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Dear C-Span.

My name is [REDACTED] & I am forty-three years old. I am unemployed and I happen to be "African American". I decided to return to school somewhat late in life and I now have a B.A. degree from [REDACTED] which is located in Yellow Springs Ohio. You might want to send the C-Span school bus to Yellow Springs because it has a wonderful history and wonderful people. I watch your morning program "Washington Journal" and I find it to be interesting and stimulating. Some days I become so enraged I have to work to contain my self at some of the non sense and intolerance I hear expressed by some of the callers. But those callers and the views expressed make the show which keeps me riveted.

Some years ago, I wrote before and expressed my disappointment.

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at not seeing enough "African American" representation as viewers on the morning program. I write now to say thank-you, you have come through with flying colors. C-Span provides a valuable service to the American People and I personally have learned so much that I also write to say thank-you for the very interesting programming you offer.

I enjoy Prime Ministers Questions from the House of Parliament and the interview which features the war-war art exhibits around the D.C. area. The "Red Hot and Blue" show was informative and fun. I am so tired of the morning talk shows which exploits the pain of people and (in my opinion) do nothing really to benefit human kind.

While I may not agree with every view expressed on your program, "Washington Journal", I believe that C-Span provides a fair and unbiased forum and I am amazed when you are accused of the opposite.

I am glad you are on the air and I would miss your programming if I no longer had access to it. Keep up the excellent work, and thanks for G.G. Green.

I would like to suggest that you consider putting together a format in which you feature ordinary citizens in a setting similar to Washington Journal if not the Washington Journal itself. Let these ordinary persons talk about the issues of the day from their or our perspective. I think it would be interesting and give our learners another view of who we are, what is on our minds from us. I also believe that a format like the one I am proposing would be a refreshing change from the usual professional talking heads. You have that somewhat with your weekend "Close-up" show devoted to high schoolers, I would really like to see this done with the general populace.

Please forgive the use of the pen,
I like writing. It's not something
I do often and my typing is even
worse.

Again, thanks for C. Span.

Cordially Yours

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