

Business for good is good for business

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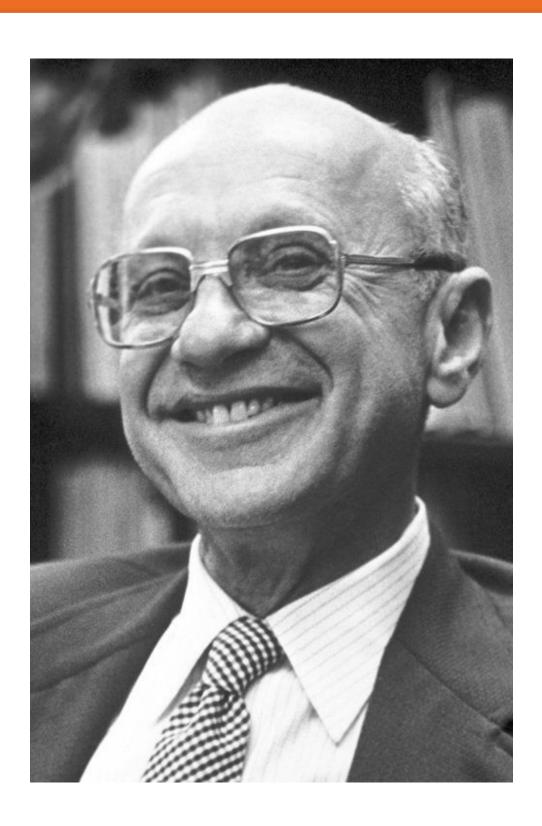
50 years of Friedman is enough



"There is one and only one social responsibility of business – to use its resources and engage in activities designed to increase its profits – so long as it stays within the rules of the game"

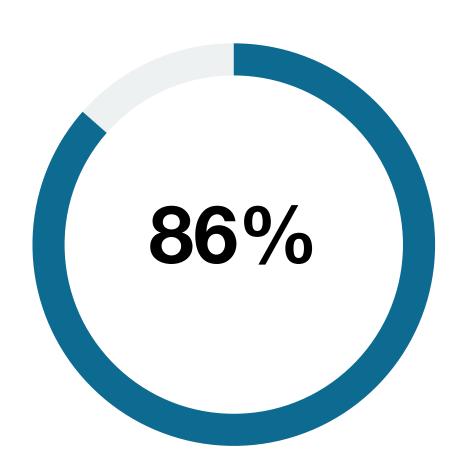
Milton Friedman
The New York Times
13 September 1970

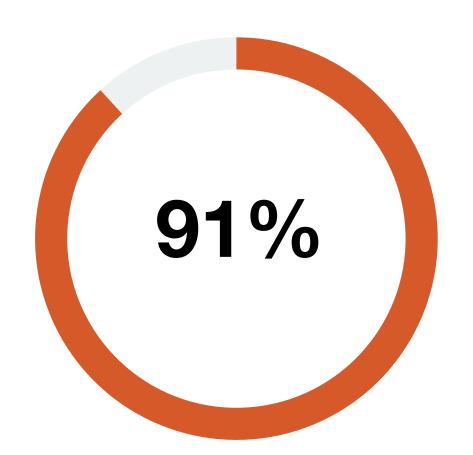
We think it's time for a new approach.

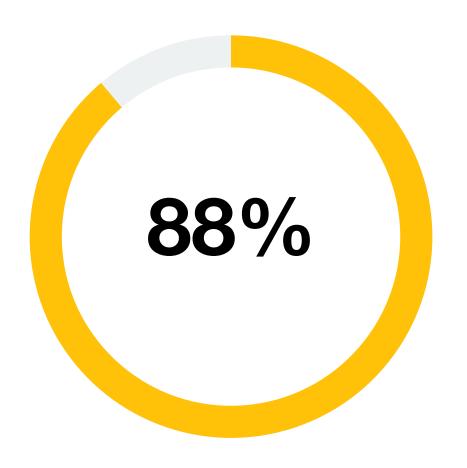


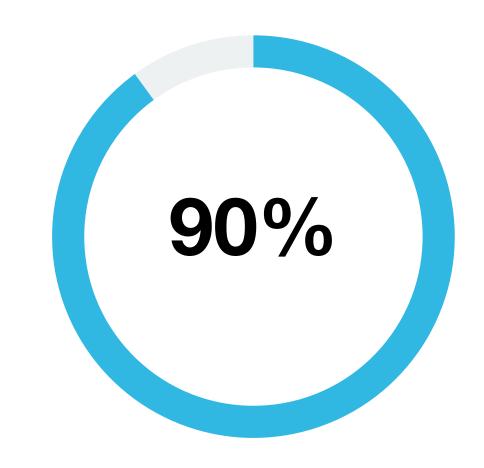
Consumers, investors, business leaders and employees back businesses with purpose











Customers

expect CEOs to publically speak out about societal challenges, and 68% believe CEOS should step in when government does not fix societal problems¹

Investors

globally report that nonfinancial ESG performance has played a key role in their decision-making²

Business leaders

believe that economic, social and environmental performance should have the same importance³

Employees

of B Corps are proud of the company they work for⁴

Employees generally are more likely to stay longer with employers that are sustainable businesses than other businesses⁵

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Of Australians believe that stakeholders, not shareholders, are most important to long-term company success.

Of Australians believe that a company can take actions that both increase profits and improve conditions in communities where it operates.

Purpose is important, but....



People who work in US businesses say....





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Redefining Success in Business

Our global vision is for an inclusive, equitable and regenerative economic system for all people and the planet.

4,000+ Certified B Corps

150 Industries

74 Countries

Unifying Goal

A Community of Leaders



B Corps are accelerating a global culture shift to redefine success in business and build a more inclusive and sustainable economy.



How do you get certified?





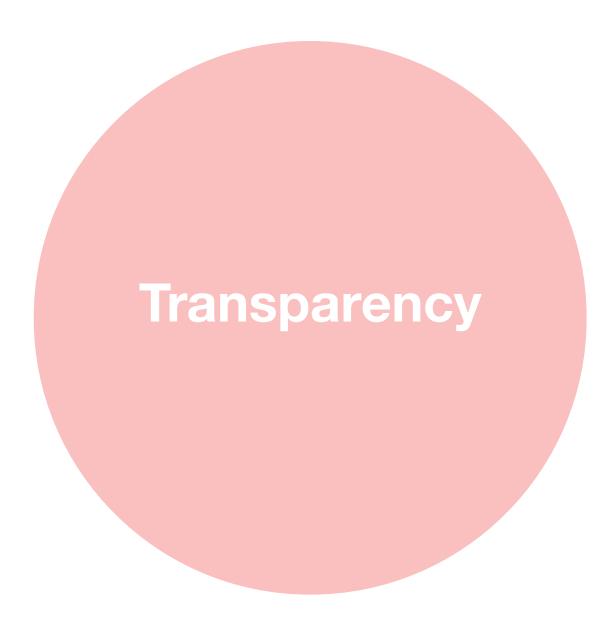
Legal framework

Adopt legal framework to consider all stakeholders

Social & environmental performance

B Impact Assessment

Get a verified score of 80+ out of 200



B Impact Report

Make your score transparent on the B Corp Directory

What does the B Impact Assessment cover?





Governance

Commitment to purpose, ethics, accountability and transparency



Workers

High quality jobs with dignity and purpose



Community

Reduced inequality through local economic development and fair trade supply chain



Environment

Healthier land, air, water and habitat



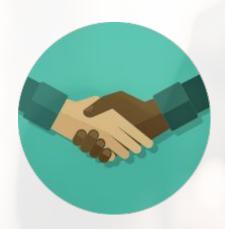
Customers

Long-term, values-aligned relationships

Products and services that serve people in need and empower them economically







Customer impact

- Innovation and technology at the service of the world's most vulnerable population
- Healthcare service directly prevents illness for their customers
- Mobile Surgical Unit enables hospitals to maintain activity during temporary shutdowns

"As a private commercial company working to deliver healthcare in some of the world's most challenging environments for some of the world's most vulnerable people, being a B Corp ensures that our customers know that we hold ourselves to the highest standards of behaviour."

Glenn Keys, Executive Chairman, Aspen Medical









Environmental impact

- Hybrid technology reduced reduce harmful emissions and noise pollution
- Depot operates on solar energy with rainwater collection and reuse



Workers and community impact

- Staff donations are matched biannually through Kindred Spirits Enterprises
- Donations support more equitable education opportunities for all in Latrobe Valley



Sounds nice, but why bother?



Build trust, credibility & brand value

With employees, customers and other stakeholders. Drive loyalty & retention. Differentiate from the pretenders.

2 Build a global movement

Help accelerate and be identified with a powerful paradigm shift.

Combat short termism

By aligning your investors to build long term value.

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Find your tribe + collaborate

With peers and B Corps to make progress toward the SDGs, scale innovations and share best practices.

Increase employee engagement + attract talent

By providing opportunities to build their skills and network through engagement in the B Corp movement.

6 Protect mission

Make your business proposal long-lasting.

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Build resilience

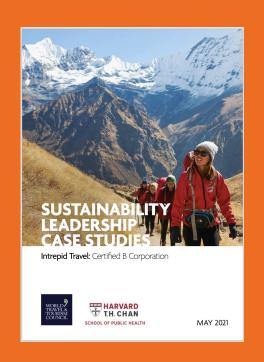
Global investors are increasingly seeing ESG frameworks as key to long-term resilience – and it applies to SMEs too

B Corp perspectives



"Purpose beyond profit is a very significant thing for us, and B Corp Certification encourages us to enshrine that and to create a new goal around purpose."

- Geoff Manchester, Founder



<< Find out more



B Corp perspectives



"Because it isn't easy to get, consumers can feel confident that when they deal with a B Corp it's the real thing. It can simplify purchasing decisions by making it clear which companies share your own values."

- Allyson Lowbridge, CCO



B Corp perspectives



"The true benefit of being a B Corp is the roadmap it provides business to continue to improve and increase their impact as well as the the community of like minded businesses that it fosters – all striving and supporting each other in their quest for the world."

- Kate Carroll, Sustainability Manager



A Community of Leaders





















































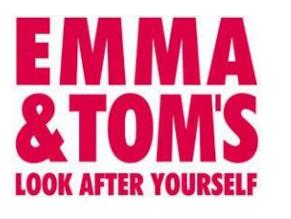






















A little exercise...

Write down your vision statement, or in your own words WHY your business exists - then add "so that" to the end... and keep going until you have defined your impact.

(Credit to Tim Duggan, Cult Status)

Now ask: how might you start measuring this?

Time to get hands on





Mission statement:

To tackle diabetes, obesity and gut health through naturally sugar-free innovations

Impact statement:

So that we remove tonnes of sugar and artificial consumption from the world's diet

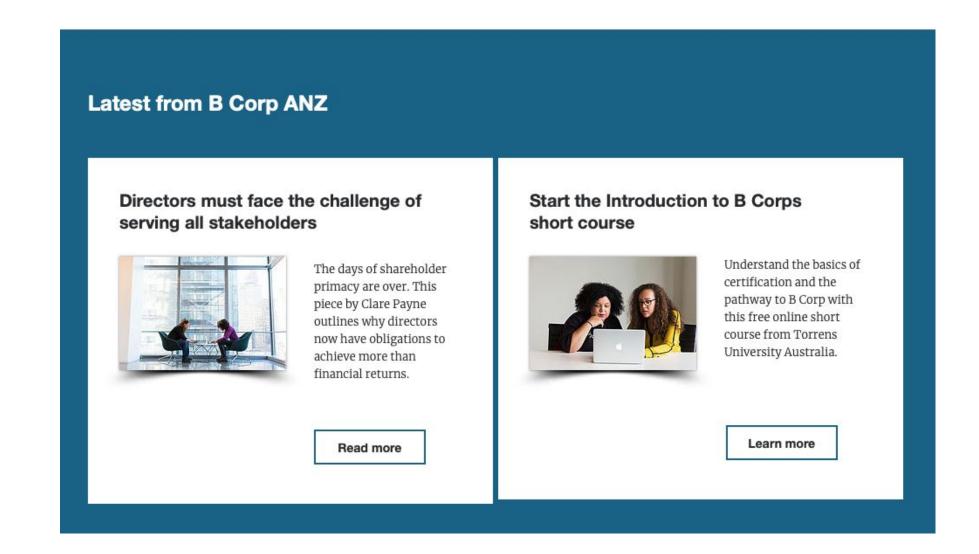
(Note Nexba is not a B Corp! They are an example used by Tim Duggan in "Cult Status" – you'll find some great guidance there)

Some reading



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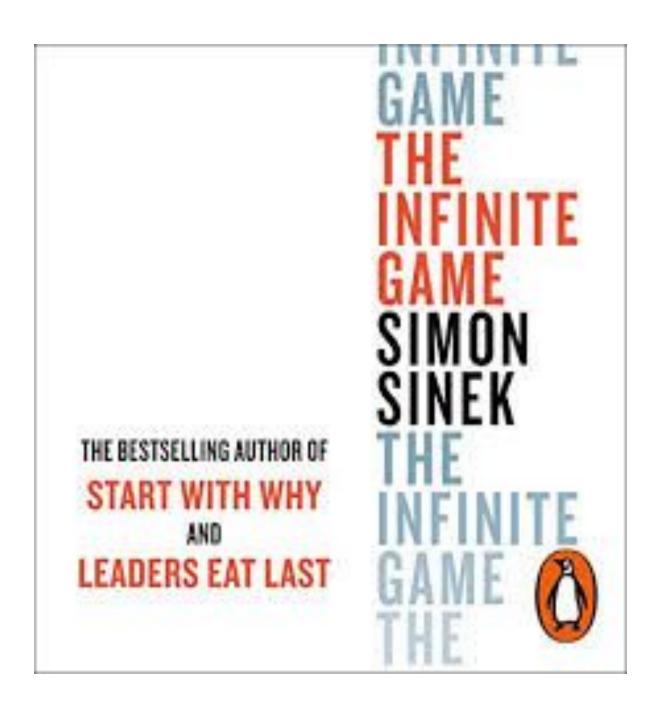




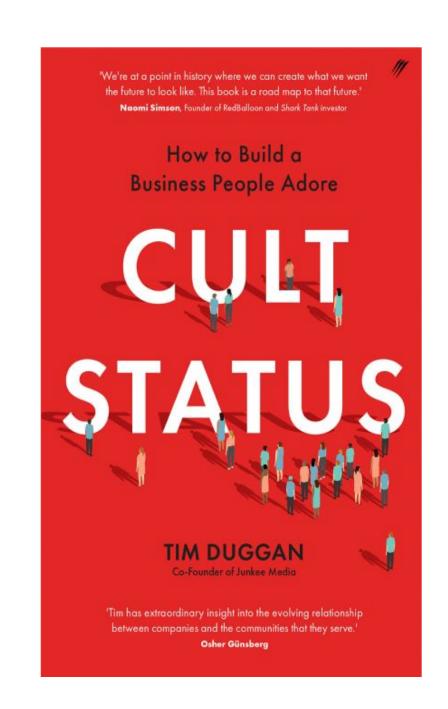
Scroll down to find the *Intro to B Corp* short course

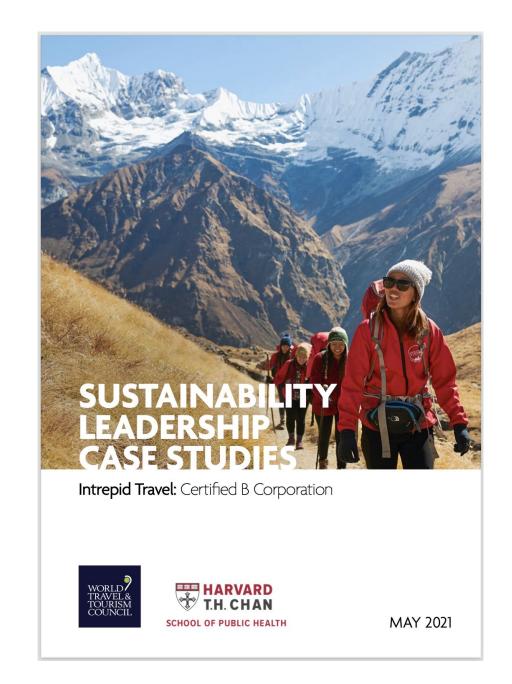
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