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cc: S. Trahern ✓

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am a fairly regular viewer of C-Span; especially Journalist's Round Table and your viewer call-in segments.

Last night, I watched a re-broadcast of a call-in program with Fred Barnes and an editor of U.S.A. Today. Louisiana's governor's race was a topic discussed.

First, as a Louisiana native, I am saddened and embarrassed to see that we have come to this. The national media is now focused on us and we are an ugly sight to behold. Now, we must choose between a sleezy candidate and a notorious one. I would hope that all Louisianians are not judged by the standards applied to the two-thirds of the electorate who placed these two men of dubious backgrounds into the run-off.

Secondly, your ~~guests were~~ inaccurate when they characterized the David Duke vote as a protest, anti-establishment vote cast by those disgruntled with the political system. Also, the Duke vote is not due to Louisiana's weak economy. We seldom have a strong one.

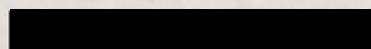
As a white person, I can assure you that the white people who voted for Duke did so because of his past affiliation with the Klan and because he is a white supremacist. They remember him when he wore sheets and they admired his intelligence and ability to control interviews even then. Now, he looks presentable and speaks in euphuisms to thinly disguise overt racism. He has a large hidden vote among the middle and upper middle class. Believe me, the people who voted for him do want to see him in the governor's mansion. So, please, don't allow your gusts and analysts to overestimate the simplicity of Louisiana voters. They should not make excuses for the electorate.

Incidentally, the Welfare System that Duke promises to clean-up or do away with makes up 2% of Louisiana's budget. And that 2% of state spending is mandated by the federal government. So, perhaps his supporters are being misled. He's just playing to their bigotry.

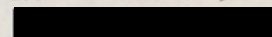
Lastly, some have mentioned a write-in vote for Buddy Roemer. That would be impossible under Louisiana's political system.

I enjoy C-Span immensely. I watched throughout the Thomas-Hill hearings. Also, your unbiased coverage of the Gulf War was commendable. Thank heaven for C-Span!

Sincerely,

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