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Last month I sensed a hint of bias on C Span (attached letter). This morning (9/10/98) I was incensed at the blatant disparity of how moderator (Paul ?) handled the appearances of the Republican Representative from Penna. and Democratic Representative Peter Deutsch from Florida.

I understand how it may be difficult for any moderator to prevent a guest such as Mr Deutsch from filibustering through most of his allotted time, but why were the callers who disagreed with Mr Deutsch cut off and not allowed to follow up comments or rebuttals when C Span's moderator so obviously and deliberately did ~~that~~ exactly this with the Republican Rep. in the preceding segment?

It was egregiously obvious that several liberal callers were uncharacteristically kept on the line to challenge and re-challenge the Republican guest's initial replies to their questions while ~~several~~ ^{every} articulate conservative and moderate ~~was~~ cut off immediately after their questions and not given the opportunity to rebut Mr Deutsch's inane stammering partisan dribble.

I am beginning to believe that C Span is not as unbiased as it purports to be.

cc Rep Deutsch
cc House Republican Rep - Central PA

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I tried to call CSPAN for 3 hours straight on Fri 8/7/98 but it was impossible to get through because I think the Clinton apologist phone banks were out in full force. I think CSPAN should attempt to weed out these organized efforts to shape public opinion.

I also agree completely with the caller who suggested that CSPAN return to the 3 guests from opposing sides format. Representative Vic Fazio was a perfect example of the problem with the one person format. To avoid answering a lot of embarrassing questions during his short time on the show, Mr Fazio seemed to take the opportunity of every question to engage in ~~an~~ rambling one sided filibusters and no one, including callers who disagreed with him were given the opportunity to counter his Democratic spin.

And for the first time I was disappointed with and questioned Brian Lamm's impartiality when he cut short a number of articulate conservative callers who tried to call Mr Fazio and Mr Goodstein to task.

