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Dear C-span,

First I'd like to congratulate C-span on having the (guts & fairness) to present people with genuinely (sic) alternative points of view like Noam Chomsky and Angela Davis.

It seems to me, though, that people from the middle and far right are given much more access to C-span than progressives (the left).

It seems like everytime I turn on C-span I see the Heritage Foundation, the Cato Institute, the American Enterprise Institute, Reed Irvine etc.

I just finished watching an interview show on your channel whose guest was a Mr. Bozell of the Conservative

Media Research organization.

Mr. Bozell's group criticizes the "mainstream" media from a Right-wing point of view. Why not have on a representative of FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting) the progressive media watch organization and give them the same amount of time to explain their point of view?

Why not have a debate between Mr. Bozell and Jeff Cohen (of FAIR) so people can judge for themselves who's Ideas about the media are closer to the mark.

Another suggestion: why not have a short statement at the beginning of a groups presentation (left or Right

on middle) on an interview show which tells the viewers where the group or individual gets their financial backing from. (Verified by C-span)

Mr. Bozell joked about receiving money from the "Moonies" but I've read that some of these extreme Right groups do have links direct or indirect to Rev. Moon's church.

I've also read that a lot of the Right-wing media watch organizations (such as AIM) are extremely well funded and get their money from huge corporations and corporate wealthy foundations like Olin, Mellon, Scife foundations etc.

This runs counter to the Image groups like Media Research try to

propagate of themselves as populist "little guy" organizations up against the giant "liberal", "leftwing" mainstream media. (An interesting idea considering that all the Major networks are multi-million dollar corporations owned by very wealthy people. As are the big magazines & newspapers)

A simple statement at the beginning of an interview, (when the person being interviewed is the ~~rep~~ spokesman of a group which is political or seeks to effect public opinion) on groups presentation, telling viewers who or what kind of organizations provided ^{the} financial backing for them, would let the audience know who's interests & Ideas are really

being represented.

thanks for your time



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