

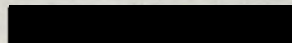
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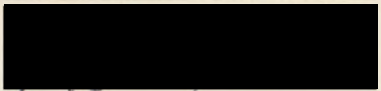
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The educating of one's self via the television and/or books, and choosing intelligently between the two, is an important issue. For example, one can read a lengthy book about a recent campaign for the presidency, or catch a broadcast of the candidate giving his opinions on a variety of subjects in the popular press. Through watching television, an active, avid interest in the foreign and domestic policies of this country's government coupled with a reasonably receptive intelligence will invariably acquaint itself with a variety of perspectives on any number of issues discussed.

A specific example of this process of assimilation takes place when a former press secretary to the president of the United States, Jody Powell, answers questions from a viewing public. A viewer will be studying a number of things confronting him. Aside from the sartorial and verbal manifestations, the viewer is provided with an up-to-the-minute profile of an active character in our recent government, someone shaping the political thought yet today in Washington. Occasionally lucky, we glimpse even a projection of this country's medical charts, for if limited human potential is becoming an issue in the big-government age, a showcase of these limits will only be on display for the citizens scrutiny, on television.

So finally we see that television can serve as an important supplement to books and the newspapers, and it is for this reason that I enjoy C-Span's programming.



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