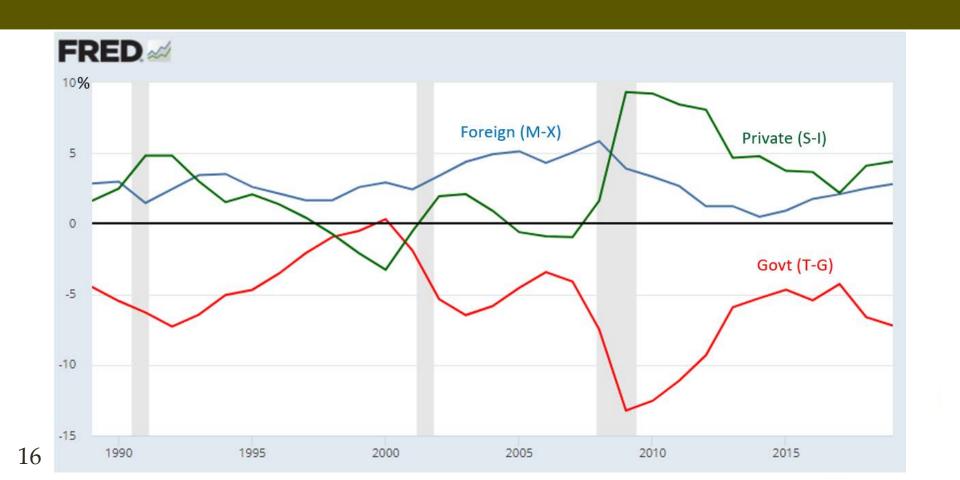
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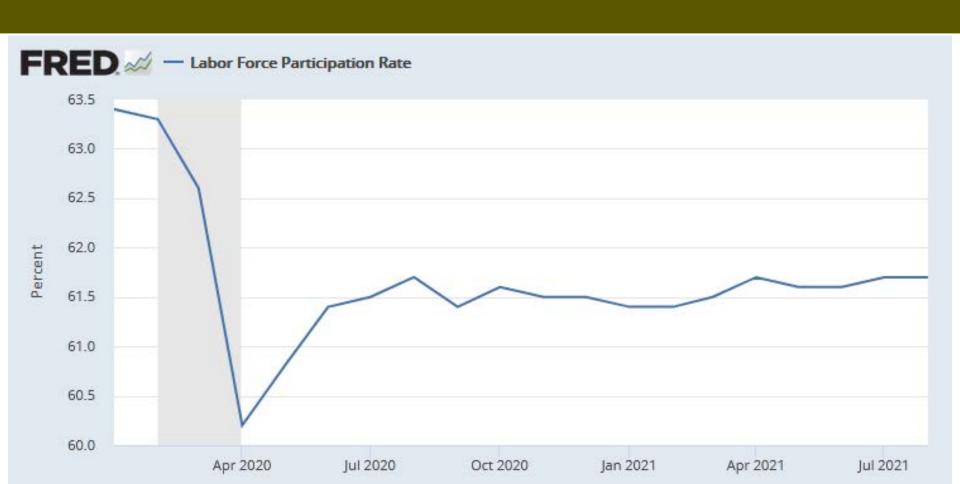
MMT and Inflation

Cost-Push Inflation vs. Demand-Pull Inflation

Economy's Internal Speed Limit: Real Resources



Inflation and the Labor Market



The Fed and Inflation

- When will rates begin to increase?
 - Not Thinking About Thinking About It
 - Thinking About Thinking About It
 - Thinking About It
- Powell: timing will depend on "labor market conditions consistent with maximum employment"



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Pending Policy Decisions

What's in the \$550B Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill?

What's in the \$3.5T Infrastructure Agreement?

• How will Biden pay for the Infrastructure Plan?

What's in the \$550B Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill?

- Roads, Bridges and Major Projects
- Public Transit/Passenger & Freight Rail
- Power Infrastructure
- High-Speed Internet
- Clean Drinking Water
- Airports
- Additional Programs



What's in the \$3.5T Infrastructure Agreement?

- Universal Pre-K for 3- & 4-year-olds
- Childcare for working families
- Tuition-free community college
- Affordable housing
- Down payment and rental assistance
- Clean energy technology (electricity, solar)
- Agriculture conservation
- Drought and forestry programs (prevent wildfires)
- Small business access to credit, investment & markets



How will Biden pay for the Infrastructure Plan?

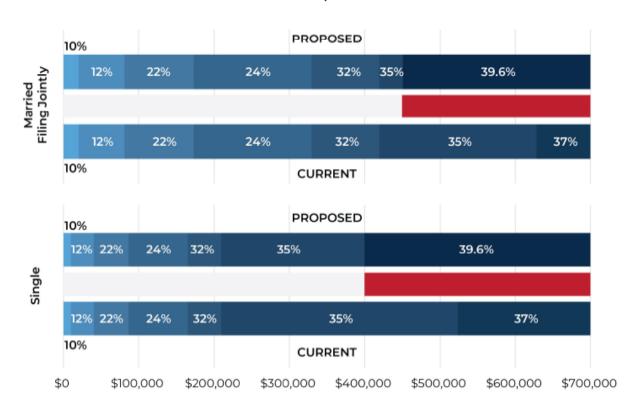
- Increase corporate tax rate to 26.5%
- Raise corporate taxes on overseas earnings to 16.6%
- Increase top personal tax rates
 - Ordinary Income: 39.6%
 - Capital Gains: 25%
- 3% surtax on all MAGI > \$5M



- What's NOT in the bill
 - Elimination of step-up in basis
 - Alignment of top capital gains rate & ordinary income rate
 - Social Security funding
 - Changes to the SALT deduction limit
 - Wealth tax



Comparison of Single & MFJ Tax Brackets: Current vs. Proposed Tax Plan





Capital Gains Tax Rates Under The Proposed Bill

	Single		Married Filing Jointly	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
0%	\$0 - \$40,400	\$0 - \$40,400	\$0 - \$80,800	\$0 - \$80,800
15%	\$40,401 - \$445,850	\$40,401 - \$400,000	\$80,801 - \$501,600	\$80,801 - \$450,000
20%	\$445,851+		\$501,601+	
25%		\$400,001+		\$450,001+

 Eliminates back-door Roth Conversions (2022) and Roth conversions for those in the 39.6% bracket (2032)

 Estate tax exemption reduced to \$5.85M per person (current: \$11.7M)

Questions/Comments

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