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COMMENT

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I am responding to your request as a single person with a small trading account. The markets I choose to trade respond to the movement of the vast amounts of money controlled by the reporting trading groups. The COT report allows me to catch a glimpse of what BIG MONEY may be thinking. The direction that particular market may assume. The classification of the trading groups is where I believe the report can truly even the playing field.

Could these groups be more clearly defined? I would believe this could be accomplished. Perhaps some consideration might be given to the actual amount of money this or that trader is moving into or out of this or that market and compared to the actual amount of money being offset instead of the number of contracts. The S&P for example with it's popular Mini Contract appears to be examined in regards to the report in a different fashion. Straight money and who the trader is seems a more elegant solution. Applied to the various markets along with clearly defined trader classification would shine a fairly bright light on the sentiment and provide a small trader with an opportunity to produce a living wage.

I feel sure that the matter is far more complicated than I visualize it to be but in fact I utilize the COT reports religiously and the demise or modification of the report to the point that no comparison to historical data resulted would truly be a blow to the suggestion that the markets are an open arena.

I hope my concerns were expressed in an understandable manner and that I will continue to benefit from this report.

Very Truly Yours

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