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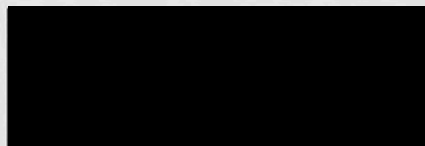
■ Re "Bennett, Allies Open Fire on Daytime TV Talk Shows," Oct. 27: Politicians spouting "values" are like Torquemada promoting brotherhood week. If Bill Bennett & Co. wish to reduce TV degradation and are concerned about role models, they should ban C-SPAN. Piling onto the entertainment industry is a political freebie revealing the selective virtues of the values gang. They know attacking "Hollywood" has no practical consequences—they will not change the pattern of campaign donations.

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BRIAN LAMB,

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Politicians spouting "values" are like Torquemada promoting brotherhood week. If Bill Bennett & Co. wish to reduce TV degradation and are concerned about role models, they should ban C-Span. After all, by their own statements, at least one-half of congress are liars, hypocrites and venal. Piling onto the entertainment industry is a political freebie revealing the selective virtues of the values gang. They know attacking "Hollywood" has no practical consequences - they will not change the pattern of campaign donations. Bennett quotes Martin Luther King, Jr but doesn't follow through on his strategy. The most effective approaches for change are boycotts, which would, however, disturb corporate constituencies. The virtue mavens piously support the Hyde amendment on abortion, but are careful not to apply the same logic to, say, government tobacco support.

Sincerely,

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