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Brian Lamb, Chairman and CEO
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Dear Brian:

I have been an avid viewer of C-SPAN for over 6 years. I consider myself much more informed on national/political issues than the average citizen. My sources of information, prioritized by the amount of time I expend, are as follows:

1. C-SPAN
2. Talk Radio (Rush, Gordon Liddy, Alan Keyes, Mike Reagan)
3. The Wall Street Journal editorial page
4. The Washington Times Weekly Edition
5. The American Spectator, Reason
6. Books from the Conservative Book Club and my local public library

I have completely "tuned out" the mainstream media, which I identify as ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Time, Newsweek, US News and World Report, etc. My reason for doing so is that I believe that these organizations are biased in favor of continuing liberal policies and that they have assisted in the creation of Bill Clinton's presidency and are working to assure his re-election. In my opinion, Bill Clinton and his wife are unindicted felons and an embarrassment to this country.

I am self-employed as a courthouse researcher and consultant to attorneys, and am, at almost 59 years old, the undefeated race/endurance walking champion of Southwest Florida. Until you changed your 7:00 AM format, I arranged my schedule in order to start my day with a 5-mile walk, arriving back home in time to view your show from 7 to 9 AM. I no longer do so.

I know you are aware of the polling data indicating that 89% of the "inside the Beltway" journalists voted for Clinton. This means that if I watch your 7:00 AM program, the chance that I will be listening to a journalist that will be a Clinton apologist/supporter is 9 in 10. It's not worth it. On August 31st, I happen to turn on the TV at about 8:15 AM. Your show, with J.J. moderating was on and the guest was Matthew Morrissey of Congress Daily. The show held my attention because the subject was Dick Morris. At about 8:20, I heard Morrissey tell a flat-out lie; that Morris had denied the allegations brought against him by a tabloid. Morris had done no such thing. He had resigned his position with Clinton because the tabloid had him cold. It was impossible for him to deny the allegations. Yet, J.J. sat there and allowed Morrissey tell an out-right lie. There was no one who offered any balance. In disgust, I turned off my TV.

The second reason I don't watch your shows in the morning is that you are filtering the calls from your viewing audience. For better or for worse, this country is shifting to a more conservative philosophy of governing. When you filter the calls, thereby providing a quota system which favors liberals, you create your own bias. The value of your broadcast lies in its objectivity. If you are not objective, I will not participate in your viewing audience.

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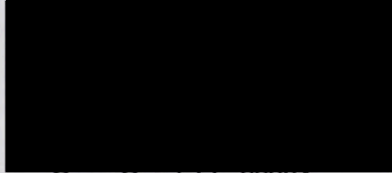
In spite of the above warts, I believe that no segment of the media has more credibility than C-SPAN, and I am indebted to you and your associates in a manner which I could not repay. Therefore, I have a suggestion.

The citizens of this country need an honest debate on a number of divisive issues... ABORTION; DECRIMINALIZATION OF DRUGS; IMMIGRATION; AFFIRMATIVE ACTION; HOMOSEXUALITY. I suggest that you sponsor a debate, for example, on abortion. You could give pro-life and pro-abortion advocates 30 minutes each to use they see fit for an audio-visual presentation, followed by two hours of give and take; point and counter-point. No one else has the assets and the credibility to deliver an objective, honest debate.

I hope you accept the above in the spirit in which it is offered. There are a lot of folks who benefit from the dissemination of false and misleading information. You are definitely one of the good guys. I would just like to see you as better.

Thank you for your attention.

Cordially Yours,



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