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Dear MR. Lamb:

A small portion of my letter could be mistaken for criticism.... but I implore you to cast that thought aside.... For Zada (my wife of almost fifty three years) and I are devoted fans of you and the programs that you present on C-SPAN.... and NO way could we be critical of the delightfulness that comes our way in so many outstanding programs.... Especially do we find "Booknotes" on each Sunday evening a cherished time.

So hear me please and I hope.... Sincerely... that perhaps you will in some manner give me an answer to my inquiry.

My question concerns the decision that was made to divide your call in listeners into three groups. Now, it is more than obvious to me that the decision to make this adjustment was entirely in your domain... and rightly so... as I have heard you discuss the matter openly on C.SPAN. Yours is a private company as I understand... and matters like this as well as others are totally at your discretion... as well they

should be. But now comes my question... and I ask you again NOT TO CONSIDER IT AS A CRITICAL STATEMENT... but rather one FOR explanation only... and even then IF it be deemed I AS a listener and viewer ~~am~~ entitled TO that consideration.

What I have heard is that MOST of the callers attempting to "get in" were conservative and that the rationale for the change was to provide liberal and independent callers a chance to speak... There seems to be no problem with that...

But the question remains... with the new format do many so called conservatives get "left out". And if most of your callers are in fact of the conservative "bent", then doesn't that say something about the mood and mixture of the Television audience,

I think I heard you say that it was your show and you would do what you wanted to do. I couldn't agree more... but, if the bulk of your viewers are in fact conservative then how do you propose to let them have ^{an equal} a voice?

Zada and I really enjoy C-span and have watched your inaugural presentation. IT was outstanding.

Hope you have time to give me some sort of reply.

Sincerely

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I wrote this letter several months ago... but
hesitated to send it... because I felt I might be off
base... but think otherwise now.

P.S. I have never called in... but would like to know the
best way to accomplish this.

Booknotes is GREAT!