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Columnist Article #2

Citation:

Collins, Gail. "So It's One, Two, Three Strikes You're Out ..." *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 12 Jan. 2018, www.nytimes.com/2018/01/12/opinion/so-its-one-two-three-strikes-youre-out.html.

Part 1: Article Analysis

Throughout the article, Gail Collins constantly references the public. She starts with "The nation is reeling" and goes on to use similar phrases again. She also uses facts found in events that have happened to outline what she calls the "three-step crises." Her description of this issue focuses on what's happened so far and what we might expect of the future.

Tone:

Collins uses a somewhat informal, but assertive tone to represent the facts of the situation and push her point of the three-step crises.

Context:

Collins provides context for her arguments through reference to recent events and our presidents actions in that time. While still keeping the assertive tone she has built, she pushes more minor detail and public opinion on the matter presented.

Appeals:

In this piece, Collins often relied on ethos, using phrases such as "The nation is" and "even among trump supporters" to push her ideas.

Strategies and Devices:

Within this article, Collins used few devices outside of the rhetorical appeals. There was some parallel structure, where she would repeat the basic format of step-by-step-by-step.

Organization:

This article follows a flow commonly found in the authors work, a flow of recent events, and what the opinion of Americans is on the subject.

Diction/Word Choice:

This op-ed piece was written to be easily understood by many, and to influence the rest to look more at the events taking place around them. The article has does not consistently present the issue at hand, but does paint its message in a simple fashion.

Part 2: Personal Response:

Collins op-ed article is a claim that the current president, Donald Trump, historically follows a three-step plan. In writing this piece, she aimed to reveal the workings of our president and, as she calls it, his three-step crises. She begins with ethos in pointing out that “The nation is reeling”, and quickly moves into a list of recent events. Her article also points out the flaws in the states governor’s objections as well. She gets the message of the article through to the average person, and reader of this article. The bulk of the article is built upon things Trump himself has said at live events and through twitter, but Collins also presents what the people say about him. Overall, the article focused on the issue at hand, and built the idea that there is a three-step process to all of our president’s actions. The topic was presented in a way that, yes, I agree that there is a strong pattern to the actions of our current president.

