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To the Program Director
of C-SPAN
Washington D.C.

Dear Program Director,

I had a year ago written to protest
your deteriorating quality of programming,
And all I got was the run around
that included a lot of propaganda and
brochures to flatter. But no serious
answers to my grievous questions.

And I'm going to ask again of why
things in the last couple of years have
gotten very trivial from where they were
before? of how we once had 2 C-SPAN
channels and a whole wide variety of
views on there, of why we have now 1
C-SPAN channel and full of dull static
with nothing more but 'experts' from the
Clinton administration.

But of course, greedy, peering, billionaire tycoon Robert Murdoch went and bought one of the C-SPAN channels to establish his fox-news channel 'to set up an alternative to the liberal media.'

We never ever have had a liberal media nor a so-called left-wing press since World War I ended. And C-SPAN these years has done a very poor job at filling the void.

Television 1993 once had 2 News or talk shows that Phil Donahue hosted. First Rozner Donahue was taken off in favor of an extra conservative show narrated by John McLaughlin. Not long later and Donahue's long running daytime show was canceled before it even reached its 30th anniversary. Just the year before and Jim Hightower's 'progressive populist' radio talk show on ABC was canceled.

Phil Donahue at times would allow

for alternative views to get on that had no voice anywhere else, or minorities of people who had no political or media representation, which included automobile workers from Flint, Michigan, ex-prisoners and sweatshop workers doing illegal slave labor in the U.S.

Now we have no outlet of news or enlightenment even in the 'alternative press'. The nation magazine these days issue after issue has suffered tunnel vision and deals with nothing more but Bosnia, the Middle East or Russia, Nothing on our lives or society, very elitist instead, Mother Jones has gotten very gimmicky, slicked up and technocrat-like, flashy, sensationalist

There was once a time when C-SPAN during the years of 1995-96 was airing a lot of very enlightening, thought provoking activists and critics. Such as

of Ralph Nader, Jerry Brown and the action of Silicon Snake Oil. And a wide variety of groups were given attention including labor, the Christian Coalition and the John Birch Society which offered for exciting watching. I am very exasperated, outraged, pissed off and bored that the programming has recently dwindled down into a very dull, uninspiring, undemocratic format so limited.

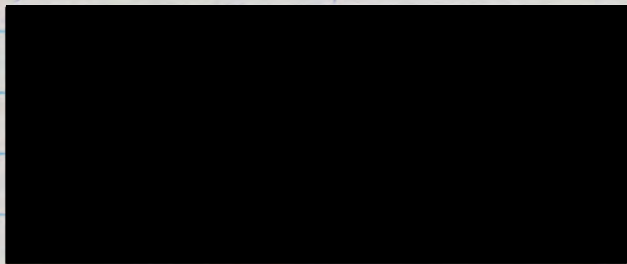
Why, let me tell you this much, It's been 2 years or more since I ever even bothered tuning in C-SPAN. And finding mostly Conservative businessmen in there, racist ~~Centrists~~^{*} or Pentagon bureaucrats has more than dimmed our knowledge and understanding of what is going on, very orthodox views choke everything out toothful. We know about Bosnia or Iraq, we don't know about labor in America or consumer protection. I am very alienated at this sense of deadness on C-SPAN and pure static.

* as Arthur Schlesinger Jr. dominating.

I can think of a lot of great features we would have had on 1945-96 that I can no longer find on. Especially of dissenting speakers as Neil Postman or Noam Chomsky.

And if why I won't even bother to turn on C-SPAN anymore, we pay so much money for cable and if what we get is moronism on the commercial channels, Commercialism being brought onto AMC, and pure fuzz on the news channels,

Sincerely,



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