FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of CLEVELAND

The Annual Report

A True Story

Doug Campbell
Public Affairs

Whither the Annual Report essay?

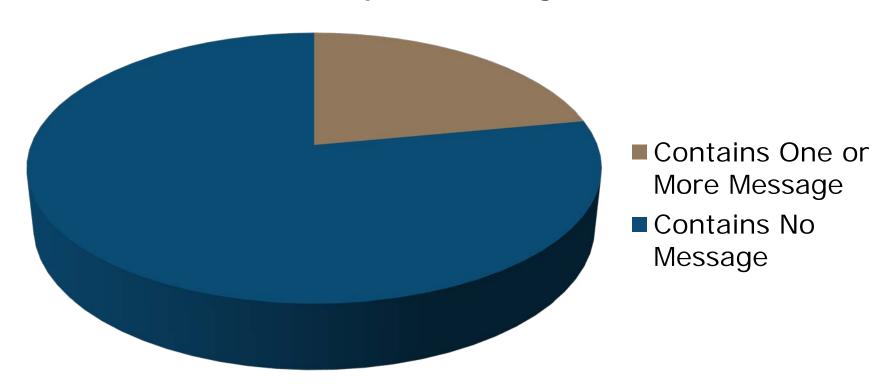
Why do we publish it?

- More Mileage for the Bank's Work
- Influencing Policy
- Transparency
- Media Coverage

≽i.e. Deliver Key Messages

Message Not Always Received...

% of Clips Mentioning FRBC

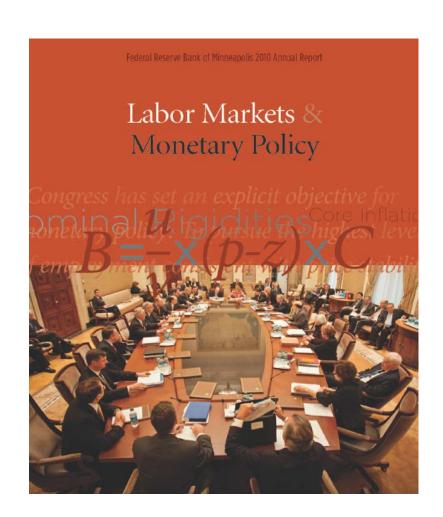


April 2011; KD Paine

Different Approaches

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 and Independent Auditors' Report



The Cycle Begins...

October: Hey everybody, let's hear your AR essay ideas!

December: Oh, look, the holidays!



Ahem, any AR essay ideas out there?

...and finishes in a frenzy of activity

January: We really, really need to talk about the AR essay

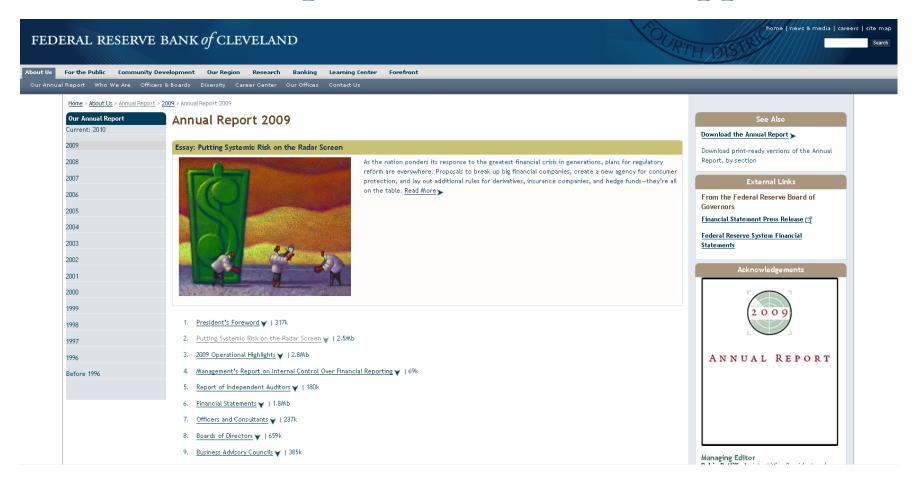
March: First drafts are late but it doesn't matter because the Board is late with financials



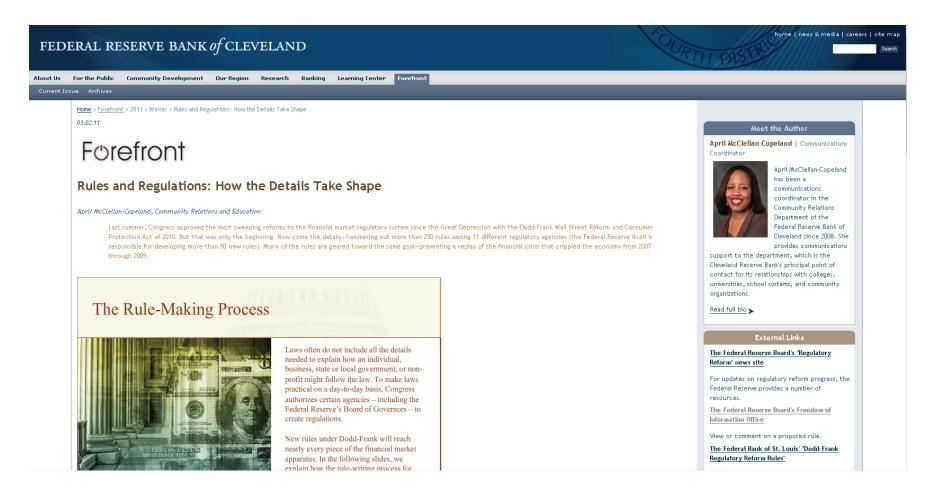
OK, here are the two leading contenders; let's meet to discuss. Let's meet again. Let's write two outlines. Let's vote. Let's see what the president thinks.. And the winner is, "Inflation." Now we need a production schedule, outlines for all the articles, a marketing plan, and what else are we forgetting? Also, just for fun, let's produce two different versions of the exact same content, putting one version on the AR web page and the other on the Forefront web page. It'll be a smash!



Our Annual Report, On the Web...Yippee!

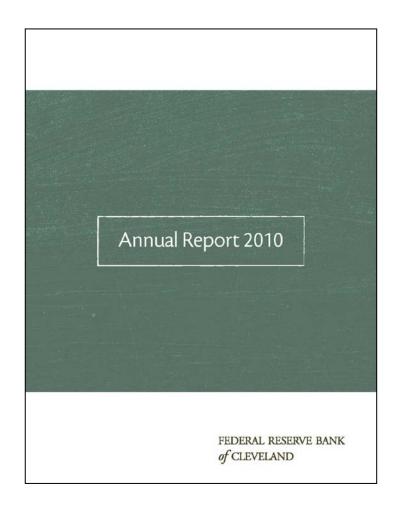


A Better Home on the Web



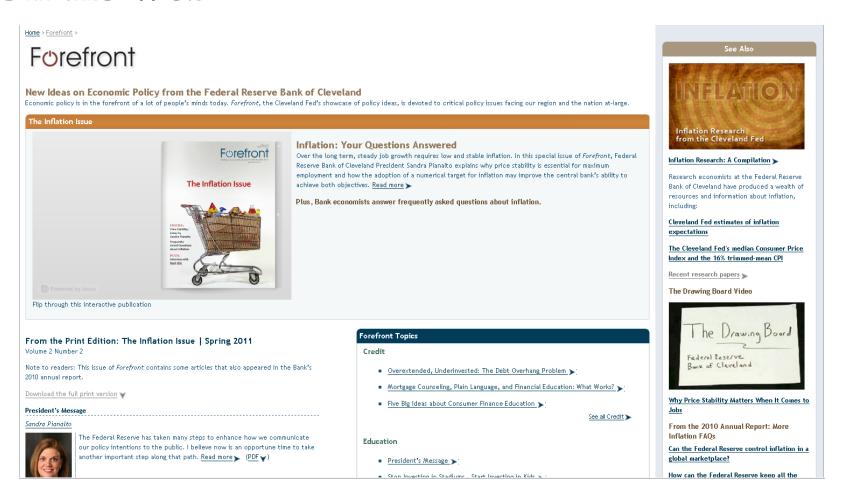
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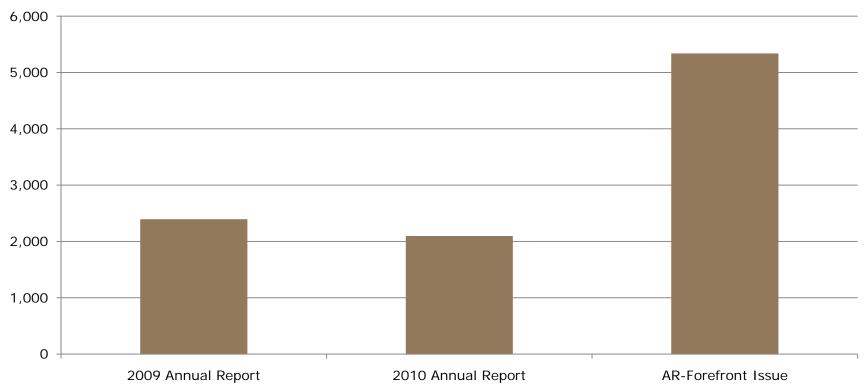
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Results: Not Bad

Annual Report Page Views: May 1-Aug. 1



Lessons Learned

Content Matters