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Dear Brian,

I have been watching cspan since moving to California five years ago. The reason for this letter is to compliment you and your colleagues for your presentation of current affairs, and to offer along with a short biography, some thoughts.

I am sixty three years old now, unemployed, and have not been what could be called, a success in life. Mostly due to my lack of education. I was raised in a small town in Nebraska, in a broken home, in a house without indoor plumbing, or electrical power. In recent years I have tried to educate myself, using the trial and error method. I believe I have learned some things about life, that schools could not have taught. I've had many choices in life, and it seems I have almost always chosen the wrong one. It's funny how clear one can see the past, and just how cloudy the future is. I've always attributed success of others to their luck, fate, or some other mystic scheme. I've wasted much time, and money, pursuing the easy way, instead of sitting goals. I blame this on lack of education. I went to school for eight years, then quit. Even though I had five brothers, and two sisters none of them encouraged me to continue in school. They can not be blamed either, because they didn't know any better. I get so weary of judgements passed on poor folks. As if they wanted to be, and were choosing to be what they are. It's sort of like speaking to someone in a language they don't understand or have an interest in. It will take some time to get the homeless, and helpless, off the streets, because of the entrenchment of habit, and attitude. Most people who see an unfortunate man or woman, pushing a shopping cart, or carrying a burlap bag, or a person at the side of the road with a sign asking for food in exchange for work, turn away, and justify their action with the excuse the person is doing what they are doing, because they choose to. So if a person thinks a certain way, and believes it to be the only way, they will always react exactly as their belief dictates, no matter the consequence. They don't care if society holds an opposite view, their only concern is for the moment...perhaps their last.

It's my great pleasure to have lived long enough to see the arrival of a new kind of political course. For more than ten years we have lived through one embarrassment after the other. It may be early to judge our new president, but in my heart I know he will be working for us all. The experience factor, dwelt on by many so called "talking heads" is a false trail, as they say in fox hunting. Every president has the privilege of appointing the most knowledgeable person to administer the departments of government. This president has chosen very able people to assist him in filling these positions. Considering all of the criminal acts committed by the current administration, this president will bring a new, and fresh vitality to our government. His warmth, and human kindness will inspire us all.

Thanks again for all the terrific coverage.

With fondest regards


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