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Mr. Brian Lamb

C-SPAN

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lamb,

As a retiree, I have been watching C-SPAN regularly between 7:30 and 10:00 A.M. I have particularly looked forward to watching (1) The first half-hour when a journalist picks news items and responds to callers' questions and to the (2) Journalists' Round Table.

For several months, however, it appears to me that a Republican Senator or Representative is often paired with a non-politician or a one-issue person. I presume the latter person is presenting the Democratic perspective.

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From my viewpoint, this type of pairing results in an imbalance. The politician normally monopolizes the air time. Also, he often does not respond to the questions asked by the caller. Instead he will use the time to expound on any subject. I have noted that you frequently re-ask the caller's questions if the politician has not answered them. That certainly appears appropriate

which I appreciate. Your other moderators, I feel they should re-ask the caller's questions regularly if the politician does not speak to them. On the other hand, I do not believe the moderator should take the lead in mentioning stories in papers that are not covered by your guests or callers. I do not intend the comments in this paragraph to be critical of your other moderators. They are good!

With respect to my comments about pairings on the Journalists' Round Table, there are a couple of examples:

1. Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma paired with the President of the ABA. (The Senator commented that he was glad for the pairing rather than with a "radical, liberal Democrat"). He also monopolized the air time.

2. The pairing of a Republican politician with an AFL-CIO financial man. The politician appeared to use the air time as an opportunity to present his political agenda while the AFL-CIO representative appeared knowledgeable only in his field.

I object to the pairings of a liberal and a conservative journalist. They usually are provocative and stimulating. Can't you get a politician of each party to appear on your program when

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you have one party represented
by a politician?

The one disappointment
is that the 3 telephone
line system has not
resulted in a greater parity
among callers.

Thank you for your
continued efforts.

Sincerely,

