

Title: Why does DFV and Ryan Cohen use long-term calls instead of just Buy/Hold/DRS? Why is using calls like DFV and RC discouraged?

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This is a genuine, curious question and I have had all my shares locked in CS.

Options have always been very controversial in all GME subreddits, but I'm curious as to why exactly.

Both DFV and RC use long-term calls - for example, RC has calls for bedbath stock for 2023 instead of just buying/holding. DFV executed his GME calls last year but since he hasn't posted any updates since then, I wonder if he has since bought new calls for 2023.

I recall reading that calls require the broker to immediately lock up the shares for your call. Unlike when you simply buy shares directly and the broker has 3 days to deliver it. The broker being required to immediately lock up the shares would make it much harder to deny it from causing buying pressure.

Is the anti-options sentiment simply that they risk losing money/shares even for long-term calls that are a year away? Unlike just buying, holding, and DRS does not risk anything as long as you don't sell.

Is the ratio of calls vs. puts the primary mechanism that actually controls the price? If a bunch of us bought some cheap calls that are a year+ out, I wonder if there would be any immediately visible buying pressure.

Regardless, I don't want to risk my shares or anyone else's, so I will continue to buy and DRS!