



Does the past predict the future?



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Talking Points

1. How are these cartoonists illustrating what they expect to happen in 2022?
2. In 2022, do you expect to see more COVID-19 surges, climate change and political violence? Why or why not?
3. What is Deja vu?
4. Some expected us to “get back to normal” in 2021 because of the COVID-19 vaccines. Why do predictions often turn out wrong?
5. Scientists are investigating the distant geologic past to help them predict the impact of climate change. Can looking at the past help us plan for future events?
6. What do you predict for your own future? Why?

Between the lines

“Humans are irrational and emotional, making us hard to predict. This is what makes the precise future impact of climate change and many other events harder to predict.” - Paul Dean, University College Cork researcher

<https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2019/07/15/1062197-just-why-is-it-so-hard-to-predict-the-future/>

Additional resources

■ More by Monte Wolverton

<https://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoonists/wolvem/cartoons/>

■ More by Dave Granlund

<https://www.cagle.com/author/dave-granlund/>

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