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C-Span

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Dear C-Span - Brian - Bruce - Susan - Cathy - Lew - Steve - others

I know my letter will go in the waste-basket but there are just a few things I'd like to get off my chest about C-Span. I've had C-Span on my cable system for six years and for four years I didn't get to watch much. I was not home during the day and retired early at night. Now for two years I've become "addicted" (as so many people say) I am a 64 year old, white female widow and love politics. I tried for a year and a half to get through on the phone, always busy. I absolutely cannot understand how some of these people can call in constantly! I was so happy to hear a man call in this morning (Wed. - Mar. 24) and complain about this woman from St. Louis calling in all the time. You know you don't have

to listen long until one recognizes voices and the ~~part~~ part of the country the call is coming from. Many times she has called in twice a week, once on morning show and then on evening show. I know what she does - you have different hosts and a different group of people taking her calls, she takes advantage of this set-up. But I don't understand her phone system - she calls from St. Louis and Afton & St. Charles, Mo. (both suburbs of St. Louis) and even Kansas City, Mo. She gives Congress hell - Dick Gephardt hell & this morning calling Clinton a socialist. I've been keeping track lately. She called in Feb. 26 (Journalist Roundtable) Mar. 5 (J. Roundtable) Mar. 12 (J. Roundtable) Mar. 15 - (Mon. evening call in) and now this morning Mar. 24th. Whenever the host says Spokane, Wash. is calling - I always know this radical old man is the speaker. He rants & raves about Clinton making our country socialist & on & on. He's either a member of Pat Robertson's group or a member of the John Birch Society. These calls that come in about the Pri Lateral

Commission and the Federal Reserve - I can bet you are from John Birch Society people. We have one of these members in our area & these two things are the John Birch Society pet peeve. There are several callers from the state of California that I recognize & they're always mean, radical calls and these people call often. Also about 95% of the calls that come from the state of Virginia are mean & radical. I don't know what's happening to our country - it's getting scary. We are being told that people are better informed these days, maybe so but I don't believe it. Everybody has a mind set, they're radical and cynical but then most of the journalists you have on are all cynical & nothing good ever comes out of their mouths and that has caught on all over our country. Don't ever have that Ron Feders or Deborah Driv on again - they're pretty low level. I cannot believe that C-Span is naive & cannot see that at all times C-Span is flooded with organized phone calls. Surely - one doesn't have to be too smart to figure that out. I have come to the

conclusion that the majority of C-Span callers are from loser Republicans who cannot accept that we have a Democrat in the White House (they have had it their way too long) from Pat Robertson-Jerry Lawell followers - from Rush Limbaugh & Ross Perot followers. Some of the mean, radical things that are said on the air almost makes me fall off my couch. I don't see how you people put up with it. Now for Brian Lamb - he has really ticked me off! I knew he's the big shot CEO of C-Span but he's not above criticism. A lot of people have called in and told Brian that he is so objective, they can't figure out his political standing but I certainly can & especially now. A week or so ago on Fri. morning with his guest - they were discussing news of the week, he suddenly holds up a paper & reads something about Hillary Clinton & so the show turns into "bash Hillary". That's the second time lately he's done that. Then Mon. morning he asked the guest - what do you think of this man - not so naming his cat socks Rodham Clinton? I might add Brian had quit a

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sneer on his face. So I put Brian in the same category as Bob Novak, Pat Buchanan, John Sumner, Pat Robertson - Jerry Lawell. All have an obsession to tear Hillary Clinton apart. I don't think it's very nice of Brian. I have a 35 year old daughter with a career and it hasn't been easy, she has a home, husband and 2 children. I just absolutely hate these men and their attitudes towards career women.

So much for C-Span. I love it and I hate it! There is alot of programming that I thoroughly enjoy. But when you have the type of journalists that you so often do and the crap that comes over the phone it makes me want to destroy my TV set. But then I'm hooked - I just keep watching.

Sincerely,

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