

A Hedge Fund Republic?

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WR121 Argument Essay.

Topic: Press the link and access this essay by Nicholas D. Kristof from the New York Times online issue of November 17, 2010. It's title is [A Hedge Fund Republic](#).¹

It's an opinion piece, and for this assignment I want you to access the article, read and understand it, and then respond to it in argumentative form. That is, take a position for or against the position of this essay. It doesn't matter which position you take, and it may be useful to take the opposite position you believe in. Don't be emotional or opinionated. Check the facts and sources, and cite your own sources in your rebuttal or support. Be objective, and while you try to engage your readers (your audience), be factual.

Remember, your job here is not to rant or be emotional; it's to persuade your readers that yours is the stronger, more logical, and more factual position.

Note that Kristof cites his sources by hyperlinking his claims with the sources themselves. We're using the Chicago Style in the class, BUT for this essay you may follow this example and link the keyword to the URL. Try it. It's an effective way to quickly transition the reader to the other material pertinent to the case made by the writer.

Note the tone of the article as well. It's journalistic and informal. Do not be chatty or informal in your papers: stick to the academic standards of formal writing.

Here are some guidelines for you as you write this essay:

STEPS

1. Pull out the main argument or position of the author (underline it).

¹ Nicholas D. Kristof, The New York Times, 17 November, 2010:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/18/opinion/18kristof.html?emc=eta1>

2. Write it out on your draft.
3. Write down your position statement, clearly and succinctly.
4. Follow the prompts on writing an argument or persuasion paper posted on this web site.
5. Complete the Information Literacy Assignment.
6. Write your essay.
7. Proof and edit your essay.²
8. Submit it.

² All good college writing has these characteristics:

- It covers the topic fully.
- It reveals complexity and depth of thought.
- It uses an academic voice.
- It uses information from various sources.
- It always credits its sources properly (NO plagiarism).
- It goes beyond the obvious -- shows originality of inquiry.