

Dear Hosts of C-SPAN

I'm writing this letter because I don't have a phone to call in. Thank you for C-SPAN. I think that you are pretty close to even on your Republican or Democratic guests, contrary to some of your callers, of course some of your callers say you are biased one way then the next show the other, so I guess you can't win. How about getting a Populist on your show, and take some news out of the Spotlight?

I've was a Democratic all my life, until I read "America, What went wrong," if you haven't read it you could do a show or two on it. That book got me to thinking a lot so I've done a lot of reading and watching since then. Both parties get us to argue about things like Pro-Choice, gays, spending on defense or social programs, then both parties pass more bills that take more money from us, like a pay increase for themselves. Or foreign aid so that Hosni Mubarak, of Egypt could put \$6.5 billion in his Switzerland bank account, or Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire \$8 billion in his.

This stuff going on now in the senate is just politics, if they had some pork barrel stuff in it for the Republicans they would let it pass. How come they didn't filibuster the last 12 years, even though it increased our deficit, because it had enough pork barrel for all of them to go around. Of course have you heard the saying "One man's junk is another man's treasure" well one man's pork barrel is another man's good bill.

You asked one of your callers; How would we get our jobs

back, he didn't know. Stop giving the companies tax breaks to move (Like Puerto Rica where for every drug job that was moved there, the company got \$65,000.00 from the USA taxpayer, some of those that lost their jobs) this is taken from "America, what went wrong." The reason they move is greed. They pay \$1.00 or so, instead of \$7.00 or so, and don't have to worry about environment issues or taxes that a US company has to. (who made these rules, the congress of course). Rep. Jay Kim said that most of problems of this country are caused by congress. The American workers have been shafted since they started free trade. As Rep. Helen Bentley (R-MD) has noted that US government officials, particularly those of the State Department, have repeatedly told Americans "that we should open our domestic markets to keep peace in the world, or to not offend a former enemy of this nation," an argument she termed a "charade that the federal government has perpetrated on the American people beginning with the Truman Administration." Rep. Bentley said such actions by subsequent US presidents have resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of US jobs. "We cannot continue to rob working Americans of opportunities and the fulfillment of their dreams by giving away their livelihood," And as Rep. Jim Traficant (D-Ohio) has noted that the "big shots in Washington(which are getting money from the free trade lobbyist) are telling us not to worry about NAFTA. America will lose some menial jobs to Mexico, but we will replace them here in America with high-technology jobs." Traficant said we've "been waiting on these high-technology jobs for 20

years, and all we get is retraining What are we retraining American workers to do? Flip hamburgers?" And Rep. Douglas Applegate (D-Ohio) says; "if the NAFTA is signed into law, by the year 2000 we will not have any need for it, because most of the products are not going to be made in this country. We are going to be making our airplanes, our automobiles, and all of our other products in Mexico." Traficant has introduced two bills he hopes will close tax code loopholes which encourage US industries to take flight to Mexico or anywhere else. Foreign Subsidiary Tax Equity Act (HR 1374) and (HR 1375). Our livelihoods should not be exported to enhance foreign economies, while American citizens must be sustained by government make-work projects or unemployment compensation. (And some congressman are making millions on lobbyist money while destroying our workers).

While all this is going on our establishment news doesn't tell the US taxpayers the truth about what it does to the workers and the tax base, some people report that if we would kept our jobs here our deficit would be 1/3 less, there is a lot of information on the NATFA and other trade deals, the Spotlight has stuff most weeks. I'm sure that the above Rep's. Or Sen Robert Dorgan (D-ND) could help, also the Spotlight.

Ross Perot had said on CNN that he would be on C-SPAN but I understand that you had more important programming (I would of rather saw Ross) Ross is against shipping our jobs over borders, and wants be bring them back also. Most of the establishment newsman bad mouth Ross, that is explained by one

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